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Athumani Mohamed Nkabuye (in light blue jacket) of Namapuya village in Nachingwea District, Lindi Region, pictured yesterday showing Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa the extent to which rogue elephants have destroyed his sorghum farm. yesterday. Photo: PMO

## Wildlife attacks: Samia approves 1.2bn/- to build 19 warden posts

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has approved the release of 1.2bn/- to build 19 special wildlife warden outposts near game protected areas and national parks to control incursions of wildlife on farms and homesteads across the country.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa unveiled this intention to residents of Namapwiywa and Nditi villages in Nachingwea District, Lindi Region who recently suffered intrusion by elephants, causing the loss of life as well as properties and crops.

The government was strengthening efforts

to preclude insecurity near conservation zones, while boosting wildlife sanctuaries and the environment, promising that victims of wildlife incursions would be supported with adequate food supplies.

President Samia has also approved employing 6,000 wardens to be deployed in those outposts to control movements of wild animals, he said, listing outposts to be built in nearby districts as Nditi in Nachingwea, Liwale in Liwale district and Milola in Ruangwa district.

He directed the district commissioner for Nachingwea, working with the disaster relief committee to organize relief to victims, including

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## School elated after making it to top 10

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari

MKINDI High School headmistress, Chuki Athumani, was yesterday on cloud nine after results showed the school features among the top 10 out of 644 high schools sitting for the form six national examination.

She said in an interview that commitment and determination among teachers and students explains the success attained in the national exams. The teaching and learning environment isn't exceptionally good by



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comparison, "but we're determined to make our students' dreams come true," she asserted.

Teachers were pressing on students to study hard and they responded to advice "so this is what we harvest," she said, underlining that regular examinations and solving past papers helped students hone their skills in handling exam questions.

"In a nutshell I could say that the teaching and learning environment was not too friendly and some of the students were frustrated. A number were asking for transfer, but good enough Kilindi District authorities were helpful, visiting the school and sharing views with students. This contributed to students confidently pursuing their dreams at Mkindi High School, she affirmed.

Form Six students similarly conducted inter-school joint examinations with Mazinde

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## Z'bar scales up 3.56bn/- levies by monitoring non-renewables

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

LEVIES totaling 3.56bn/- were collected in three months from the sale of non-renewable resources including sand, rubble, rocks, gravel and dust in Zanzibar recently.

Dr Mngereza Mzee Miraji, former permanent secretary at the Zanzibar Ministry of Energy and Minerals made this observation early this week when handing over the office to Joseph John Kilangi, the new head of civil servants in the ministry. He was formerly holding the same position at Lands and Human Settlements Development.

Losses of natural resources pushed the government to take measures to set up a system to monitor exploitation of such resources to prevent revenue losses, hence from April to June the ministry was able to collect the substantial amounts of revenue. In June alone more than 1.5bn/- was collected, he stated. "The system is good as you can trace the entire movement of a truck as it enters a quarry, the consignment it carries, the truck's capacity and where it is heading to, even during the night.

"Also, we are able to monitor the amount of revenue paid if a person remits it to a bank; all

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## DCB eyes 11bn/- profit yearly with growth plan

By Correspondent James Kandoya

DCB Commercial Bank has unveiled a new growth plan aimed at increasing its annual profit to 11bn/- by 2025.

Godfrey Ndalawha, the managing director, unveiled this objective in Dar es Salaam at a ceremony to mark 20 years of the bank's operations.

The vision focuses on improving services, expanding the client base to 400,000 by 2025 while enhancing efficiency and controls over the bank's assets, he stated, similarly citing the need to ensure the bank becomes a prized employer attracting competent and motivated professionals.

The new vision has five priorities, namely expanding the credit volume from 104bn/- in 2020 to 290bn/- in 2025, widening the base ratio of loans disbursed via digital platforms to 50 percent of the credit portfolio within that period.

It similarly seeks to increase non-funded income portion of total income from 26.4 per cent in 2020 to 35 per cent, with the ratio of low-cost deposit options to total deposits rising from 34 per cent in 2020 to 60 per cent. To expand the bank network efficiency, it has set an ambitious goal of covering the whole country by 2025, he further noted.

To realize this plan, three objectives will be pursued, namely to put the bank back on track to profit realization each year, enhancing the bank's strength to face off competition, and to stimulate growth and expansion, he specified.

Appealing to the public to make greater use of the bank's services and benefit from opportunities and quality services offered by the bank, he said, fronting DCB as ideal for businesspersons of all categories.

Outlining the bank's achievements, he

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DCB Commercial Bank Plc managing director Godfrey Ndalawha (C) addresses journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday when launching the commemoration of the bank's 20th celebrations. He is chief manager for credit Isidorio Msaki (L) and head of marketing and communications Rahma Ngassa. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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President Samia Suluhu Hassan bids Vice President Dr Philip Mpango farewell at Dar Salaam's Julius Nyerere International Airport shortly before jetting off for Dakar, Senegal, to attend the International Development Association (IDA) Heads of State Summit for Africa. A member of World Bank Group based in Washington, DC, IDA is an international financial institution which offers concessional loans and grants to the world's poorest developing countries. Photo: State House

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this is facilitated by the CCTV camera installed," he explained.

He expressed appreciation for efforts of the ministry's officials and great cooperation in the period he was chief executive in the ministry.

The incoming executive said he will take up from where his predecessor reached, appealing to the ministry's cadre to support his efforts as they were doing in his predecessor's time. He also looked forward to learning from ministry officials as he is new to

that ministry.

Salama About Talib, the minister, had earlier thanked Dr Mngereza for his efforts to establish the resource monitoring system. His efforts had enabled quick endorsement of the ministry's 2022/23 Budget proposals

in the House of Representatives, she asserted.

The handing over event followed a reshuffle by President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi late last month, picking new permanent secretaries and transfers a number of them.

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providing them with food, noting that incursions are fuelled by pastoralists invading conservation areas for pasture.

There are also increased economic activities in protected areas, while such proximity disturbs some wild animals that end up roaming into nearby settlements, he explained, demanding that the Livestock and Fisheries minister, Mashimba Ndaki convene a meeting with pastoralists "to ensure they don't take their animals into protected areas."

Residents ought to avoid farm or other activities near protected areas as they may lose their crops from wildlife incursions, he appealed, highlighting a hot line 0800110067 for residents to report citing intrusion of animals into settlements.

While at Ndti village, the premier visited the home of the late Riziki Issa who died after being attacked by an elephant, to console the family. Mussa Nambole, a family member, expressed appreciation by the manner in which the government showed concern for the incident.

Nachingwea MP Dr Amandus Chingwile hailed the government for initiating durable strategies to control wildlife attacks in nearby settlements, underlining that for years, elephants and lions have been posing deep worries to people, fearing for their crops, livestock or being directly attacked by wild beasts.

Scientists reported in the journal 'Nature Communications' last year of having identified areas most at risk incursions of elephants and lions in Africa, noting that investment in high-quality fences reduces such intrusions.

Dr Enrico di Minin, lead author of the study at the Helsinki Laboratory

of Interdisciplinary Conservation Science, highlighted that human pressure on elephants and lions were extremely high.

"We found that 82 per cent of sites containing lions and elephants in Africa are adjacent to areas with considerable human pressure," he stated. "Areas at severe risk of conflict (defined as areas with high densities of humans, crops and cattle) comprise nine per cent of the perimeter of these species' ranges and are found in 18 countries. These zones host roughly 74 per cent and 41 per cent of African lion and elephant populations respectively, he specified.

Conservationists see African forest and savanna elephants as 'critically endangered' and 'endangered' in the 'red list' of species yearly revised by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) species, while African lions are classified as 'vulnerable'.

Human activities pose the greatest threats to these species, particularly retaliatory killings of lions in response to livestock losses and of elephants in response to crop damage. Elephants and lions also kill dozens to hundreds of people each year, the scientists admitted.

Another contributor, Prof Rob Slotow of the University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa said the study found that elephants and lions are now most abundant at localities where human population density is lowest.

At a national scale, lion populations are higher in countries where funding for conservation is higher and elephant numbers are higher in countries with a higher gross domestic product per capita, he stated.

"We also found that areas at high risk of conflict are especially found in East Africa and West Africa," he added.

## OPEC Chief Barkindo dies unexpectedly at 63

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OPEC Secretary-General, Nigeria's Mohammad Barkindo, has died unexpectedly at the age of 63; it was announced yesterday, leaving the oil cartel without a head at a tumultuous time for the markets.

Barkindo had headed the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries since 2016 and was scheduled to be replaced by Kuwait's Haitham Al-Ghais next month.

Under his stewardship, the cartel forged ties with 10 other oil-producing countries, such as Russia, to form a wider group known as OPEC+ in a bid to better tame global oil prices, rocked by the challenges of the coronavirus pandemic and more recently the war in Ukraine.

"We lost our esteemed Dr (Mohammad) Sanusi Barkindo. He died at about 11:00 pm yesterday 5th July 2022," the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation's chief executive Mele Kyari tweeted, without providing any further details about the circumstances of Barkindo's death.

"Certainly a great loss to his immediate family, the NNPC, our country Nigeria, the OPEC and the global energy community. Burial arrangements will be announced shortly," Kyari wrote.

"This tragedy is a shock to the OPEC Family," Vienna-based OPEC tweeted.

"We express our sorrow and deep gratitude for the over 40 years of selfless service that... Barkindo gave to OPEC. His dedication and leadership will inspire OPEC for many years to

come."

Only a few hours earlier, Barkindo -- who had not shown any sign of being ill -- had met Nigerian president Muhammadu Buhari in Abuja, where Buhari praised Barkindo's "distinguished achievements at OPEC."

"You were able to successfully navigate the organisation through turbulent challenges," Buhari had said. In a statement, OPEC expressed its "immense sorrow and sadness" at the news, describing Barkindo as "a trailblazer widely admired and respected throughout the globe, a dear friend to many."

Born on April 20, 1959, Barkindo graduated in political science and completed his studies in Oxford and Washington.

He became Nigeria's representative at OPEC in 1986. Starting from 1992 he occupied a number of positions within NNPC, and took over as the oil major's chief executive in 2009/10.

The OPEC secretary general does not wield any executive power, but is the cartel's public face and frequently has to act as a diplomat to bring together the different, sometimes conflicting interests of the various member countries.

For analysts, Barkindo's death will not have an impact on OPEC's strategy in the long-term.

"But in the short-to-medium run, it will increase uncertainty about OPEC's next steps and add to the price volatility as he was a figure of unity for OPEC," said Swiss quote analyst, Ipek Ozkardeskaya.

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Health minister Ummy Mwalimu (2nd-R) has a quick word in Dar es Salaam yesterday with Prof Martin Corbally (L), the hepatobiliary surgeon from the Kingdom of Bahrain's Operation Child Life who led a team of specialists in performing the recent successful separation of conjoined twins Neema and Rehema from a village in Maswa District, Simiyu Region. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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Juu Girls and other schools in Dodoma, Dar es Salaam, Arusha, Mwanza and Kagera regions, she elaborated, applauding the support the school received from different stakeholders.

They assisted in improving the school's teaching and learning environment, she said, citing the CRDB Bank branch in Handeni District, Tanga Region, which donated 168 corrugated iron sheets worth 5.5m/- for roofing three classrooms for Form Five and Six.

The school fields the History, Geography and Kiswahili (HGK) combination, she said, noting also that for a long time the school needed clean and safe water supply as students have

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to trek a few kilometers to obtain water for own use.

Kilindi District authorities stepped in and drilled water well, but a pipeline connection to school premises and building the relevant water points was being awaited, she stated.

The school is also in need of teachers, as last year they had 13 teachers from form one to six, and were later

allowed to enlist the services of two volunteer teachers, reallocated two teachers from other schools, and last month provided with a further three teachers. "So we've 20 teachers," the headmistress beamed.

There is a lack of dining hall as students take their meals under a tree, a challenge she says is principally felt when it rains.

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pointed at its going public and listing on the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE). It has not only been a chance for the general public to buy shares in the bank and earn dividends or trade in shares but helped the bank to boost its capital, he explained.

DCB is on the forefront of supporting government initiatives to uplift public wellbeing by exploiting financial opportunities in the numerous development projects countrywide, he said.

So far the bank has opened nine branches, 700 banking agents locally and outside, digital service platforms

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with global reach, and disbursed loans amounting to one trillion shillings to about 0.4m people, expanding the client base from 6,530 individuals 20 years ago to over 200,000 at present, he pointed out.

"These are great achievements both to our bank and customers," he summed up, expressing faith in the dreams of the founders, as the bank continues to improve its services to benefit more people.

Customer deposits shot up from 125bn/- in December 2021 where projections show the figure will be standing at 162bn/- by the end of this year, he said.

The bank had completed key transformations like boosting capital to gain a competitive edge in the market, shrinking non-performing loans, check an unsatisfactory level of liquidity and curbing the tendency to operate at a loss, he added.





Barrick workers listen to Dar es Salaam resident (R) who visited the company's pavilion at the on-going 46th edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# SUA identifies, trained nine rescuing rats

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

SOKOINE University of Agriculture (SUA) has identified and trained nine rescuing rats, identifying casualties and people who lost their lives in buildings, which are badly damaged by accidents and earthquakes.

Rodent ecological researcher at Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA)'s Rodent Research Project (RRP) Prof Rhodes Makundi said this here on Tuesday when speaking at the four-day 7th international conference on rodent biology and management (ICRBM7) that brought on board rodents' scientists, and researchers from 50 countries around the world.

The ICRBM7 provides an opportunity for scientists to extensively discuss, among other things, the biology of mice, rat control, and scientific methods, which should be used to solve problems caused by rodents.

Prof Makundi said: "These researchers are looking at rodents' taxonomy, biodiversity, relationships with other animals, and human diseases such as TB. We also look at rat control, using ecological methods, and rat behavior. We look also at rodents that are found in mountains and valleys in East African countries."

The researchers also look into the use of rats to bring benefits to society such as using rats in bomb detection, epidemic detection, and other factors, which can be used by rats.

Prof Makundi also said after the meeting they expected, a panel of scientists who have done research in different countries, especially mouse control, and Tanzanian scientists, will study what is happening elsewhere, and where possible the expertise will be used in the country to solve rat problems.

"For example, research on the use of mice in detection of bombs. You can see that research is being used in many countries like Cambodia there. Basically, this is a conference that is beneficial to all participants and how they can use it in their own country, but the biggest one is a lot of scientific discovery."

Arusha Regional Commissioner, John

Mongella stressed that the time has come for the scientists and researchers to go public and explain the benefits of the area so that it does not remain a research area.

"Let them go now and explain its benefits so that the community understands more about the benefits of this because we see there are many disadvantages in the loss of crops and food."

"Basically our experts, our Scientists SUA, are the ones running most of these conferences. Most of the scientists in the world, who are in this area to look at the effects and benefits of mice, are the main purpose."

"I have seen them look at the potential impact on rats as well as the benefits, because they are creatures that are essential for development, and they will look at all areas developmentally, socially, and scientifically. "You know SUA; it is the center of expertise in this area of rat research, which is used for a variety of purposes. Currently the most popular use is to detect landmines, but also to identify infections and various tuberculosis conditions."

"The great leading scientists have come here to participate, so this is a great experience for our country, first to realize that we have a center of excellence but, all these scientists of the world, come to us to recognize the role of our Tanzanian scientists and exchange knowledge with various publications and worldwide scientific activities in the area, especially the study of mice," he said

Venance Kiria, a researcher from the APOPO Livelihoods Rat, a subsidiary of SUA, said the organization had trained nine rescue rats, who are still in the final stages of training. "Right now these Tanzanian rats, they are able to find someone from a long distance, but not to the extent that we want, especially in buildings that have had accidents. I have come to present a topic related to an ongoing international conference on training rats to find people in buildings, or the infrastructure that has been damaged, after various natural disasters, for example when an earthquake occurs."

## Training for census enumerators starts at regional level - govt

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE National Bureau of Statistics in collaboration with the Office of the Chief Government Statistician in Zanzibar has rolled out training for supervisors and clerks of national census at the regional level after successful completion of the first phase at national level.

The Chief Statistician, Dr Albina Chuwa told a news conference in Dodoma yesterday that the training at the national level kicked off on June 10 and it was conducted for 21 days. It means the training was completed on June 20, 2022. "The aim of the training

was to intensify capacity building and joint understanding on all tools and the entire process of the population and housing Census, buildings census and Postcode census so that they can take the similar training at regional level," she noted.

Participants at the national level according to Dr Chuwa were experts from the ministries, departments and government institutions, representatives from persons with disabilities, representatives from the PubliDior as well as from higher learning institutions.

The training at the regional level according to the Chief Statistician

kicked off yesterday in both sides of the union and that they would similarly be conducted for 21 days between July 06 and 26, 2022.

"Participants at the regional level are drawn from the regional administration and local government, regional and district education officers, ICT experts from all districts, district community development officers and planning officers, as well as representatives from persons with disabilities.

Tanzania will conduct a National Population and Housing Census (PHC) on August 23, 2022, President Samia Suluhu Hassan has announced.

The last census was held in 2012. Thus the 2022 census will be the sixth in the series beginning after the "birth" of the United Republic of Tanzania in 1964. Other censuses took place in 1967, 1978, 1988, 2002 and 2012.

The 2012 population census' results indicated there were 43,625,354 million in Tanzania mainland, and 1,303,569 in Tanzania Zanzibar. The data, and projections, thereafter are vital in helping the nation execute its national plans in diverse sectors like health and education. UN data estimates Tanzania 2020 population to be almost 60 million.



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Date: 24 June 2022

### LETTER OF INVITATION – REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

International Organization for Migration (IOM) Mission in Tanzania, hereinafter referred to as 'client' hereby invites prospective qualified proposers to submit proposals for development of technical design and technical documentation (Architectural and Engineering Designs, Bill of Quantities, Cost Estimate and Construction Schedules in The proposed Makere Resettlement Processing Centre Phase 2 (M-RPC-2), located at Makere in Kasulu District, Kigoma Region in accordance with the General Conditions of Contract and the Terms of Reference as set out in this Request for Proposal (RFP).

Below list of documents are valuable resources to enable you to submit your proposal:

- Section 1: This Letter of Invitation
- Section 2: Instruction to Proposers
- Section 3: Data Sheet
- Section 4: Evaluation criteria
- Section 5: Terms of Reference/Statement of Works
- Section 6: Contract Forms
- Section 7: Proposal Forms

If you are interested in submitting a proposal in response to this RFP, please prepare your proposal in accordance with the requirements and procedure as set out in this RFP and submit it by the deadline for submission of proposals set out in Section 3: Data Sheet – Site visit 14 July 2022 while proposal submission deadline **27 July 2022 (1:30pm – EAT)**.

Request for proposal documents are also available at below sites:

1. IOM website: <https://tanzania.iom.int/do-business-us-procurement>
2. IOM Dar es salaam: Slipway Road, Off Chole Road Msasani Peninsula, **Plot No. 1365, P. O. Box 9270, Dar es Salaam.**
3. IOM Kasulu Sub-Office: Bogwe Secondary Road – opposite Kasulu Teacher's College, **P. O. Box 303, Kasulu District.**

We look forward to receiving your proposal.

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Approved by:

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**IOM Kasulu**

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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

The East African Community (EAC) is a regional organization mandated by the governments of Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and South Sudan to spearhead the East African economic, social and political integration agenda. In support of the on-going integration process, and in line with its objectives to support the EAC Secretariat, TradeMark East Africa (TMEA) seeks to engage the services of qualified consultancy firms/consortiums to provide Consultancies Services as listed below:

1. PRQ20210875: CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO SUPPORT LEGAL AND REGULATORY REFORMS AND FACILITATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EAC PARTNER STATES COMMON MARKET PROTOCOL COMMITMENTS
2. PRQ20211048: CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO HIRE AN EAST AFRICAN MONITORING SYSTEM (EAMS) EXPERT
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Terms of reference for these consultancies and the Request for Proposals (RFP) documents can be obtained at

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All queries quoting the above Tender Title and Number should be emailed to [procurement@trademarkea.com](mailto:procurement@trademarkea.com).

You are further advised that only applications from registered firms/consortiums shall be accepted. Interested, qualified and registered consultancy firms/consortiums should submit bids in line with the bidding instructions in the tender document.

The closing date for applications is **28 July 2022 at 5.00 pm (Nairobi time)**.

**TMEA cannot answer any query relating to this tender seven days or less prior to the submission deadline**



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## Ministry of Agriculture trains peasants, small scale farmers on good post harvest practices

By Francis Kajubi

THE Ministry of Agriculture has reached 6,140 peasants and small scale farmers from 18 district councils of the mainland, Unguja and Pemba in Zanzibar with a sensitization training project that intends at reducing aflatoxin on post-harvests.

Through the Tanzania Initiatives for Preventing Aflatoxin Contamination (TANIPAC) Project coordinated by the ministry under its food security department, farmers were trained on good harvesting and storage practices that can help in prevention of aflatoxin to maize and groundnuts.

The project that targeted at reaching 60,000 farmers by 2024 started in 2019 after almost 65 people had fed on maize and groundnut affected by aflatoxin in the regions of Dodoma and Manyara back in 2016.

Addressing the press at the 46 International Trade Fair in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Mercy Butta, Food Safety Specialist from the Food Security Department of the Agriculture ministry, said that the project is due for completion in 2024.

The project is being implemented by the government at a tune of \$80 billion/- in support of the Global Agriculture and Food Security Programme (GAFSP) and the African Development Bank (ADB).

"The project has so far reached 1,351 extension officers in the agriculture and livestock sector with training in post-harvest storage skills exceeding the targeted 669 officers by June 2022. It has so far reached 4,400," she said.

Butta asserted that so far 4,400 small scale maize and groundnut processors, exporters and dealers have trained on

the implication of using poor stored maize and groundnuts in processing food for human consumption.

Almost 420 youths have been trained on the skills of making metal silos for drying maize and groundnuts. However, 117 journalists have gone through special training for sensing the public on the importance of proper management of harvested farm yield to avoid aflatoxin.

"Maize and groundnuts are not supposed to have aflatoxin that exceeds 5mg/kg in every kilogram. If the quantity exceeds that means people will suffer from aflatoxicosis that kills in most cases," said Butta.

According to her, during the last phase of the project that commences next month, farmers will be trained on best farming practices that helps in avoidance of aflatoxin through the pre-harvesting stages.

The project, among other targets, it is focused at improving farmers' income and rural livelihoods, food and nutrition security and food security, improving export revenues and ultimately contributing to poverty reduction through aflatoxin control in maize and groundnuts value chains.

The project also is establishing a quarantine facility at the national biological control center in Kibaha, the central agriculture reference laboratory at Mahona-Makulu in Mtumba Dodoma. It is also establishing 14 storage facilities of which two are in Pemba and Unguja islands.

The 18 district councils from the mainland are from the regions of Simiyu, Mwanza, Tabora, Kigoma, Manyara, Dodoma, Morogoro, Ruvuma, Mtwara and Geita.

## Germany commits 29 million euros to support EAC education, water sectors

By Guardian Reporter

THE Federal Republic of Germany has committed 29 million euros to further extend the existing cooperation with the East African Community (EAC) in the areas of education and training, conserving nature and natural resources.

This was committed during the one-day meeting between EAC and German delegation on priorities for the development cooperation in the upcoming years, held at the EAC Secretariat headquarters in Arusha.

During the meeting the EAC Secretary General Dr Peter Mathuki and the head of the German delegation, Claudia Imwolde-Kraemer from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development signed the summary record of the negotiations.

Speaking during the event, EAC Secretary General Dr Mathuki lauded the Federal Republic of Germany for its generous support to integration in East Africa.

"Aware of the recent global developments in economic, health, and climate change; the agreed commitments to the areas of cooperation in the next funding phase, will help build resilience for our EAC economies and improve the lives of citizens of the community," he said.

Imwolde-Kraemer encouraged the EAC to step up its efforts to fully integrate the Democratic Republic of the Congo while continuing to deepen the regional social and economic integration of all Partner States. She assured the EAC of Germany's continued support.

"We are convinced that especially in times of multiple crises and external shocks, close regional cooperation remains an effective way to strengthen resilience and continue to move ahead," Imwolde-Kraemer said.

In the commitment support, the EAC Scholarship Programme, financed through KfW, the German Development Bank will be replenished by 4 million euros.

The exchange programme is implemented through the East African Interuniversity Council (IUCEA). Scholarships are for economically disadvantaged students pursuing a Master's degree in another EAC country.

The additional funding will provide more students the opportunity to

study abroad, and thus foster academic and cultural exchange, and provide meaningful education opportunities to skilled students from across the whole region.

The project "Digital Skills for an Innovative East African Industry" (dSkills@EA), implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) together with IUCEA and the Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology will be topped up by 2.5 million Euros. The funds will be utilised to strengthen the industry-academia collaboration, training and entrepreneurship support for students and graduates across the EAC.

Increased digital skills for East African youth and stronger linkages between universities and businesses will lead to higher youth employment while also addressing the rising demand of businesses for digitally skilled workers.

The ongoing project "Integrated Water Resource Management in the Lake Victoria Basin" with the Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC), financed through KfW, will be extended by 20 million Euros.

It aims at improving water quality and availability through the sustainable management of the Lake Victoria Basin by the Lake Victoria Basin Commission.

Moreover, it will directly contribute to the improvement of water quality of Lake Victoria by the implementation of High Priority Investments in the Partner States in the basin, reducing the disposal of untreated wastewater into Lake Victoria and its tributary rivers. Lake Victoria is the second largest freshwater body in the world. It is considered one of the most important shared natural resources of the East African Community (EAC), which has declared the lake and surrounding basin a regional economic growth zone.

The project "Support to the Lake Victoria Basin Commission" implemented by GIZ together with LVBC and the EAC Secretariat has been topped up by 2.5 million euros. It will enable the Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC) to further develop regulatory frameworks on water management. East African citizens will profit from the sustainable use of water resources in water-scarce areas. Sustainable economic development and the conservation of nature.



Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority deputy commissioner Khadija Malongo (R) pictured yesterday briefing members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Budget on the implementation of a 47.2-km road construction project in the Mkungunero Game Reserve in Kondoa District, Dodoma Region. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Govt allocates 8bn/- for specialisation training to health practitioners

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE government has allocated 8bn/- for specialisation training to doctors and other health practitioners aiming to enhance their capacity and skills in offering medical services.

Ummu Mwalimu, Minister for Health made the remarks yesterday in Dar es Salaam shortly after visiting the conjoined twins who were recently separated at the Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH).

"We are responsible of allocating funds for training of our health staff, purchase equipment, medicines and improvement of infrastructures. The government will continue to set

aside funds for provision of capacity building training for specialists and super specialists," said the minister.

She expressed her happiness on how doctors successfully separated the conjoined twins, noting they are both in good health. He commended a team of local doctors and specialists as well as those who came from outside the country.

"Medical experts have conducted a surgery with great success. I'm happy to see the two separated twins progressing well being the fourth day since the operation was conducted," said Mwalimu, adding that doctors told her that it was complicated surgery.

Mwalimu congratulated the mother

of the twins for being courageous when delivering them at Maswa District hospital, in Simiyu Region. She said her ministry will come up with a strategy to ensure close monitoring of their health.

A rare surgery was conducted at MNH in the past five days to separate the Simiyu conjoined twins.

According to the hospital, the complex surgery took seven hours and involved 31 medical experts, saying that both children are now in a stable condition.

Dr Zaitun Bokhary, Head of Pediatric Surgical unit said the most difficult part of the entire surgery was liver separation which was completely

conjoined. "As we said earlier, it was the most complex surgery ever performed in Tanzania due to the big part of the liver being conjoined. We are now monitoring their development," she said.

Five experts were from Ireland led by Professor Martin Corbally, the Hepatobiliary Surgeon from an Organisation called Operation Child Life in Ireland, who said despite the tissue expander surgery which was done earlier to support the skin expansion still the availability of large tissue from the huge umbilical defect has helped them with providing more tissue to cover up the wounds.



Bagamoyo district commissioner Zainab Abdallah (L) briefs Livestock and Fisheries minister Mashimba Ndaki at yesterday's handing over in Bagamoyo of a newly completed Beach Management Unit building to Dunda Fisheries Resource Protection Group. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Govt to loan 300 boats to fishermen for deep sea fishing

By Guardian Reporter, Bagamoyo

LIVESTOCK and Fisheries Minister Mashimba Ndaki has said the government plans to empower fishermen with modern fishing gear including boats to enable them engage in deep sea fishing to increase catches and enhance their economic wellbeing.

Ndaki made the remarks here on Tuesday at a brief event to launch and hand over a new building to the

community based Beach Management Unit (BMU) for Dunda for enhancing security of ocean resources along the Indian Ocean Coast.

Mashimba said the government wants to increase fisheries products and that is why President Samia Suluhu Hassan has increased the Fisheries Budget for FY 2022/23 with some of the money to be used to purchase more than 300 boats to be loaned to fishermen to improve their activities.

He added that the boats will help fishermen to fish in deep sea to harvest big catches to enable fish processing plants to work to their full capacities different from now when many factories perform below installed capacity.

The minister also called on the people to support government efforts in fighting illegal fishing activities stressing that the task is not for the ministry alone, but for everyone.

"Fish is nutrition, fish is money, fish

is business and fish is employment, we should work together to fight illegal fishing," he added.

He also called on leaders of BMUs to adopt ethical behaviour and avoid corruption and favouritism as these contribute to illegal fishing.

Meanwhile, Bagamoyo District Commissioner, Zainab Abdallah thanked the government on how it has mobilised itself to empower fishermen, saying through the plan fishermen in her district will greatly benefit.



# Regional, global experts meet to discuss adoption of food safety practices and African technologies

By Guardian Reporter

THE summit brings together regional and global experts and stakeholders to discuss the latest trends in science and technology, as well as regulations, standards, and compliance, as well as operations and the long-term adoption of food safety practices and technologies throughout Africa's agriculture and food value chain.

Africa Food Safety Summit will be held from July 20 to 22 at the Emara Ole Sereni Hotel in Nairobi, Kenya. The African Development Bank (AfDB), a multilateral development finance institution headquartered in Cote d'Ivoire, has backed the 2022 Africa Food Safety Summit as the event's main sponsor as part of its mission to promote agro-industry development.

AfDB, which was founded in the 1960s, promotes public and private investment in projects and programmes that aim to reduce poverty and improve living conditions in African countries.

The Bank Group's overall vision for Agriculture and Rural Development is to become Africa's leading development finance institution, committed to assisting African regional member countries in their poverty-reduction efforts.

It has established approximately 23 field and country offices across the continent in recent years, as part of its decentralization policy aimed at bringing its operations closer to its beneficiaries. There are 81 member states, with 54 in Africa designated as Regional Member Countries.

Dr Damian Ihedioha, Manager of the Agribusiness Division, Agriculture and Agro-industry Department, will cut the ribbon at the Summit on behalf of the bank.

The AfDB's Chief Agro-Industry Officer, Aminata Sow, will moderate a panel discussion on "Food Safety

Infrastructure and Standards Development to Enhance Trade in Africa." The 2022 Africa Food Safety Summit, co-hosted by the African Development Bank (AfDB), is Africa's premier and largest international conference and exhibition on food safety, quality management and conformity.

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The Summit, which will be held in both physical and virtual formats, aims to provide a platform for improving quality, food safety, and conformity in Africa and the region's rapidly growing food and agriculture sector, thereby enhancing trade in local, regional, and global markets.



Dennis Ruhinda (R), operations director of Mkumbara Sisal Farms in Korogwe District, explains to Tanga regional commissioner Adam Malima (2nd-R) and acting Korogwe district commissioner Kalisti Lazaro (in black jacket) yesterday on portions of the farms recently destroyed by rogue elephants. Photo: Correspondent Hamida Kamchalla



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## Tanzania not benefiting from Kiswahili - Kinana

By Guardian Reporter

DESPITE Tanzania being the origin of Kiswahili, the country is not benefiting from the language as it is to other countries, the ruling CCM deputy chairperson Abdulrahman Kinana has said.

Kinana made the remarks in Dar es Salaam during a symposium to commemorate the contribution of Kiswahili in the liberation of Africa which was organized by the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports.

"The bad thing is that we are not beneficiaries of the language,

globally there are countries which are benefiting from the language because the revenue generated by the use of Kiswahili is \$1.3 billion, but what do we get as a country?" he queried.

The minister explained that the revenue comes from students, tutors, translators and experts where the United States only has 122 organizations teaching the language globally as well as China which has 72 organisations but majority comes from other countries such as Kenya.

He added that the language has helped in the struggle for liberation in some African countries including

Mozambique, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Uganda which has recently announced the language as official. "Most of the people residing in northern Mozambique such as Cabo Delgado which borders Tanzania speak Kiswahili which made the struggle easy as those involved spoke the language," he said.

Kinana said even after independence, the language was used to promote good neighborhood with countries like Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda who mostly speak the language.

Minister of Culture, Arts and Sports Mohammed Mchengerwa said it was

time African countries started using the language for development as they used during liberation.

"If we managed to use this language and removed colonialists, we have to use the same to bring about economic development," he said.

He said it was the role of Kiswahili Council of Tanzania (BAKITA) to sell the language abroad to contribute to national development.

One of the participants from Kenya Mzee Wala asked Tanzanians to stop thinking that they know the language because that was the beginning of making mistakes.



Works and Transport deputy minister Atupele Mwakibete (R) has a word with elders at Chalinze in Coast Region, where he was on a routine tour yesterday. Looking on is Lands and Housing and Human Settlements Development deputy minister Ridhiwani (in glasses), who is also Chalinze legislator Ridhiwani Kikwete. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

DEPUTY Minister for Works and Transport Atupele Mwakibete has given 14 days to the Director General of Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) to submit a report regarding essential issues that need improvement in the infrastructure of the Port of Bagamoyo. Speaking soon after inspecting the port yesterday, Deputy Minister Mwakibete said the port's improvement will simplify tourism activities in the country hence increase people and national incomes.

"Since Bagamoyo is an important area for tourism, I give the TPTA

## Govt directs TPA to enlist issues for Bagamoyo port improvement

Director General two weeks to submit experts here to identify essential issues for improvement," stressed Mwakibete.

He said in addition to the envisaged improvements the government still continue with its strategy to formalise unofficial ports along the Indian Ocean Coast in order to reduce smuggling that has been going on, due to poor

management of the ports.

Meanwhile, TPA Property Manager, Ndibalema Alexander assured Mwakibete that the authority is ready to make an assessment on the actual needs for the infrastructural improvement of Bagamoyo Port aimed at expanding the tax base.

Chalinze District Council chairperson, Hassan Rajabu thanked

the government for its intended improvement of Bagamoyo Port, as the move will increase government revenues through the increase of tourists visiting various tourist attractions in the Coast Region.

Mwakibete is on two-day visit to Coast Region to inspect various development projects supervised by the Works and Transport ministry.

## Global Coffee Platform joins P4F to promote agroforestry practices

By Guardian Reporter

THE Global Coffee Platform (GCP) and the Partnerships for Forests (P4F) have signed a cooperation agreement designed to explore and promote agroforestry practices in coffee-growing regions of East Africa.

According to the organisations, the first phase of the partnership will run until at least July 23 and involve engaging with local stakeholders and communicating messages to the coffee sector.

Central to the partnership is the premise that regenerative agriculture practices and sustainable landscape governance can actually increase farmer incomes.

Recent field research in the coffee sector has suggested that agroforestry – which can be loosely defined as the conservation of trees and shrubs in farmland – can indeed improve farmer income through numerous potential pathways.

In addition to mitigating the effects of climate change, agroforestry systems can promote the prevalence of pollinators, which can improve fruit sets and yields, improve production stability from year to year, improve food security for small-scale farmers, provide additional revenue sources through intercropping, create new market opportunities, and more.

An eight-year programme funded by UK Aid, P4F is designed to mobilize resources for investments into sustainable forest programs and projects, with a particular emphasis on strengthening the demand for sustainable commodities.

"By exploring with Partnerships for Forests, the nexus between farmer income and agroforestry practices, we can look forward to viable learnings and results both on farmer prosperity while at the same time ensuring sustainable practices for coffee production in line with regenerative agriculture," GCP

Executive Director Annette Pensel said in an announcement of the partnership last week.

The Global Coffee Platform is a membership nonprofit organisation designed to provide broad-scale sustainability frameworks for the coffee sector. Based in Bonn, Germany, and urging pre-competitive participation among its members, the GCP includes many of the world's largest coffee producing, trading and roasting organisations. The group maintains the Coffee Sustainability Reference Code, which originally came about of the entry-level 4C sustainability code in 2004.

For the P4F partnership, the GCP plans to tap into its existing Country Platforms in Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya.

In last week's announcement, GCP's Pensel further noted that farmers have "for too long been challenged by low profitability, changing climate and fluctuating coffee prices, impacting their incomes and well-being."



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## Dodoma to implement four mega construction projects with the TACTIC support

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE Tanzanian Cities Transforming Infrastructure and Competitiveness (TACTIC) project is set to support implementation of four major construction projects in the country's capital—Dodoma.

The projects which are expected to be implemented from December this year will see construction of five markets, improvement of 22km of city's roads at tarmac levels, construction of commuter bus stands and storm water drainage systems.

Speaking to The Guardian, TACTIC Dodoma Regional Coordinator, Engineer Kileo Nicodemus said they are working to complete designs for the projects, bidding documents (BD) and bill of quantities (BOQ), operation and maintenance (O&M) by December this year.

He said they have already picked two professional consultant companies for effective designing of the projects. They are Crown Tech Consultant Limited of Tanzania and JV Pan Arab Consulting Engineers from Kuwait.

Roads to be constructed at tarmac level are Ilazo, Mwangaza, Njedengwa, Mkarama, Mbuyuni-Mwangaza, Njedengwa—Mapinduzi and the Michese road.

In regard to improvement of markets, Eng Nicodemus said plans are to construct modern markets at Michese, Miyuji and Sabasaba. He said the Majengo market located at the heart of the capital city will be improved to comply with the international standards.

"Construction and improvement of the market will consider installation of key facilities including safe water and electricity, office structures, modern equipment for waste solid and liquid material management and a state-of-the-art trader's pavilions," he said.

The project will also involve construction of Nkuhungu retention ponds and its distributors and extension of Ilazo-Ipagala storm water drainage.

The TACTIC project is under the

financial auspices of the World Bank (WB) and its first tier will be implemented into 12 different cities, touching improvement of different sectors in each city at a cost of \$228 million.

Cities that will benefit with TACTIC projects are Dodoma, Arusha, Kigoma, Tabora, Mwanza, Ilemela, Geita, Kahama, Morogoro, Songea, Sumbawanga and Mbeya.

WB has decided to inject the country with the lucrative funds to support improvement of key infrastructures within the mentioned cities after being satisfied with the good manners, as well as value for money, demonstrated by the country during implementation of different prior WB's projects within the country.

Other project implemented under WB funds as the Urban Local Government Strengthening Programme (ULGSP), Dar es Salaam Metropolitan Development Project and the Tanzania Strategic Cities Project (TSCP) which was executed during 2011-2020, through funds from the World Bank (IDA Credit) and a grant from the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark.



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## Farming, livestock stakeholders chart strategies in order to strengthen sectors

By Guardian Reporter, Gairo

STAKEHOLDERS in farming and livestock sectors have met here in a meeting organised by Gairo District Commissioner and the Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT) to discuss strategies to strengthen the two sectors for the benefit of farmers and livestock keepers as well as for the contribution of the sectors to the nation's income.

Speaking online as he was representing Agriculture Minister Hussein Bashe, the deputy minister in the ministry, Anthony Mavunde praised the stakeholders for organising the meeting and called on them to come up with recommendations for the improvement of the sector for the wider interests of farmers and the nation in general.

"I take this opportunity to praise Morogoro regional officials, those in Gairo District in particular for bringing together various stakeholders in the sector, use the forum to discuss about strategic crops in your district and they can benefit farmers and the nation in general," said Mavunde.

He assured meeting participants that all recommendations and advice they will give will be worked upon, with the aim of developing the farming, livestock and fishing sectors in the country. He added: "Farming and livestock are among important sectors that have great contribution to the national income, as well as providing many employment opportunities to the youth."

Meanwhile, Gairo District

Commissioner, Jabir Makame said 50 per cent of the district's income come from the farming and livestock sectors, hence, the meeting has come at the appropriate time for addressing various challenges facing the sectors and provide solutions thereof, not only for Gairo District, but for the entire nation.

He said sunflower, maize, pigeon peas and beans are being cultivated in many areas of the district but the main challenge is lack of experts to process the crops.

The meeting also resolved to put in place a special joint strategy that will strengthen the farming and livestock sectors for the benefit of farmers and livestock keepers and contribute to the country's GDP.



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Branch international customer success associate Reuben Wanyamawi (5th-L) in group photo with journalists shortly after a media briefing session held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Branch, a leading personal finance app that prides itself with providing access to instant loans with no physical documentation, has expressed commitment to extending its reach in Tanzania. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Mwakibete issues one-week ultimatum to TPA to pay Kwala-Vigwaza road contractor

By Guardian Reporter

DEPUTY Minister of Education Atupele Mwakibete has issued a one week ultimatum to the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) to pay the Estim Construction who is constructing the 15 kilometer road from Kwala to Vigwaza for timely completion.

Deputy Minister Mwakibete made the directive after visiting Kwala dry

port where he found uncompleted road on claims that the contractor has not been paid.

"Bureaucracy in releasing money is one among the reasons for the delays in the project, therefore I give you seven days to complete the payments, the government wants to receive the road at the agreed time," he said.

The deputy minister also called upon TPA to finalise the construction of the dry Port which has taken a

long time a move which he said was derailing efforts to decongest the Port of Dar es Salaam.

TPA Manager for the site, Alexander Ndibalema assured the deputy minister that the directives will be worked on.

Ndibalema said TPA said the tender committee has started working on the matters saying the implementation will start soon.

A Contractor from the Tanzania

National Roads Agency (TANROADS) Jacob Mambo assured the deputy minister that the construction exercise has reached 60-percent saying the remaining percentage will be completed in three months.

Kwala dry port project which costs about 80bn/- involves construction of a 15 kilometer road from Ruvu and the development of 5 hectare land, construction of a 1.3 kilometer railway part and a fence.



Houses risk collapse, with the soil making them steady, scooped away in the course of the on-going expansion of the Kimara-Korogwe stretch of Dar Salaam's Morogoro Road in Dar es Salaam as captured yesterday, as captured yesterday by Correspondent Sabato Kasika.

## RC orders TANROADS to build trucks inspection centre at Inyala

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

MBEYA Regional Commissioner Juma Homera has instructed Tanzania Roads Agency (TANROADS) in the region to build trucks inspection centre at Inyala area in Mbeya District to tame the increasing spate of accidents in the area.

The RC issued the instructions here yesterday, one day after a goods

truck laden with maize travelling from Songwe Region to Dar es Salaam rammed into a passenger minibus due to brakes failure.

Five people died on the spot in the accident and several others sustained injuries.

The truck also rammed into entrepreneurs' stalls and nearby houses including power poles.

Briefing reporters in his office,

Homera said accidents have been increasing in the area due to the steep gradient and many trucks laden with goods develop brake failure along the road section.

He added that in order to control the frequent accidents they have decided to ensure that vehicles descend the gradient in turn, the procedure that has been established in other areas including on Mt. Nyoka, Iwambi and

Igawilo.

He said the trucks will be stopped at the area for inspection before descending and that as they start to descend smaller vehicles will have to wait.

Meanwhile, Mbeya Regional Police Commander, Ulrich Matei said those injured in the accident were referred to different hospitals in the region including Inyala, Igawilo hospitals and Mbeya Region Referral Hospital.

He said in order to tame the accidents they continue communicating with other stakeholders to see how to solve the challenge, saying the road section is narrow and it is difficult for vehicles to pass each other easily.



# Project to boost fish cage farming on Lake Victoria

By Robert Ojwang, Kisumu

FISH farmers practicing caging system in western part of the country received a major boost after the government rolled out the Sustainable Activities in Water Areas (SAWA) project in Lake Victoria to promote their activities.

The project funded by Gatsby Africa seeks to carry out spatial planning for the freshwater lake to determine its carrying capacity for the cage-based aquaculture.

The Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRDI) introduced the floating fish cages technology in 2013 to increase fish production while at the same time conserving the declining wild fish stocks in L. Victoria.

Cage culture has presented itself as a new socioeconomic frontier contributing to the national economy and has continued to gain momentum in the lake region owing to good prospects of a better income.

KMFRDI Director-General Prof James Njiru while speaking during the SAWA project launch at a Kisumu hotel said the project would enhance the sustainability of the caging technology.

"This will support an ecosystem-friendly framework in managing fisheries and aquaculture resources in Lake Victoria and resolve conflicts arising from multiple users of the lake," stated Njiru.

The Secretary of Administration State Department of Fisheries Farrah Kassim, who represented the Principal Secretary, State Department of Fisheries Aquaculture and Blue Economy Dr. Francis Owino, said the increasing number of cage farmers has brought with it a number of

challenges that need to be addressed to fully exploit the technology to reap maximum benefits.

"When sustainably managed, cage technology has the potential to contribute significantly to national fish production, increased job opportunities, enhanced food security and incomes for both rural and urban dwellers in light of the blue economy," Kassim stated.

The SAWA initiative being implemented by the Kenya Fisheries Service, National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) Kenya, Kenya Maritime Authority and other stakeholders would establish proper regulations for cage installation to protect breeding grounds and navigation routes to avoid conflicts between cage fish farmers and fishermen.

Lake Victoria, according to KMFRDI, has an estimated carrying capacity of 25,427 cages. However, the natural resource currently contains 6,000 fish cages covering 62,132 M2 with an annual production capacity of over 10,000 tonnes - largely of Nile perch and tilapia.

Large scale cage investment with limited or no regulations has presented a fair share of challenges including the haphazard installation of cages and environmental degradation concerns bound to impact the lake ecosystem negatively.

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# Africa advise to create early warning systems in response to climate crisis

ACRA

GHANA and her African peers urgently need to bridge the knowledge gap and establish an effective early warning system on impacts of climate crisis.

This is the surest way to live with climate crisis impacts manifesting in the form of rising sea levels, flooding, drought and increased temperature, Professor Daouda Kone, the Director, Capacity Building Department of West African Science Service Centre on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (WASCAL), has said.

"I am sure that today, the heavy rain has caused flooding, and displaced people. Some were caught unaware. If there was a good early warning system, people would have known what time was ideal to move out to work and avoid the flood," he said.

"The same warning system will inform farmers to know that it will rain and that will inform them to go ahead and sow seeds or delay the application of fertilizer to avoid losses," he noted.

Prof Kone said this in an interview with the Ghana News Agency on the sidelines of an event to open a three-day training programme for West African Researchers, organised by the Science and Technology Policy Research Institute of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (STEPRI-CSIR).

The training, sponsored by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research seeks to strengthen the capacity of

WASCAL's scientific coordinators in policy brief development for increased engagement in policy processes and advocacy.

The participants after the training will also train students pursuing climate change related topics in master and doctorate to enable them to develop policy briefs for communities in their respective countries.

Prof Kone said the knowledge gap was huge and would require training for technical people to provide the right information to practitioners to effectively communicate to the public.

He urged African Governments to invest in technologies such as Automatic Weather stations to collect climate data to make predictions and modeling to furnish local communities with accurate information to make daily decisions.

Dr Portia Adade Williams, a Research Fellow at STEPRI-CSIR, stated that although climate change posed risks to human health, ecosystems, and economic development, it offered opportunities.

She said climate policies were intended to reduce the risks of climate change while at the same time taking advantage of the opportunities it presented.

Dr Williams noted that adapting to the potential effects of climate change was a complex and ongoing process, which required the attention and actions of individuals, communities, governments and international agencies.

ADDIS ABABA

IN the final message from the Africa Lutheran Church Leadership Consultation (ALCLC), delegates highlighted the need to strengthen the theological identity of churches in the region and increase their bold engagement in the public space for the sake of peace and justice.

The 80 delegates from The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) member churches in the African region met in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 27 June - 1

# African churches name strong theological identity, peace and justice as key concerns

July. They included heads of churches, LWF Council members, women and youth leaders, coordinators of gender justice work, diaconal actors, church communicators, and those engaged in theological education and formation.

The ALCLC resolved to address



Grape sellers wait for elusive customers along Mji Mpya Street in Dodoma city yesterday - at the going price of between 1,000/- and twice as much per bunch. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

# JET on consultative meeting with editors to improve media coverage of biodiversity, conservation issues

By Guardian Reporter

THE Journalist's Environmental Association of Tanzania (JET) has organised a two days consultative meeting with editors to improve the quality of media reporting on coverage of wildlife corridors and other biodiversity conservation issues.

A statement released in Dar es Salaam yesterday by JET Director, John Chikomo stated that participants are expected to improve the quality of media reporting on coverage of corridors and wildlife connectivity.

The forum to be held in Bagamoyo District, Coast Region on July 8th and 9th, 2022 will be a platform for

exchanging ideas and information.

It is conducted as part of the USAID Tuhifadhi Maliasili Activity—a five years conservation project to address the dynamics that threaten wildlife movement and the long-term preservation of biodiversity in Tanzania.

"We expect participants to have sufficient knowledge of corridor conservation, marine and forest conservation, trafficking and poaching, as well as the promotion of wildlife conservation and tourism," he stated.

Editors will acquire the requisite skills to enable them to disseminate to the public the knowledge they have gained thus facilitating various societal

groups to take appropriate action.

"Editors are gatekeepers who decide what should go to the public; it is not just about opening and shutting the door; it has to be backed by adequate knowledge of the subject matter and societal needs for information. Where a journalist's story has knowledge and skill gaps, it is upon the editor to fill the gaps," said Chikomo.

He said they are also expected journalists to attain the capacity and knowledge of corridor conservation issues to effectively investigate report and analyze wildlife connectivity.

Journalists will use acquired investigative reporting and analytical skills to generate reliable, regular

and transparent flow of information from citizens to decision makers and stakeholders on the coverage of corridors and other biodiversity conservation issues.

He added: "With the gained knowledge and skills there will be an increase in quality and quantity of news stories and features on wildlife corridors and biodiversity conservation."

There are 52 corridors in the country, according to the Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI). More than 90 per cent of them are potentially found in residential areas thus threatening wildlife extinction and limit migratory of animals.



Natural Resources and Tourism minister Dr Pindi Chana (R) has a feel of one of the wood products on display at Dazhong Wood Industry Company Ltd while she was on a one-day official tour of Mufindi District, Iringa Region, on Sunday. Photo: Correspondent Friday Simbaya

and leadership in the Lutheran communion. They also highlighted the dire impacts of climate change on communities in Africa and reiterated their commitment to climate justice. They reaffirmed the "prophetic voice of the church in Africa as a foundational part of our holistic mission." In this regard, they received the LWF Advocacy Framework as a useful resource for strengthening the capacity of churches and accompanying them in their advocacy work. They stressed their commitment to gender justice and to strengthening youth participation end to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. "We stand in solidarity with the people and communities affected by this war," they stated. The church leaders stressed their commitment to gender justice and to strengthening youth participation



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WITNESSING the signing of the contract to build the fourth lot of the Standard Gauge Railway, President Samia Suluhu Hassan made a strident appeal for zeal and commitment among the citizenry to protect the outlays of infrastructure that the government is putting up everywhere. The remarks came in the wake of the derailing of a central railway line after piece of the gauge was bent or cut out, something that can be tried by seekers of scrap metal, plucking it even from a railway line. While we talk of such people as saboteurs, quite often they are scavengers, trying to gain from a piece of iron lying on the road.

Expecting or otherwise wishing that commitment, zeal or patriotism protect infrastructure comes to thinking of a country without thieves or selfish people, capable of pursuing gain by any means, fair or foul. Naturally Tanzania is likely to have its fair share of people who can be described as selfish, or for that matter outright thieves, but as we still have plenty of political cohesion, such people need the cover of darkness to pursue such deeds, and often enough they can't get the best tools and it quickly enough. They have to constantly look over the shoulder; they know what they are doing is reprehensible to say the least.

As it often occurs, trains which derail along the way usually did not benefit from real time inspection of the line before setting off on its journey, and

that means each section ought to be verified to be in good order before the train leaves. Knowing the conduct of public corporations, someone may decide to economise on the fuel to run a 'sent car' to check the line (the usage was there in the 1960s) before the main train departs, and instead chooses to rely on a previous inspection, a week earlier or so. Meanwhile a scavenger was at work, unscrewing bolts or pieces from the line; the station manager assumes all is well.

This situation occasions unnecessary accidents along the central railway, which has most of these years been in use while the Tanga-Arusha line was dormant for decades. Despite attempts to reactivate rail transport, even place it on a commercial footing, the latest incident and its circumstances shows that the management isn't as yet on top of the situation. It is hard to say if policy makers have other ideas about how such situations can be ended, or they will be waiting to hear the latest excuse from the managers.

Especially as the government is overseeing the fairly rapid construction of the SGR, and all indications are that the railway corporation will be in charge, one shudders to think what will be the SGR equivalent of these errors and lacunae in overseeing rail operations. At the signing ceremony there was reference to a Korean firm that will train local operators and supervise their work for a while after operations start. Needless to add, many wish that there are firmer guarantees on operational precautions, efficiency.

Transit trade needs not sufficient  
for commercial hubs actualisation

NOVEL economic strategies or models of operation are being pursued by the current Union and Zanzibar authorities, noticeably the idea of converting the city of Dar es Salaam into a regional commercial hub especially for industries, and Zanzibar as a blue economy hub. It has extensive cultural and commercial links with other Indian Ocean island states like the Seychelles, Comoros, Madagascar, Reunion, Mayotte and even as far as the Maldives, but their economic pillars and cultural orientations point in different directions. Rebuilding the ties on a blue economy framework grouping the zone is plausible but not easy.

The commercial hubs notion in the forward thinking of Union authorities is by contrast not based on active grouping but extension of services, starting with the port of Dar es Salaam now being beefed up with the Standard Gauge Railway. Expectations that Mwanza and Tabora play key linking role with a number of hinterland countries is entirely feasible and to an extent it is already being put into motion as traders (importers and exporters) start figuring out how to reorient their activities upon SGR completion, which isn't that far away. Still, a virile commercial hub is an integration nodal point and not a transit stop.

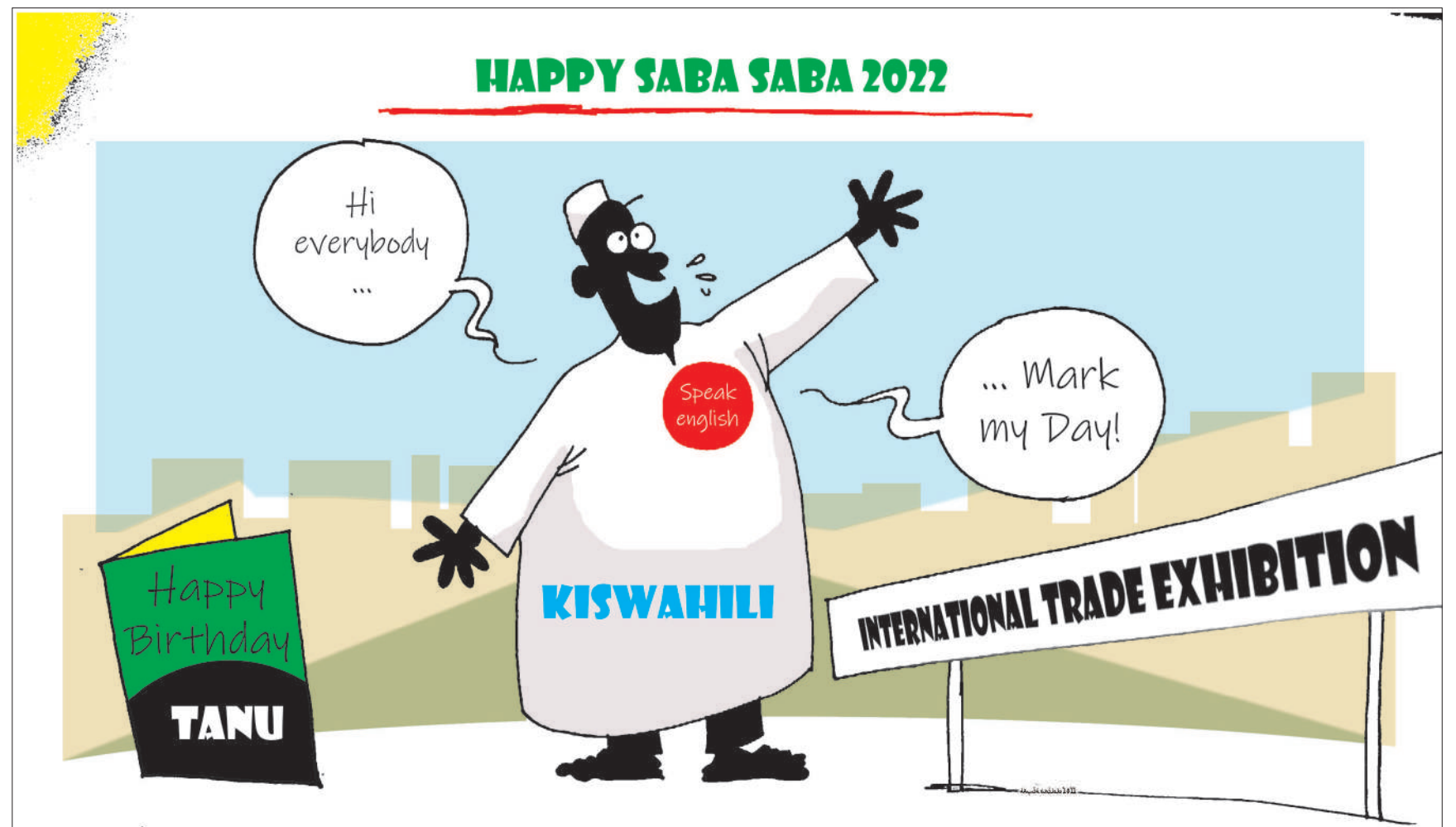
It is in this direction that one could grasp an important address at the opening of the 46th Dar es Salaam international trade fair, with a participants' seminar that saw top

officials from regional or continental multilateral institutions seeking to sensitize the gathered executives on the importance of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

There was a programme on a bilingual cable television channel lately, exploring the chances for Africa becoming a global industrial hub of the future, which is to say the last unavoidable, as the population here is growing, and stagnating in most other areas. It also requires that African countries be able to attract not just surplus capital but investible savings into real estate, etc.

Putting it differently, we might learn in future that we were putting the cart before the horse in welcoming people to build industries, so that they employ people and eventually create a sizeable consumption base (a middle class with cash to spend, and well paid lower professional classes). As a matter of fact a large consumption group is created more rapidly via real estate and service industries (the role that tourism plays in numerous economies, for instance). Still it needs sharp attitude change for this to be feasible.

African policy makers will slowly grasp the truism that for a country to prosper from shackles of poverty it needs to convince others (developed ones) to invest their money in safe areas with higher returns. Real estate is a safe zone of investment as population is growing, so Africa will be able to attract plenty of such capital. If we take the right initiatives, our dreams of industrial and service hubs may rapidly be realized.



By António Guterres

THE only true path to energy security, stable power prices, prosperity and a livable planet lies in abandoning polluting fossil fuels and accelerating the renewables-based energy transition

Nero was famously accused of fiddling while Rome burned. Today, some leaders are doing worse. They are throwing fuel on the fire. Literally.

As the fallout of Russia's invasion of Ukraine ripples across the globe, the response of some nations to the growing energy crisis has been to double down on fossil fuels - pouring billions more dollars into the coal, oil and gas that are driving our deepening climate emergency.

Meanwhile all climate indicators continue to break records, forecasting a future of ferocious storms, floods, droughts, wildfires and unlivable temperatures in vast swathes of the planet.

Our world faces climate chaos. New funding for fossil fuel exploration and production infrastructure is delusional. Fossil fuels are not the answer, nor will they ever be.

We can see the damage we are doing to the planet and our societies. It is in the news every day, and no one is immune.

Fossil fuels are the cause of the climate crisis. Renewable energy is the answer - to limit climate disruption and boost energy security. Had we invested earlier and massively in renewable energy, we would not find ourselves once again at the mercy of unstable fossil fuel markets.

Renewables are the peace plan of the 21st century. But the battle for a rapid and just energy transition is not being fought on a level field. Investors are still backing fossil fuels, and governments still hand out billions in subsidies for coal, oil and gas - some US \$11 million every minute.

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There is a word for favouring short-term relief over long-term well-being. Addiction. We are still addicted to fossil fuels. For the health of our societies and planet, we need to quit. Now.

The only true path to energy security, stable power prices, prosperity and a livable planet lies in abandoning polluting fossil fuels and accelerating the renewables-based energy transition.

To that end, I have called on G20 governments to dismantle coal infrastructure, with a full phase-out by 2030 for OECD countries and 2040 for

The world is burning: We need  
a renewables revolution

A wind farm on the outskirts of Nouakchott, the capital of Mauritania, is aimed at giving more people access to renewable energy sources.

all others.

I have urged financial actors to abandon fossil fuel finance and invest in renewable energy. And I have proposed a five-point plan to boost renewable energy round the world.

Five-point plan

First, we must make renewable energy technology a global public good, including removing intellectual property barriers to technology transfer.

Second, we must improve global access to supply chains for renewable energy technologies components and raw materials.

In 2020, the world installed 5 gigawatts of battery storage. We need 600 gigawatts of storage capacity by 2030. Clearly, we need a global coalition to get there.

Shipping bottlenecks and supply-chain constraints, as well as higher costs for lithium and other battery metals, are hurting deployment of such technologies and materials just as we need them most.

Third, we must cut the red tape that holds up solar and wind projects. We need fast-track approvals and more effort to modernize electricity grids. In the European Union, it takes eight years to approve a wind farm, and 10 years in the United States. In the Republic of Korea, onshore wind projects need 22 permits from eight different ministries.

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subsidies from fossil fuels to protect vulnerable people from energy shocks and invest in a just transition to sustainable future.

And fifth, we need to triple investments in renewables. This includes multilateral development banks and development finance institutions, as well as commercial banks. All must step up and dramatically boost investments in renewables.

Fourth, the world must shift energy subsidies from fossil fuels to protect vulnerable people from energy shocks and invest in a just transition to sustainable future. We need more urgency from all global leaders. We are already perilously close to hitting the 1.5°C limit that science tells us is the maximum level of warming to avoid the worst climate impacts. To keep 1.5 alive, we must reduce emissions by 45 per cent by 2030 and reach net zero emissions by mid-century. But current national commitments will lead to an increase of almost 14 per cent this decade. That spells catastrophe.

The answer lies in renewables - for climate action, for energy security, and for providing clean electricity to the hundreds of millions of people who currently lack it. Renewables are a triple win.

There is no excuse for anyone to reject a renewables revolution. While oil and gas prices have reached record

price levels, renewables are getting cheaper all the time.

The cost of solar energy and batteries has plummeted 85 per cent over the past decade. The cost of wind power fell by 55 per cent. And investment in renewables creates three times more jobs than fossil fuels.

The answer lies in renewables - for climate action, for energy security, and for providing clean electricity to the hundreds of millions of people who currently lack it. Renewables are a triple win. Of course, renewables are not the only answer to the climate crisis.

Nature-based solutions, such as reversing deforestation and land degradation, are essential. So too are efforts to promote energy efficiency. But a rapid renewable energy transition must be our ambition.

As we wean ourselves off fossil fuels, the benefits will be vast, and not just to the climate. Energy prices will be lower and more predictable, with positive knock-on effects for food and economic security.

When energy prices rise, so do the costs of food and all the goods we rely on. So, let us all agree that a rapid renewables revolution is necessary and stop fiddling while our future burns.

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# Reversing land degradation is necessary for us to avert food insecurity

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

FOOD supply disruptions are projected to become more frequent and food insecurity rise if land degradation is not immediately reversed in favour of restoration practices such as regenerative agriculture, according to a report released by the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in April this year.

Global Land Outlook 2, the second edition of the convention's flagship report, was developed over five years in partnership with 21 organizations and is "the most comprehensive consolidation of information on the topic ever assembled," according to the convention. It found that "business as usual" has stretched the productive capacities of land and water systems to their limit. This could imperil "our continued survival and prosperity," reads the summary of the report.

The report served as a wakeup call to the world to act, especially countries with arid and semi-arid areas which are more vulnerable to food insecurity like Tanzania.

Tanzania is already implementing the Reversing Land Degradation and Promoting Food Security (LDFS) from 2017 to 2023 under the Office of the Vice President. The main objective of the project is to restore degraded land and increase food security in arid areas.

The project area covering semi-arid agro-ecosystem has been selected in five districts namely Kondoa (Dodoma), Mkalama (Singida), Nzega (Tabora) and Magu (Mwanza) in Mainland Tanzania and Micheweni in Zanzibar (Pemba Island).

In each district, the project area covers one or two wards with two or more villages (in total 22 villages) sharing the same resources in a landscape. The estimated population in the five districts is 1.9 million people, or about 247,000 households.

The total population of the selected



Joseph Kihale, National Coordinator of Reversing Land Degradation and Promoting Food Security (LDFS) project in the Vice President's Office (wearing a cap) speaks to farmers from Mkalama, Nzega, Magu, Kondoa and Micheweni districts during a training session recently. Photo/VPO

villages is over 69,000 individuals with project's interventions set to reach 30,000 direct beneficiaries, and turn 9,000 hectares into conservation and climate-smart farming and sustainable management, as well as 500 hectares of degraded land into reforested area.

Farmers from the project districts recently attended a training in Kondoa District to learn about Zambian seed and plow technology in soil and water conservation by increasing productivity in agriculture through the LDFS.

The visit included farmers from demonstration farm groups, extension officers

and councilors from the districts who were taught about the technology which has shown positive results in Kondoa District.

Theoretical and practical sensitization was provided to the session which had a total of 41 participants including 34 farmers, four extension officers, three councilors and one sheha from Micheweni District.

Joseph Kihale, LDFS National Project Coordinator said participants learned the skill which involves preparing nine seed holes by using a special type of hoe, adding that the practice has yielded bumper

harvests in Haubi and Mafai villages in Kondoa District.

Kihale added that these technologies help to fertilize the soil and maintain humidity for a long time even with little rainfall. He said that restoration of land is done biologically using manure as well as by developing ecological systems to get rain and fertilize the land by digging dams, ponds and deep wells for irrigation.

In addition, the coordinator noted that already 1,700 customary title deeds have been issued out of 2,100 beneficiaries, describing this as a big step that serves as a

catalyst for councils to continue issuing the documents which contribute to conserving the environment instead of nomadic farming.

Daniel Mselewa, Haubi Ward Agriculture Officer in Kondoa District who presented a topic on 'Nine Seeds' technology, said that the practice is being implemented through demonstration farm groups.

Mselewa mentioned the implementing villages as Mafai and Haubi, adding that the aim of the capacity building to use the beneficiaries as ambassadors who can train more farmers in their villages.

To achieve great results, one pit uses two to three shovels of manure and one acre takes two carts, phosphate fertilizer is used for planting and growing, he said.

"A row should have 140 holes per acre and vertical column 140 holes, making a total of 9,800 holes. The horizontal and vertical rows must have a distance of 75 centimeters," he said.

The expert said this technology is suitable in semi-arid and arid areas where rainfall is moderate and unreliable; to retain moisture and to fertilize the soil, adding that through the practice, land is used effectively for crop production.

Speaking after the training, Zakaria Pamba, a participant from Magu District in Mwanza Region, said he had learned various useful farming techniques he did not have before.

Restuta Deogratius from Nzega District in Tabora Region said the training has helped her gain new farming skills that she apply and transfer to other farmers back home.

Theresia Emanuel from Haubi Maziwani Village in Kondoa District said that before the technology was introduced in the area, yields were minimal compared to currently guaranteed bumper harvest every farming season.

In Tanzania, the major causes of land degradation are overgrazing, poor cultivation practices and deforestation, rapid population growth, rural poverty, climate change, unclear land tenure system and conflicting government policies that are now addressed.

Patrice Lumumba is the hero of the Democratic Republic of Congo's truncated bid for complete independence. He was assassinated by local counter-revolutionary forces with the help of the CIA and Belgian authorities in 1961. Since then, all over the developing world, Lumumba's name has come to stand for defiance against colonialism and imperialism.

The manner of his death was particularly distressing. He was humiliated and tortured before he was murdered. His body was then doused with acid to facilitate decomposition. A Belgian official reportedly kept his teeth as mementos as if to add another grisly and macabre dimension to the entire sordid affair.

The return of Lumumba's tooth after 61 years leaves many questions unanswered and threatens to open a can of worms. This inordinately belated gesture came without a formal apology for the damage caused by Belgian colonialism or a pledge of wide-ranging reparations.

## The ghost of Lumumba

Ever since his death, it seems the ghost of Lumumba has plagued his aggrieved country, first with the tortuous and bizarre reign of Mobutu Sese Seko and then with Laurent Kabila.

But it was under Belgian colonial rule that the plunder of the Congo began in earnest. King Leopold II, bloated with colonial self-righteousness, instituted a reign of devastation that left an estimated 10 million people dead. Rubber plantations were transformed into a hell in which the enslaved who didn't meet their production quotas had their limbs chopped off. Since then, the DRC has been gripped by a delirium of dense, impenetrable, equatorial traumas.

Indigenes of the DRC have always been used as disposable pawns in their externally foisted tragedies. And these tragedies have descended on them as thickly as their famed tropical forests.

## Patrice Lumumba's tooth represents plunder, resilience and reparation



The only remains of Patrice Lumumba, his tooth, in a coffin covered with the DRC flag on the forecourt of the Edgemont Palace in Brussels, a fortnight ago. Photo/Paulina Zidi / RFI



What are we to make of the ordeal of Ota Benga, for example, the Congolese teenager who, on account of his unusual teeth, was captured and relentlessly exhibited in the anthropological zoos of America? Treated like a performing monkey, he experienced the most heartless form of visual cannibalism, physical humiliation and psychological torture. Would his teeth be returned to the DRC as well?

Indeed, the handing over of

Lumumba's tooth represents a gesture of reparation; the return of pilfered colonial goods to the rightful owners. But what about the tooth's attendant torture? This much delayed political gesture broaches difficult issues surrounding the African quest for genuine reparations from erstwhile colonial overlords.

## The world's richest country

The current plight of the DRC

- all but a failed state - makes us weep over its enduring state of abjection. A huge country blessed with innumerable natural resources, with some of the rarest and most important minerals of earth, it remains crippled by conflict and plunder of its vast natural resources.

Or the accomplishments of phenomenal scholars such as Congolese philosopher V.Y. Mudimbe, whose work singularly redefined the manner in which the west came to understand

Africa? Mudimbe reconfigures your mind every time you encounter him. Yet the inhospitability of the DRC keeps him secluded in the US. The rest of the world continues to benefit from Congolese talents and minerals while the country itself regresses.

The eclectic and boisterous urban culture that produced the Congolese rumba and soukous out of the potholed streets of Kinshasa also birthed visual artists such as Monsengwo Ke-

jwami "Moke", Cheri Cherin, Chéri Samba, Patrick Mumbo, Marthe Ngandu and many others.

Collectively, their works capture and reflect the life and energy to be found in the DRC's frenetic and teeming postcolonial metropolises. But there is a snag. These largely self-taught artists were cut off from their pre-colonial artistic heritage due to the violence of the colonial encounter.

## The tooth

As in many other parts of Africa, over 2,000 works of art stolen from what is now the DRC remain in the museums of Europe. These works are not merely aesthetic and symbolic. They are also central to the continuation of integrated cultural evolution. In addition, they encompass swathes of history and tradition spanning millennia. The return of those stolen pieces of cultural heritage and an awareness of what they truly represent would be a starting point for meaningful reparations for the past.

Ultimately, beyond its cosmetic or even symbolic value, the gesture of returning Lumumba's violated tooth ought to lead to a considerable degree of healing the DRC so desperately needs, in organic, broadly and deeply conceived ways. This means acts of reparations must not only be loaded in meaning but must also be essentially transformative in nature. In other words, they must include socioeconomic and cultural deliverables.

(Source: *The Conversation*)



# The camel, the needle- and the UN's first woman secretary-general

UNITED NATIONS

**A** 2.0 version of an ancient Biblical saying reads: It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a woman to become the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The male/female ratio for the Secretary-General stands at 9 vs zero. And the Presidency of the General Assembly (PGA), the highest policy-making body at the UN, is not far behind either.

"Out of its 193 Member States, only four women were elected as the Assembly President," Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury, a former Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN, told IPS.

The score stands at 73 men and 4 women as PGAs—even as the General Assembly elected another male candidate, as its 77th President last month, and who will serve his one-year term beginning September 2022.

Since 1945, the only four women elected as presidents were: Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit of India (1953), Angie Brooks of Liberia (1969), Sheikhha Haya Rashed Al-Khalifa of Bahrain (2006) and Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garcés of Ecuador (2018).

The General Assembly last month adopted a resolution—by consensus—to commemorate every June 24 as "International Day of Women in Diplomacy" (IDWD).

But how significant is this resolution? And will it help usher in the UN's first woman SG or trigger more women PGAs? Or is this resolution another exercise in political futility?

Introducing the resolution, the Maldives Ambassador Thilmeeza Hussain stressed that "women's participation in decision making is absolutely vital".

She also added that yet, far too often, as women climb the diplomatic ranks, they are outnumbered by their male peers, including at United Nations Headquarters, where they represent only one fifth of the Permanent Representatives.

Currently, there are only 44 women Permanent Representatives compared to 149 men holding that post.

All permanent representatives are nominated by their respective governments—and each member state takes it turn, in geographical rotation, to field a candidate, mostly permanent representatives and occasionally foreign ministers.

A former UN diplomat



When the UN votes by secret ballot... Credit: United Nations

told IPS that PGAs are some of the strongest advocates of gender empowerment—while in office.

But none of them, he pointed out, were politically generous enough to decline their nominations and convince their respective governments to nominate a woman for the post.

Meanwhile, in a letter to President of the International Association of Permanent Representatives (IAPR), Ambassador Chowdhury said: "I recall proudly that in September 2012, I and the IMPACT Leadership 21, issued a joint "Call to Action" to world leaders gathering at the

UN asking for urgent action in four areas:

1. Appointment of a Woman as the Next UN Secretary-General. In its 77 years of existence, the world body has failed miserably to elect a woman to that post. It is truly an embarrassment.
2. Nominations of Women as Future Presidents of the General Assembly. Out of its 193 Member States, only four women were elected as the Assembly President.
3. Election of More Women as

Heads of Various UN Governing Bodies, and,

4. Appointment by Member States of More Women as Ambassadors to the UN in New York and Geneva.

On the first International Day of Women in Diplomacy, he said last month, "let us commit to achieving these objectives to make the observance of the IDWD truly meaningful and worthwhile."

"Reflecting the unfortunate reality, not much attention has been given to those so far," said Ambassador Chowdhury, a former

Senior Special Adviser to the President of the UN General Assembly (2011-2012).

Purnima Mane, a former UN Assistant Secretary-General (ASG) and Deputy Executive Director of the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), told IPS a UN General Assembly (UNGA) resolution which acknowledges the contribution of women globally in any sector is always a major milestone and to be applauded especially when it is unanimously passed by consensus by the UNGA.

That the Maldives which proposed the resolution had 191 co-sponsors is laudable and is apparently a record for the current session of the UNGA, she pointed out.

"While this acknowledgement of women in diplomacy is more than welcome, many will wonder at the timing of this acknowledgement especially because the UN is grappling with a multiplicity of crises on the global scene."

Clearly the world will have to unpack what exactly this celebration of women in diplomacy means and what the aspirational goals are in the current scenario of the many challenges the UN is facing and in the context of UN reform, said Mane, an internationally respected expert on sexual and reproductive health who also served as the President and CEO of Pathfinder International.

She said the language used to explain this celebration states that it is to

celebrate women at all levels of decision making who work for the achievement of sustainable development, peace, and democracy.

"Women are currently under-represented at most levels among national delegations and in the UN diplomatic corps but especially so in the senior levels," she said.

While the representation of women ambassadors is said to have gone up from 16 to 22 percent since 2018, the numbers are appallingly low to begin with and women continue to be grossly under-represented in diplomatic positions in most countries.

Canada and Sweden, she pointed out, have achieved equality of representation in the diplomatic corps and as per available records, UK, Norway and South Africa are not far behind but there is extensive catching up to do for most countries.

To that extent, this commemoration might wake up countries to take the matter of representation of women in diplomatic roles more seriously and also focus on providing them an enabling environment in which to work, a matter in which significant lacunae are known to exist, she declared.

Ambassador Chowdhury said the burst of applause that followed the adoption of the resolution proclaiming the annual observance of this very meaningful day in the UN's calendar was very energizing in view of the priority accorded to the global objective of ensuring "active participation of women, on equal terms with men, at all levels of decision-making..."

Given its energy and relevance as well as the high-level support of the UN's top echelons, he said, it was very disappointing to accept in any case, the inclusion of a sentence in the same resolution stressing that the cost of all activities by the UN that may arise from the observance of the Day "should be met from voluntary contributions".

For the paltry sum of resources needed for the observance, the relevant department of the UN is always in a position to accommodate the expenses from its existing budgets.

"Also, I believe that the regular budget of the Department of Global Communication should always include the observance of the international days as proclaimed by the General Assembly," said Ambassa-

dor Chowdhury, a former UN High Representative.

Referring to the new GA resolution declaring IDWD, Mane said "this brings us back to the question why women in diplomacy was seen as a relevant priority at this point of time in the UN's history".

Is the major motivator of this resolution the push to alter the reality that one of the highest positions in the UN, that of the Secretary General, has never been occupied by a woman and that only 4 women have held the position of the President of the General Assembly as compared to 73 men?, Mane asked.

"Or does it come from a desire to acknowledge the vast and significant contributions of women in all diplomatic processes and an aspiration to push all parts of the UN and governments to do more?"

Hopefully the inspiration comes from both these motivators and will lead to visible change and greater accountability within governments and the UN to pay even more serious attention to the representation and role of women in diplomacy, she declared.

Meanwhile, at a news briefing in March last year, US ambassador to the UN Linda Thomas-Greenfield was asked by a reporter about American support for a future woman candidate for Secretary-General.

"You represent an administration which is pledging a need for diversity and change and gender rights and a whole panoply of different things. You have arrived in time for the selection of a Secretary-General, whether it will be a renewal or a new candidate."

"Speaking in your national capacity and speaking as a woman, don't you think after 76 years it's time for more than half the population in the world to be represented at the United Nations by a woman as Secretary-General?," the reporter asked.

Ambassador Thomas-Greenfield: That's a loaded question, and I will take it as a loaded question (Laughter). We will support the most qualified candidate for the job, but we absolutely believe in and support diversity."

"We want to support gender balance, and we will look at the candidates who are presented to us and review them accordingly," she declared.



Foreign Minister Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garcés of Ecuador, who was elected President of the 73rd Session of the General Assembly in 2018—only the fourth time a woman candidate was elected. Credit: UN Photo/Loey Felipe

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# Africa's IGAD bloc seeks support to feed millions amid severe drought

By Mohammed Yusuf

**M**EMBERS of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development, a regional bloc that includes Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda, met Tuesday in Nairobi to discuss humanitarian, political, and security issues in the region.

The humanitarian situation that has made more than 23 million people in Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia food insecure took center stage at IGAD's 39th head of state and government meeting. Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta said the countries in the region need to combat the drought situation.

"The drought, the worst in 40 years, has intensified food insecurity, dried up water resources and forced displacement of people, raising tensions that could trigger new conflicts," said Kenyatta. "We urgently



Amina Shuto, 21, holds her two-month old malnourished child at a makeshift camp for the displaced on the outskirts of Mogadishu, Somalia, on June 30, 2022. Since January, at least 200,000 children have died due to malnutrition in Somalia.

need to manage the drought before it becomes a threat multiplier."

Some parts of the region have had four consecutive seasons without rain, forcing millions to move in search

of food, water and pasture. Sudan's leader, Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, said the drought greatly affects the region and people's lives.

"If we do not handle the drought situation, it's going

to be the worst we have seen in 40 years," said the leader. "Drought is killing our people and livestock. The drought has also become a reason for our under development."

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Experts predict the region may fail to get any rain between October and December. Amina Abdulla is the regional director for the Horn of Africa at Concern Worldwide, an Irish humanitarian agency. She recently warned that without urgent humanitarian assistance to millions, the region risks losing 350,000 children to hunger. In Somalia, eight areas are at risk of famine

and at least 200,000 children have died due to malnutrition since January.

Climate change and conflict are also blamed on the region's food insecurity. Bankole Adeoye, the African Union's commissioner for political affairs, peace and security, assured the IGAD members of the bloc's support to mitigate the effects of the drought.

"The humanitarian situation, which has been further complicated by the COVID-19 pandemic and by the drought being experienced in many parts of the region, is concerning and the African Union herewith pledges African solidarity and collective responsibility," said Adeoye. "It's for us all to continue to fight the glaring effect of climate change in the world today. The African Union is ready to mobilize African and international partners to fight this scourge and to promote sustainable growth and development."

Humanitarian agencies estimate 5 million children in the Horn of Africa region are malnourished, with 30 percent experiencing severe malnutrition. The European Union ambassador to Kenya, Henriette Geiger, told IGAD leaders that efforts are being made to get much-needed food from Ukraine.

"The security situation in the region is aggravated by unprecedented drought in the Horn and by Russian aggression, which caused the global food crisis," said Geiger. "In Europe, we are working with the U.N. to transport grain out of Ukraine and the European Union, and its member states pledged over 630 million euros [\$648 million] recently to strengthen food systems and resilience here in the Horn of Africa."

The United Nations says it needs at least \$4.4 billion to provide assistance until next month. But the donor support has fallen short of the targets.

## Human-wildlife conflict drive African wild dogs to extinction

By Obert Siamilandu

The African wild dog has become one of the most critically endangered species in Africa.

At one time, nearly 500 000 wild dogs roamed the continent, but now only an estimated 7 000 of them remain.

With massively reduced numbers from the encroachment of farming activities, there is lack of genetic variation and a new strand of canine distemper threatens the species further.

The African Wildlife Foundation says habitat fragmentation and human-wildlife conflicts have nearly driven African wild dogs to extinction.

"We need your pledge to raise awareness about the threats to these colourful carnivores now," the foundation said in a statement.

"There are only about 6 600 remaining in the wild, but AWF is working to increase their numbers by expanding undisturbed wilderness areas where dogs can roam, collaborating with farmers to protect livestock, and more.

"African wild dogs are efficient hunters, with a hunt success rate of almost 80%. This makes them the third most productive hunter in the wild."

The African wild dogs are said to be one of the top three most efficient hunting animals in Africa and are found in most parts of the continent aside from the drier deserts in the north, and the denser forests of the southern tip.

As some of the most social and vocal animals roaming the earth today, the African wild dog was an essential species to maintaining biodiversity in the African plains.

The African wild dog has been listed as an endangered species since 1990, and the species may soon be listed as critically endangered.

Their shrinking range is now located in the southern half of the continent.

In Zimbabwe, poachers are endangering the wild dogs in the Hwange National Park.

With limited employment opportunities and sporadic rainfall that negatively impacts farming yields, bush meat hunting has gained popularity over the past several years as a means to make a living.

As a result, poachers use wire snares, which kill animals indiscriminately. Wild dogs are particularly vulnerable to injury or death by snares because they cover a lot of ground while hunting and travel more than 12 miles per day on average.

In addition to snares, poachers sometimes poison water sources with cyanide.

They are normally targeting elephants for their ivory but kill a variety of other species in the process, including the African wild dog.

The range of the African wild dog, as described by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, is shrinking daily as humans attain more land and are pushing the animals into smaller, less desirable territories.

Their large round ears aid in body heat release and differentiate them from their wolf ancestors.



## Heat-related child deaths could double if high emissions continue to remain unchecked

By Emily Henderson

THOUSANDS of heat-related child deaths could be prevented if temperature increases are limited to the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C target through to 2050, according to new research published in Environmental Research Letters.

However, heat-related child deaths could double in sub-Saharan Africa by mid-century if high emissions continue.

A study, which was carried out by a team of international scientists led by the University of Leeds in collaboration with researchers at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), estimated the impact of climate change on annual heat-related deaths of children under five years old in sub-Saharan Africa, from 1995-2050.

The findings show that since roughly 2009, heat-related child mortality has been at least double what it would have been without climate change.

The heat mortality increase from climate change caused by human activities and population growth outweighed reductions in heat-related death due to improvements associated with development, such as

improved healthcare and sanitation measures.

The researchers stress the need for urgent climate change mitigation and adaptation measures that are focused on the health of children.

The team examined the impact of three carbon emission scenarios - low, medium, and high - on raising global temperatures and the subsequent effect on future heat-related child mortality.

Under a high emission scenario, where society makes no concerted efforts to cut carbon emissions, heat-related child mortality is projected to double by 2049 compared to 2005-2014, and could reach upper estimates of 38,000 child deaths per year in 2049.

However, under a low emission scenario, approximately 4,000-6,000 heat-related child deaths per year could be avoided in Africa. This would require rapid cuts to carbon emissions across sectors and would be in line with the Paris target of limiting global warming to 1.5°C.

A medium emission scenario - the middle-of-the-road scenario between the needed urgent emission cuts and no cuts at all - would still see 2,000-3,000 deaths prevented per year.

Study co-author Dr Cathryn Birch from the University of Leeds said: "Temperatures are already increasing in Africa. Since 1980, temperatures have risen between 0.2 and 0.4°C per decade and as temperatures continue to increase due to climate change, so will heat-related deaths.

"Young children are especially vulnerable to the effects of heat exposure. They have limited ability to thermo regulate and high temperatures can increase disease transmission and outbreaks. This research details the very real consequences of allowing carbon emissions to continue unchecked. Our results underscore the need for more ambitious mitigation measures to protect vulnerable populations and the need for proactive and effective adaptation."

Previous research has already shown that climate change negatively affects human health through exposure to extreme weather and climate events, including the direct effect of high temperatures on heat stress, and the indirect effect of temperature on infectious disease and food safety and security.

Children in low-income settings with high temperatures are

particularly vulnerable to heat due to pre-existing issues of infection and under nutrition, poor healthcare systems, and dwellings that do not provide sufficient protection from the heat.

However, due to the limited availability of health and environmental data, there has been little research in low and middle-income countries, particularly in relation to the effects on children.

Therefore, the team first estimated heat-related child mortality due to anthropogenic climate change in Africa between 1995 and 2020. They used observed population growth and the overall reduction in child mortality rate due to factors such as improvements in health services and disease control to estimate the fraction of mortality caused by heat extremes.

A comparative risk assessment was then conducted to project the numbers of heat-related child deaths that may occur in future decades up to 2050 under low, medium, and high emissions scenarios.

As there is very limited epidemiologic information available on the relationship between temperature and mortality in children in African countries, the

team used previous studies in two countries, Ghana and Kenya, to represent high and low bounds of heat-related mortality burdens for the continent. This work, therefore, provides indicative estimates of impacts.

While the team acknowledges the limitations from basing estimates for Africa on studies in only two locations, they believe providing an indicative first estimate showing the scale of the issue is an important step in drawing attention to the problem of heat-related mortality in children under climate change, and the need for further research in this area.

Dr Sarah Chapman, lead author from the University of Leeds, said: "Studies in other regions with tropical and sub-tropical climates have also shown the serious impact of high temperatures on child mortality; therefore climate change is likely to have impacted heat-related child mortality burdens in other parts of the world, particularly south Asia and South America.

"Our results highlight the urgent need for health policy to focus on heat-related child mortality. This is a serious present-day issue, which will only become more pressing as the climate warms."



# Rights groups question 'pregnancy register' for Polish women

BRATISLAVA

Women's rights groups fear a new legal provision in Poland requiring doctors to collect records on all pregnancies could create what they have described as a 'pregnancy register' to monitor whether women are having abortions.

Poland has some of Europe's strictest abortion laws with terminations allowed in only two instances - if the woman's health or life is at risk and if the pregnancy is the result of either rape or incest.

Until last year, abortions had also been allowed in cases where the foetus had congenital defects, but this exemption was removed following a legal challenge by members of the ruling right-wing Law and Justice (PiS) party, which some critics accuse of systematically suppressing women's rights.

Rights groups and opposition MPs say that in light of the tightened abortion legislation, they are worried that the pregnancy data could be used in an unprecedented state surveillance campaign



Women's rights groups have questioned the legal provision requiring doctors to collect records on all pregnancies, saying it could be used to monitor abortions.

against women.

"A pregnancy register in a country with an almost complete ban on abortion is terrifying," Agnieszka Dziemianowicz-Bak, an MP for The Left (Lewica) political alliance in Poland, said on Twitter. "Even today, Polish women avoid getting pregnant out of fear that they will be forced to give birth in every situation. There are even more reasons to be scared now," she added.

The new provision was approved by Health Minister Adam Niedzielski on June 3 and will come into effect in October when medical staff will begin collecting additional information from patients, including data on pregnancies. This will then be entered into the country's central Medical Information System (SIM).

Critics question why this data is being collected now, and who will have access to it, pointing out that information about pregnancies is already available in medical records, while some Polish lawyers have claimed that

police and prosecutors will be allowed access to the data under certain circumstances.

Mara Clarke of the international group Abortion Without Borders said that while the collection of the information may not appear harmful in itself, against the background of the recent tightening of already very strict abortion laws, the move will only increase fears among women in Poland over their reproductive rights.

She told IPS: "There is a difference between information being gathered in a free, democratic country, and being gathered in a state with a regime suppressing women's rights. Any talk of a pregnancy register cannot be construed as anything other than an attempt to again attack women's rights. It will only promote more fear among women."

Some doctors agree, saying patients have already expressed fears about what the data collection could mean. Michal Gontkiewicz, a

gynaecologist at a district hospital in Plonsk, central Poland, told local TV station TVN 24: "As a tool in itself this is not dangerous, but patients may fear it will be used as a tool of the regime. Women are afraid that if they experience a spontaneous miscarriage, which is already a huge trauma for them, someone will accuse them of terminating the pregnancy, multiplying their trauma."

The Health Ministry has rejected claims that it is trying to create a 'pregnancy register' and said the provision is being implemented as part of requirements to meet EU health regulations on patient data.

A spokesman for the ministry told IPS: "We are not creating any register, only expanding the reporting system based on recommendations of the European Commission. Only medics will have access to the data."

"Information about pregnancy is important for medics, because, for example, pregnant women should not undergo a number of medical procedures, and certain medicinal products cannot be prescribed to them."

Some local doctors have also sought to play down the significance of the data collection, pointing out that bodies such as state social insurance institutions can already check up on pregnancies and that law enforcement agencies can already access medical data in certain instances if approved by a court.

But with questions over the country's judiciary - Poland has already been censured by the European Commission over a lack of judicial independence - critics of the provision worry the existence of the register will only make an already bad situation worse.

The Polish rights group, Women's Strike, claims police are already involved in questioning women whose pregnancies have ended, often after being contacted by angry partners.

"Given the current state of the judicial system in Poland and the threat of investigation in cases of undelivered pregnancies, this raises a lot of concerns," Wiktorija Magnuszewska, an activist with

Lex Q, a Polish LGBT+ advocacy organisation, told IPS.

Before the provision comes into effect, activists are trying to reassure Polish women that the provision does not represent a change to legislation on terminations.

Under Poland's abortion laws, it is not illegal to have an abortion, but it is illegal to help someone do so. Many women in Poland who want an abortion self-administer pills bought online from abroad, or travel to neighbouring countries with less restrictive legislation, such as Germany and the Czech Republic, for terminations.

"Our Polish helpline has already had a few calls from women concerned about what the situation would be if they wanted an abortion. The good news is that there is no danger that women will no longer be able to self-administer abortions," said Clarke.

However, the fear of how the 'pregnancy register' could be used already appears to be driving Polish women away from the country's doctors.

Eva Ptaskova of the Ciozia Czesia volunteer organisation in the Czech Republic which helps Polish women access reproductive services, including abortions in local facilities, says her group has already been contacted by clients looking not for terminations, but gynaecologists who will treat their details recorded in Poland.

She told IPS: "The situation in Poland is beginning to look more and more like something from 'The Handmaid's Tale. What we are seeing is women with concerns that this [pregnancy register] could open the door to investigations of pregnancies that are 'no longer'.

"This could deter women from seeking medical care, for instance, post-abortion care, which could then be very dangerous to their health. I worry it will get to the point where women will be scared to go to a gynaecologist at all because the information will be recorded that could one day be used against them."

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Word fit puzzle grid with letters J, O, B, L, E, S, S.

- 3 letters: ESA, ORE, MHR, BOY, NOT, OLE, NOT, HER, SCI, DAK
4 letters: RARE, BEDS, AWAY, SORE, RETE, CAFE, CERE, YETI
5 letters: JAMBO, ORIEL, ADEPT, ARIES, OLEUM, TREAT, ARRIS
6 letters: PAYER, SHELF, WAITER, TONAL, SHELF, AKEES
7 letters: SMUDGE, MODERN, RRHOEA, DEPART, VALLEY, TRACER, IRENIC
8 letters: JOBLESS, BINDERY, LEISURE, PRIVACY, IDEOLOGY, TAPER OFF
9 letters: MINIATURE,

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

CLUES: Across
1. third-longest river in Africa
5. high social standing
7. the longest river in Cote d'Ivoire
9. a major tributary of the Chari R.
11. skool
13. largest country in Africa
15. river in Papua New Guinea
16. also known as Mavoko in Kenya
20. rest on the chair
21. river in southern Madagascar
22. the official dress of a judge
24. river called Zannaga by German
25. ancient Yoruba city
27. meat prepared according to Sharia
29. a flat dish
31. perennial river in southwestern Nigeria
32. long river in Algeria

Down:
1. the longest river in Africa
2. river Legbala 'white water'
3. telephoned
4. river killed people in Madagascar
5. title for Prince in Ethiopia
6. forms international border between Guinea and Sierra Leone
8. necessity
10. river in west Africa 700 miles long
12. bordered by the tallest sand dunes in the World
14. 'River of the boras people' in Ethiopia
17. river vuri in Cameroon
18. the longest river in Liberia
19. a cruel and oppressive ruler
23. river rises on the west side of mount Kenya
26. animals with gills and fins
28. river named after Athi town
30. First woman

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# CRDB Bank to champion social development in The DRC with \$30 million subsidiary

By Guardian Reporter

**C**RDB Bank Plc has finalized plans to launch operations in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), with a \$30 million subsidiary.

The investment is part of CRDB Bank Group's regional expansion strategy, targeting the larger Eastern Africa market. The DRC subsidiary, which will be based in the commercial hub of Lubumbashi, is expected to commence operations within the second half of this year, following the approval by the Central Bank of Tanzania in May 2021.

"We see the DRC as an exciting market for us since it provides a unique opportunity for our Group to transform lives beyond our borders," said Abdulmajid Nsekela, CRDB Bank

Group CEO & Managing Director.

CRDB Bank has secured two equity partners, the Norwegian Investment Fund for Developing Countries (Norfund), and the Danish Investment Fund for Developing Countries (IFU). CRDB Bank will hold a majority stake of 55%, while Norfund and IFU will each hold 22.5% equity.

"Our equity partners provide us with a unique edge because of their strong focus on sustainability and social development," Nsekela said.

IFU invests in financially viable companies, contributing to the green transition as well as building just and inclusive societies. On the other hand, Norfund prioritizes investments in four investment areas aligned with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. The

areas include clean energy, financial institutions, green infrastructure, and scalable enterprises.

"We are impressed with how CRDB Bank is committed to sustainability, and we see partnering with the bank in entering DRC as a great opportunity to promote financial inclusion and contribute to job creation in a country where the majority of the population is unbanked", said Mr. Espen Froyen, Vice President of Norfund.

On his part, IFU Vice President Morten Elkjaer noted that CRDB Bank's continued investment in sustainability programs such as climate adaptation agriculture and clean energy have made it a strategic ally and a thought leader.

"We are particular about investments that

support the green transition and contribute to poverty alleviation and reduced inequality," Elkjaer explained.

CRDB Bank is the first Tanzanian bank to venture into the DRC, which is considered the country's biggest trading partner. Tanzania trades with DRC in various sectors; including agricultural and industrial produces.

DRC relies on the Port of Dar es Salaam in importing and exporting goods. In 2019, Tanzania and DRC inked a bilateral agreement for the construction of the Standard Gauge Railway connecting the two countries via Burundi.

With a surface area the size of Western Europe, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is the largest country in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA). It has immense natural resources,

including minerals such as cobalt and copper, hydropower potential, significant arable land, good biodiversity, and the world's second-largest rainforest.

Its population of more than 90 million people offers a sizeable market for products and services, making it a viable frontier for investments in the region. The country profile indicates immense opportunities servicing people in different segments and profiles using our integrated business model on inclusive financing to transform lives and support entrepreneurship.

The DRC subsidiary will be the CRDB Bank Group's second subsidiary outside the country after the Burundi subsidiary launched in 2012.

# AWF, USAID in five-year project to conserve wildlife corridor in Arusha

By Guardian Reporter

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

THE African Wildlife Foundation (AWF) has conducted the US Agency for International Development (USAID)-funded Tuhifadhi Maliasili project inception meeting, which will address socio-economic dynamics that hinder habitat connectivity and the long-term persistence of biodiversity in the Kwa Kuchinja Wildlife Corridor.

The five-year project is designed to build the capacity of future conservation leaders to gain new skills and contribute to wildlife conservation, as well as support local communities to benefit from sustainable income generating enterprises.

AWF country coordinator Pastor Magingi said: "This project reinforces and builds on the work that AWF has been implementing in Manyara Ranch where we have a Community Livestock Improvement Scheme aimed at increasing livestock productivity and market value among the local communities in Esilalei, Makuyuni, Naitolia



Stakeholders of the US Agency for International Development (USAID)-funded 'Tuhifadhi Maliasili' project in a group photo shortly after inaugurating the initiative on Tuesday at the African Wildlife Foundation (AWF) premises in Makuyuni Ward in a Monduli District, Arusha Region. The project is aimed at improving lives of people around the Manyara Ranch is being by the US agency at the tune of 229m/-. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

and Mswakini Juu villages in Monduli District."

He said the project will ensure that local communities, especially vulnerable women and youth including commonly

excluded or under-represented groups, will have improved access to knowledge and economic opportunities to derive sustainable benefits from their natural resources.

The project is funded by USAID and implemented by RTI in Tanzania. AWF has been sub-granted by RTI to implement Sustaining habitat connectivity in KWC will run for two years.

It is designed to build the capacity of future conservation leaders to gain new skills and contribute to wildlife conservation, as well as support local communities to benefit from sustainable income generating enterprises. This includes linking graduates to conservation leadership opportunities and supporting community livelihood interventions that are compatible with wildlife conservation.

The project will support functional, stable, viable, and sustainable inclusive markets for local livestock producers, and champion strong private sector involvement to ensure long-term business relations, linkages and investments in milk production as major income generating activity. It is named "Tuhifadhi Maliasili" which loosely translates to "Let's preserve natural resources".

AWF's work in Tanzania includes fighting illegal wildlife trade, working with communities and the government to manage natural resources and protect water catchments, building African conservation leadership, restoring traditional wildlife corridors and improving livelihoods.

## Oil firm director receives young business leader of the Year Award in UK

By Guardian Reporter

LAKE Oil Group Director Ally Edha Awadh has officially received the 2022 Young Business Leader of the Year award during the occasion held in London yesterday.

Awadh won the award in London and become the first to win such a big honour in the African continent. The awards are presented by the African Leadership Journal.

The businessman managed to win award after beating other businessmen who contested in the award. The businessmen were Sangu Delle, who is the Chairman of Golden Palm Investments Corporation in Ghana, Stephen Sembuya who is the CEO of Pink Foods Industries in Uganda and Emmanuel Ademola Ayilara who is a Chief Executive Officer of LandWey Investment Limited in Nigeria.

Awadh was presented his award at the House of Lords in London, England, one of the world's most prestigious venues.

His firm, Lake Oil is heavily involved in the trading of petrol stations in various parts of the country in line with the domestic gas and Awadh is cited as a role model for young people.

His companies has managed to help people by providing employment to young people. The success of his companies is seen as a good example for young people to run businesses productively.

Speaking immediately after receiving the award, Awadh said it was a memory that he will never forget for the rest of his life.

"I was awarded the African Youth Business Leader Award at the House of Lords in London, far from being a comfort to me but I am even happier because it is the first time for Tanzanian to win the award," said Awadh.

"I offer my sincere thanks to my mother and father for their endless prayers and blessings, my family, especially my Wife, for all the times I have been away from focusing on our business," said Awadh.

He also thanked the entire team of employees of Lake Oil companies in various parts of Africa and pray for God to continue giving them the strength to work and achieve their goals.

He said that at the age of 22 years old, he managed to earn his own income for working at a Mac Donald restaurant while he was studying his undergraduate degree in Canada.

After returning home from studies, he started his business of selling second hand used clothes alias Mitumba as well as used cars from Canada.

# Africa No Filter launches Tony Elumelu storytellers fund to empower emerging creative talents

LAGOS, Nigeria

AFRICA No Filter, a donor collaborative working to transform stereotypical narratives of the continent has launched the Tony Elumelu Storytellers Fund.

Named after African business leader and philanthropist Tony O. Elumelu, the fund will award grants to emerging artists and storytellers, whose work shines a light on entrepreneurs and entrepreneurship in Africa.

The \$30,000 fund is sponsored by Heirs Insurance and Heirs Life Assurance, the insurance subsidiaries of the pan-African investment group, Heirs Holdings.

Tony Elumelu, Chairman of Heirs Holdings and Founder of the Tony Elumelu Foundation, has led the championing of entrepreneurship in Africa and has empowered over 15,000

young African entrepreneurs across the continent through a \$100 million commitment made by his foundation.

The Tony Elumelu Storytellers Fund is a standalone initiative and an extension of his commitment to catalysing a redefined African success story, powered by Africa's youth and their creative ideas. The Fund calls on journalists, filmmakers, content producers, and visual and performing artists to submit multimedia creative ideas, that tell the stories of inspiring entrepreneurs and showcase the true and positive spirit of entrepreneurship in Africa. Applicants must be aged between 18 and 35 years, living on the continent or in the Diaspora. They must have a platform or portfolio of work that shines the light on entrepreneurship in Africa.

Speaking on the Fund, Tony Elumelu said: "I have always believed in the potential of young African entrepreneurs to transform Africa. This initiative aligns with our belief and extends the work that we do at the Tony Elumelu Foundation. Empowering young creative entrepreneurs and the creative sector provides a channel for us to project Africa's positives globally. We need their voices to tell our often less-told stories of triumph, resilience, hard work and innovation."

Africa No Filter Executive Director Moky Makura said: "Our partnership is significant because this is the first African funding we have received towards the fight for narrative change. We are also excited to be partnering with one of Africa's leading entrepreneurs to celebrate entrepreneurship on the continent through storytelling. We need more suc-

cess stories, more awareness and more celebrations around entrepreneurial ideas and the dynamic young people driving change here

Ifesinachi Okpagu, Chief Marketing Officer, Heirs Insurance and Heirs Life, said: "We are pleased to support this initiative that directly impacts the lives of young African creatives. As frontrunners of digital innovation in the insurance space, Heirs Insurance and Heirs Life both recognise the important role the creative sector plays in transforming Africa's narrative. We are on the same transformative path, and this initiative clearly demonstrates that the ideas that we need to boost Africa are right here on the continent."

The Fund is open for applications on the Africa No Filter website with a closing date of 29 July 2022.





# Simbachawene to lead the GGM Kili Challenge 2022 synergy campaign

By Guardian Correspondent, Moshi

THE Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office-Policy, Parliament and Coordination George Simbachawene will next week launch the GGM Kili Challenge Campaign aimed at advancing the fight against HIV/AIDS by involving stakeholders in the national response to the pandemic.

Established in 2002, the campaign is coordinated by Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGM) in collaboration with the National AIDS Commission, with the aim of raising funds to assist the government in its efforts to achieve the three zero targets.

The targets mean a complete reduction to zero per cent of new infections, zero stigmas as well as zero AIDS-related deaths.

Kilimanjaro Regional commissioner, Steven Kagaigai, said the synergy was expected to be launched on July 14, 2022, at the Weruweru River Lodge in Hai district in the region.

He said the donation was mainly aimed at communities at high risk of HIV infection and reducing the impact of AIDS.

He said the campaign is held annually and officially started in 2002. This is in the continuation of fundraising for the HIV and AIDS response in the country in parallel with providing tourism opportunities on Mount Kilimanjaro.

The day's main activity is



TACAIDS director Dr Leonard Maboko(R) and Regional Commissioner, Steven Kagaigai talk to reporters about the launch of the GGM Kili Challenge synergy campaign which is expected to take place on Thursday next week in Kilimanjaro Region. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

to raise funds from stakeholders who will be attending the event. The event will be followed by an event to accompany mountaineers and cyclists (Flag Off) the next day on 15 July 2022, at Machame Gate.

"On July 21, 2022, there will be a reception for mountaineers and cyclists around Mount Kilimanjaro at Mweka Gate, Moshi District Council where the Official guest is expected to be Minister George Simbachawene.

He said in mountain climbing, various services will be provided including HIV education and testing, Covid-19 vaccine as well as

blood donation.

GGML's Senior Manager for Partnerships, Menace Ndoroma said during the mountain climbing, Machame Road will be used, which has been specifically designed to show how challenging the fight against HIV and AIDS is.

"Through this event, we will increase the tourism potential of Mount Kilimanjaro for local, African and global tourists," he said.

He said this year they have continued the fight against HIV and AIDS, therefore GGM in partnership with TACAIDS hopes to launch a mountain climbing campaign from July 15 to July 21 this

year.

In addition, he thanked the government for its support and cooperation with TACAIDS in the Kili Challenge campaign since its inception in 2002.

The GGM Kili Challenge has made great strides since its inception in 2002 to become an international fund, comprising more than 700 mountaineers and cyclists from 6 continents and more than 20 countries.

While TACAIDS Director-General, Dr Leonard Maboko said despite the progress made, AIDS is still a problem in the country.

By 2020 the number of Tanza-

nians living with HIV in the country has reached 1,700,000 while new infections per year is 68,000.

Through the GGM Kilimanjaro challenge campaign, various institutions have benefited from funding to implement HIV and AIDS response activities in the country. For example, in 2020 the Kilimanjaro Challenge Fund provided 800m/- in cash to 20 non-governmental organizations.

The organizations have implemented various projects targeted at young people, people living with HIV, orphans and the vulnerable. More than 1,000 people have benefited from the funding.

## Vehicle assembling firm equips small scale mining, construction companies

By Francis Kajubi

VEHICLE assembling company-GF Trucks and Equipment Limited has started empowering small scale mining and construction companies by offering equipment loans that can help them become competitive against established companies in winning tenders.

Speaking at the 46 International Trade Fair in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Paul Msuku, GF Sales Executive said that the company has been offering equipment loans to growing companies in the construction and mining sector for almost six months now.

"Most of the machinery and equipment that are offered in this way are wheel loaders, crawler excavators, motor grader and vibration rollers. Most of these machines have a minimum price of 370mn/- . The growing company is just required to pay half of the money to secure the machine and pay the rest in agreed installments," said Msuku.

According to him, the initiative has been helpful to small companies that lack enough capital in securing enough equipment to bid for major construction tenders.

"The purpose of this scheme is assisting local growing companies to fully compete. The same modality of payment is also applied to tipper trucks, tractor heads and cargo trucks that goes at a minimum of 176mn/- . These prices are VAT inclusive," he asserted.

He further revealed that the company has partnered with EFTA Limited, an equipment leasing company, in offering the same kind of loans to small mining and manufacturing companies.

On his part, Eng. Godfrey Kasekenya, Deputy Minister of Works and Transport commended GF Trucks for its dedicated investment in the construction sector.

"In my findings FAW trucks are becoming a preferred choice for most growing construction and mining companies. You may see that of the five heavy machines put on market three are of the FAW brand," said Kasekenya.

He called upon stakeholders in the construction sector to buy new vehicles that can enable them to become competitive on the local market and secure reasonable construction tenders.

"The days of used vehicles and machines are over. I would like to encourage growing companies in the construction sector to heavily invest in new equipment that can easily facilitate their operations instead of purchasing used machinery," he added.

This year's trade fair theme is "Tanzania: Your best destination of business and investment".

BANKING & FINANCE

# Government dishes 900m/- for expansion of grazing areas at two NARCO ranches

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE government has set aside 900m/- to support the National Ranching Company (NARCO) purchase key facilities for expansion of grazing areas at its two major ranches of Kongwa and Mzere in Dodoma and Tanga respectively.

The facilities to be procured in readiness to implement the helpful project include tractors, combine harvesters and modern balers, among others.

The initiative is projected to increase a total of 500 hectares of fodder areas within the involved two ranches.

NARCO Director General, Prof Peter Msoffe the envisioned project is also meant to enable the company to harvest and market silages to indigenous pastoralists, individual livestock keepers and relevant institutions in neighbouring countries.

"The project, apart from enabling NARCO to generate profits, will also play a meaningful role in assisting improvement of livestock feeding sub-sector within the country," he stated.

The Don appreciated the series of efforts

being injected towards the company by the government with an eye to improve the country's livestock sub-sector which plays a significant contribution to the country's economic growth.

He added the project will be implemented in tandem with another project for the establishing of major ranches within all regions countrywide.

"The project aimed at improving general performance of the livestock sub-sector within the country," he said, adding that the state-owned company has at least 14 major ranches in different regions within the country with a total 600,000 hectares.

The government has also set aside 700m/- for supporting NARCO to install major water wells in the same two ranches.

NARCO is a parastatal organization under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries responsible for large scale commercial ranching in the country.

The company is currently undergoing rapid transformation intended to create an efficient and vibrant commercial entity that will contribute very positively to the commercial development of the country's livestock industry.



# PURA to increase investment in research and marketing to lure more potential investors

By Guardian Reporter

THE Petroleum Upstream Regulatory Authority (PURA) is working to increase investment in research and marketing so as to lure more potential investors to invest in the country's oil and gas sector.

The authority has also prepared a special database which is aimed to help experts in the sector to easily secure employment opportunities.

Head of Local Content and Stake-

holders Unit at PURA Charles Nyangi made the remarks early this week when addressing reporters at the ongoing 46th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair.

He said that the government has a petroleum activity map where areas are divided into blocks/areas with high probability of having hydrocarbon potential.

"We are working to strengthen efforts and systems, improve bidding so as to attract more multinational com-

panies with interest in the upstream oil and gas sector, we still have a good number of sedimentary basins that are yet to be fully explored," he said.

He said one of the major responsibilities of the unit is to ensure that Tanzanians are aware of available opportunities in the upstream operations and that the national and international oil companies comply with the local content regulations in the country.

Nyangi said in a bid to ensure that locals benefit well in the upstream oil

and gas projects, PURA has been supervising to ensure that the investors also engage local experts in the projects.

He also said that 60 percent of service providers, including suppliers of natural gas products and raw materials, are Tanzanians and that only 40 percent of the opportunities available in the industry are conducted by foreign companies.

"This is due to the fact that employ-

ing locals and buying local goods and services create employment, technology transfer, skills/knowledge acquisition and value addition in the country. It also brings collaboration among investors and local communities; in particular, it makes the locals feel the ownership of their natural resources through their participation in providing goods and services, which they sell as well as labour they offer," he said.

Nyangi said due the authority in collaboration with the Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) has

already prepared a database that will begin to work on July 15, this year.

He said that the database includes suppliers and service providers' experts in the petroleum upstream sector to enable domestic and foreign investors to access qualified experts for business partnerships.

Over 50 percent of the country's total area (534,000km<sup>2</sup>) has been blessed with potential sedimentary basins which, if well explored could transform the



# SBL in new drive to prove women's capabilities in manufacturing sector

SERENGETI Breweries Limited (SBL) has expressed its determination to actively involve women working in the manufacturing sector through its workforce mix. In Tanzania, the company's staff gender mix currently comprises of 26 percent women, up from 17 percent previously, with 42 percent being at its mid to top management level. The overall women employment rate is expected to grow to 30 percent by 2023, and to 50 percent by 2030. An intriguing aspect at SBL is its spirits production facility, which is a women-only run production department end-to-end. As the brewer prepares to announce its annual results soon, we caught up with the company's director of operations, Anthony Njenga, who is not only passionate about the Inclusion and Diversity initiative, but has also personally driven the initiative to the birthing of the women-only run spirits production facility. Here are the excerpts:

**QUESTION: Please tell us how this department drives production of your company's beverage brands?**

**ANSWER:** At SBL, the operations department is the lifeblood of the company. The department comprises of about 66% of the staff at the company and is focused on producing some of the country's finest alcoholic beverages such as Serengeti Lager and Serengeti Lite beers, as well as some of the smoothest spirits, with our focus being on Bongo Don, Smirnoff Xtra Smooth and Smirnoff Orange Zing. These brands are all produced here in Tanzania, for Tanzanians, and for the international community visiting Tanzania, at world class standards.

The operations process involves procuring best quality raw materials from our farmers who are trained on how to produce the best-in-class grains used for beer production, to packaging the finished products which are delivered to our various distributors in the various sales regions and thereafter handed over to the sales department for distribution across the country.

Whilst I've summarized the process in two aspects - procurement and packaging the finished products, what happens between the two processes is very vital. It is in this process that the transformation of the raw materials to the finished products happens. At our Group, East African Breweries Limited, we refer to this end-to-end process as the 'Grain to Glass' process.

You can, therefore, see that the operations department is the one that runs the whole process of producing our quality alcoholic drinks here in Tanzania through the 'Grain to Glass' process, thus referring to this department as the lifeblood of the organization.

**Q: Tell us more about the spirits production facility and what this unit does?**

**A:** Serengeti Breweries Limited's spirits production facility was commissioned in July 2021, and it produces some of the country's finest and smoothest spirits, mainly Bongo Don which is our own local brand as well as two Smirnoff brands - Smirnoff Xtra Smooth and Smirnoff Orange Zing.

What is unique about this facility is that the whole 'Grain to Glass' production process is done by women. From the sorting of the raw materials to the cleaning and mixing of the various unique ingredients, to testing and packaging, including the security aspects from a guards' perspective, the whole Unit is manned by women.

It is, therefore, interesting and key



to note that our spirits are carefully produced end-to-end by a team of capable Tanzanian women. This is a first production facility of this kind, women-run, within the East African Breweries Limited Group, and I believe that it is also a first within the beverages manufacturing sector in Tanzania.

**Q: You championed the women-run spirits production facility initiative at your company's plant in Moshi, ensuring that it's exclusively manned by women. What drove you to do that?**

**A:** Let me highlight that gender equality in the labor market is not just a fairness issue - It is good economics, and it is the right thing to do. As the execution of the Sustainable Development Goals unfolds globally, countries that improve gender equality in labor markets through to 2030 could see large gains in economic growth - what with women constituting half of the productive population in Africa.

At our Group, East African Breweries Limited, we reaffirmed our support for the UN Global Compact in 2020 and have actively adopted and are tracking twelve out of the seventeen Sustainable Development Goals.

The twelve Sustainable Development Goals that we are tracking are engrained onto our sustainability strategy called 'Society 2030' which encompasses three pillars and focuses on creating shared value in places where we live, work, source and sell.

One of the three pillars is championing inclusion and diversity and we have targets that we are tracking annually to drive the growth of the female population working at our organization at all levels.

Transcending the Group's sustainability strategy, the aspect of inclusion of diversity appeals to me as an individual - I am son, brother and father, and I fully appreciate the contribution that my mother, sister, and other female relatives have made, and continue to make in my life. I have firsthand experience of their strength and capabilities, and it is in this regard that I believed that the spirits production facility would become a successful and exemplary in Tanzania and within the Group, an

aspect that has become real and has even surpassed my expectations.

At the hiring stage I was informed that only four women had gone through the interviews successfully. I advised my colleagues to throw back their hiring nets as I was convinced that we would get all the exceptional women that we needed to run this production unit.

The women-run spirits production facility is, therefore, exclusively manned by women, including the guards - I am, today, excited and confident to say that the women who work at this facility continue to thrive, thereby proving women's capabilities in the manufacturing sector in Tanzania.

We are, therefore, actively championing inclusion and diversity at Serengeti Breweries Limited, and the women-run spirits production facility initiative is our live example.

**Q: What are the unique aspects that you have noted in the daily operations of this women-run spirits production facility since it was opened at your company?**

**A:** Firstly, let me start by commending the team that works at this spirits production facility. Whilst they are all women, they are also very diverse in their experience and capabilities. Their level of coordination and attention to details is very high. They are also open to each other and are not afraid to hold each other accountable for delivery of their targets.

Moreover, these women are very committed to achieving the organizations' goals and as is with a mother's instinct, they go an extra mile to achieve their goals and win together.

I also see in them a different level of care for each other and for the organization. The women who work at this facility are not only colleagues, but they are also a family. They ensure that they are always there for each other, for their own success as well as that of the company's.

We continue to encourage all our staff at our company to emulate the ethos of our colleagues at this unique spirits production facility.

**Q: Are there any differences between the spirits production facility and other departments**

**in your company that are run by men?**

**A:** This is a great question, and I would like to respond by highlighting that men and women, at work, complement each other very well. It is not about competition or domineering but it is about bringing each gender's capabilities and strength into the workplace and combining that to achieve and exceed the organization's targets. This is what our Group's Inclusion and Diversity is about.

Whilst we are driving the recruitment of more women in the organization as well as women in leadership, we are also driving Diversity through having the two genders working together seamlessly by harnessing and leveraging on our differences.

Let me, now, address your question directly; Yes, there are some differences in the way the spirits production facility and other departments are run. Women leaders are mindful and often meditate, this enables them to become more aware of their environment and of those surrounding them. They are keen and are always looking for opportunities for improvement which results into top notch quality outputs. On the other hand, they take responsibility and nurture those around them, which leads to an always-on available pipeline of good teams and talent around them. They also have a strong persuasive and motivating nature which often results into their teams performing better.

In the male led teams we also have strong women who are also in leadership, and we work well together towards achieving and exceeding our company's targets.

**Q: What are the key challenges that the women at spirits production facility face, and how do they overcome them?**

**A:** I don't think I can pinpoint any challenge that is specific to our women workforce at our spirits production facility. The challenges that exist cut across the organization and we tackle them collectively. Some of these include the COVID-19 pandemic which has significantly changed the way we work. Other challenges include our own internal

aspects that, as a Group, we tackle quickly and move on with our business agenda.

**Q: What is the current performance of the spirits production facility compared to other departments?**

**A:** Opened in July 2021, the spirits production facility continues to grow in leaps and bounds from a performance perspective. What is more important at this point in time is that the team has also grown and gained more experience and confidence in the production aspect.

Our volumes will, definitely, continue to grow to meet the rising market demand that we are seeing from our esteemed consumers.

**Q: What are the educational qualifications, and others, required for women to join this department?**

**A:** Employers are increasingly looking at individuals' integrity and creativity when it comes to employability in the current work and jobs market.

Given our sector, and especially our beverages production units, it is vital for women, and men, who want to join our operations to have gone through the STEM subjects, mainly Science, Chemistry and Mathematics. This is, definitely, an added advantage for some specific roles within our operations.

There are, however, other roles within our operations department which do not require qualifications in the STEM subjects.

Our organization is keen to employ the best talent in the country irrespective of gender, cultural background, religion or disabilities. We are committed to developing and investing in our local talent, enabling them to climb up the leadership ladder in Tanzania and within the Group, with possibilities to work in any of our 104 markets, globally, in which we have a presence.

**Q: What is your advice to other women who want to join the spirits production facility or other production departments within your company?**

**A:** I want to summarize my advice using a powerful quote from a renowned marathon runner, Eliud Kipchoge, who said it upon making history as the first human to run under two hours in the world history of marathons - No Human is Limited!

I, therefore, urge women in Tanzania to go for roles that they see advertised by our organization. As noted in my previous response, we remain committed to developing and investing in our local talent - We welcome them to join the Serengeti Breweries Limited Family.

## More hydro needed in Africa, says report

By Guardian Reporter

AN additional 40GW of hydropower is needed in Africa by 2030, a new report from the International Energy Agency (IEA) has suggested, which would require doubling investment, with a significant chunk needed from the private sector.

The Africa Energy Outlook 2022, which includes the Sustainable Africa Scenario (SAS), explores how to transform Africa's energy sector to achieve development goals, and to shift to more affordable and cleaner sources of energy.

To achieve the scenario of 40GW more hydropower, Eddie Rich, Chief Executive of the International Hydropower Association, says that a dramatic increase in hydropower investment and development is needed, with only currently 14GW of an identified pipeline of 110GW of projects currently under construction on the continent.

"The IEA's report shows the vital role that hydropower can and must play in enabling Africa's sustainable development," Rich said. "Its Sustainable Africa Scenario shows that an additional 40GW of new hydropower is needed by 2030, with a huge increase in private investment required. However, the pace of development needs to dramatically increase to achieve this."

"To unlock private investment governments and policy makers need to reward the vital low carbon flexibility provided by hydropower. Projects can and must be developed sustainably, with the Hydropower Sustainability Standard providing a benchmark by which to assess projects."

The report says that hydropower remains a cornerstone in the provision of affordable and dispatchable electricity, with the use of natural gas and coal gradually expected to be replaced by hydropower, wind and solar PV in the years ahead.

Rich said that hydropower's flexibility and energy storage services will become increasingly important as the shares of wind and solar PV in the power system grow: "The increase in variable renewables, such as solar PV and wind, in Africa will lead to an increased need for system flexibility and energy storage. Sustainable hydropower can provide these services and at an affordable cost - it is a huge untapped resource in Africa."

Modernising the ageing African Hydropower fleet could also help to meet the IEA's SAS scenario.

Sixty per cent of the hydropower installed capacity in the region is over 20 years old. To address this, the African Development Bank (AfDB) is undertaking an Africa Hydropower Modernization Program, supported by IHA. This will enable existing plants to increase generation capacity at a low-cost, and with relatively short lead times and minimal environmental impact.



## WORLD

## UK's Boris Johnson on the brink as ministers quit

LONDON

BRITISH Prime Minister Boris Johnson will face questions in parliament followed by a grilling by senior lawmakers yesterday, with his premiership on the brink after a slew of resignations from ministers saying he was not fit to govern.

Johnson's finance and health secretaries quit on Tuesday, along with a number of junior ministers, saying they could no longer stay in government in the wake of the latest of a series of scandals to have blighted his administration in recent months.

A growing number of lawmakers in his ruling Conservative Party have said the game is up for Johnson. But he showed his determination to remain in office by appointing Nadhim Zahawi, previously education minister, as his new finance minister, and filling some of the other vacancies.

The level of hostility he is confronting from within his own party will be laid bare later when he appears before lawmakers for his weekly question session, before later facing the

chairs of parliamentary committees for a scheduled two-hour grilling.

"I suspect we will have to drag him kicking and screaming from Downing Street," one Conservative lawmaker told Reuters, speaking on condition of anonymity. "But if we have to do it that way then we will."

Johnson's leadership has been mired in scandals and missteps over the last few months, with the prime minister fined by police for breaking COVID-19 lockdown laws and a damning report published about the behaviour of officials at his Downing Street office who breached lockdown rules.

There have also been policy U-turns, an ill-fated defence of a lawmaker who broke lobbying rules, and criticisms that he has not done enough to tackle a cost-of-living crisis, with many Britons struggling to cope with rising fuel and food prices.

The latest scandal saw Johnson apologising for appointing a lawmaker to a role involved in offering pastoral care and handling party discipline, even after being briefed that the politician had been the subject of complaints



Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson speaks at a cabinet meeting, in Downing Street, London on Monday. AP

about sexual misconduct.

It prompted Rishi Sunak to quit as Chancellor of the Exchequer - finance minister - and Sajid Javid to resign as Health Secretary, while half a dozen others left their junior ministerial or envoy roles.

**Lost confidence**

"It is clear to me that this situation will not change under your leadership - and you have therefore lost my confidence too," Javid's resignation letter said.

A snap YouGov poll found 69 percent of Britons thought Johnson should step down as prime minister but for the time being the remainder of his top ministerial team offered their backing.

"I fully support the prime minister," Scottish Secretary Alistair Jack said. "I am sorry to see good colleagues resign, but we have a big job of work to do, and that's what we're getting on with."

A month ago Johnson survived a confidence vote of Conservative lawmakers, and party rules

mean he cannot face another such challenge for a year.

However, some lawmakers are seeking to change those rules, while he is also under investigation from a parliamentary committee over whether he lied to parliament about COVID-19 lockdown breaches.

Only two-and-a-half years ago, the ebullient Johnson won a huge parliamentary majority on a promise to sort out Britain's exit from the European Union after years of bitter wrangling.

But since then his initial handling of the pandemic was widely criticised, and the government has lurched from one predicament to another.

Although Johnson has won wider plaudits for his support of Ukraine, it has not materialised into a boost in opinion polls, which show the Conservatives trailing the opposition Labour Party and his own popularity ratings at all time lows.

"After all the sleaze, the scandals and the failure, it's clear that this government is now collapsing," Labour leader Keir Starmer said.

**'Russian, Vietnamese companies continue working together despite sanctions'**

HANOI

VIETNAMESE and joint Russian-Vietnamese companies will continue their activities in Russia and on global markets despite sanctions, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said at a press conference following talks with Vietnamese Foreign Minister Bui Thanh Son.



"Vietnamese business clearly sees the value and interest in strengthening economic and investment ties with Russia. In the energy sector, we have very close and structured cooperation. There are joint companies involved in the production and delivery of hydrocarbons to international markets, and we discussed today the fact that these companies will continue their activities," Lavrov said.

Lavrov (pictured) noted that during the negotiations, initiatives in other economic and trade sectors, such as the automotive industry, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, and many others, were also discussed.

"It shows that, regardless of the pandemic restrictions and illegal sanctions, last year the trade turnover increased by a quarter and this trend continues steadily in the first months of this year. These figures speak for themselves," Lavrov stressed.

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**Ethiopian government to intensify protection of vulnerable civilians after recurrent rebel attacks**

ADDIS ABABA

ETHIOPIA'S Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Demeke Mekonnen yesterday said the Ethiopian government will strengthen the protection of civilians across vulnerable areas after recurrent killings of civilians.

Mekonnen's comments came amid the continued killing of civilians in western Ethiopia Wollega Zone in the Oromia region, in which the Ethiopian government and survivors have accused the Oromo Liberation Army (OLA) fighters of carrying out the attacks.

The Ethiopian Human Rights Commission (EHRC), a rights group established by the Ethiopian parliament, disclosed late Monday that the latest killings started in the early hours of Monday, in which perpetrators are members of the OLA, also known as Shane.

The Ethiopian Deputy PM said in a statement that the terrorist group has continued committing atrocities against "our innocent people" in the Wollega area. He said the latest attack targeted ethnic Amharas as well as ethnic Oromos who were attempting to protect the targeted ethnic Amhara victims.

According to him, the rebel group has identified children, mothers and the elderly as its prime targets and has committed repeated acts of desecration with a clear mission to destabilize the state.

Despite the government's efforts to maintain law and order throughout the country, especially in areas where there is frequent violence, "the terrorist group continues to carry out targeted attacks on innocent civilians in various parts of the country," said the Ethiopian Deputy PM, vowing that the Ethiopian government will intensify its efforts toward the protection of communities across vulnerable areas while also enabling affected communities to protect themselves.

The latest attack is the second recent mass killing of civilians by the rebel OLA, which the Ethiopian parliament designated as a terrorist group in May 2021. A similar armed attack on mainly ethnic Amhara on June 18 in Tole rural locality of Gimbi district, West Wollega zone, had left hundreds dead.

Speaking to journalists last week, Billene Seyoum, a press secretary for the Office of the Prime Minister of Ethiopia Abiy Ahmed, said the death toll from the June 18 attack was at least 338.

Last week, Legesse Tulu, the Ethiopian government spokesperson, said the joint forces of the Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF), Federal Police and Oromia Special Force were undertaking military measures on members of the terrorist group that have committed "the heinous crimes." Tulu said the joint forces are also presently hunting for those who have been hiding in forests after the law enforcement operation began.

**The terrorist group has continued committing atrocities against "our innocent people" in the Wollega area**

## A third of women in developing countries become young mothers - UN

UNITED NATIONS

NEARLY a third of all women in developing countries begin childbearing at age 19 and younger, said UN Population Fund (UNFPA) in a report released yesterday.

"And nearly half of first births to adolescents are to children, or girls aged 17 and younger," according to the UNFPA report.

While total fertility across the globe has fallen, the UNFPA report shows that women who began childbearing in adolescence had almost five births by the time they reached age 40 between 2015 and 2019.

"When nearly a third of all women in developing countries are becoming mothers during adolescence, it is clear the world is failing adolescent girls," said UNFPA Executive Director Natalia Kanem. "The repeat pregnancies we see



Mozambican women and expecting mothers await to receive medical care at the Murrupelane Maternity ward on July 5, 2018 in Nacala, Nampula province, Mozambique. The United Nations Population Fund is supporting Mozambique's effort and commitment to improve the reproductive health and general well being of its citizens. AFP

among adolescent mothers are a glaring signpost that they desperately need sexual and reproductive health information and services." After having their first child, additional childbearing in adolescence

is common for child mothers. Among girls with a first birth at age 14 or younger, nearly three quarters also have a second birth in adolescence, and 40 percent of those with two births progress to a third birth before exiting adolescence.

According to the report, complications from giving birth are a leading cause of death and injury for adolescent girls. But being an adolescent mother can also lead to other grave violations of their human rights and serious social consequences, including child marriage, intimate-partner violence and mental health issues. The youngest child mothers face the highest risks.

Across the globe, there are "encouraging signs" of declining levels of motherhood in childhood and adolescence. But the pace of decline has been alarmingly slow - often by only about three percent-

age points per decade, according to UNFPA.

"Governments need to invest in adolescent girls and help expand their opportunities, resources, and skillsets, thereby helping avoid early and unintended pregnancies," said Kanem. "When girls can meaningfully chart their own life course, motherhood in childhood will grow increasingly rare."

The report lays out recommendations for policymakers, including the need to provide girls with comprehensive sexuality education, mentorship, social support, and quality health services.

It also suggests providing families with economic support and engaging local organizations within a supportive policy and legal framework that recognizes the rights, capacities and needs of adolescents, particularly marginalized adolescent girls.

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## Switzerland warns against handover of frozen Russian assets to Ukraine

GENEVA

SWITZERLAND warns the international community about negative consequences of a possible decision to hand over frozen Russian assets to Ukraine, Swiss President Ignazio Cassis said yesterday.

He told an international conference on Ukrainian recovery held in the Swiss city of Lugano that a decision of this kind would set a dangerous precedent and undermine foundations of the liberal order.

"The right of ownership, the right of property is a fundamen-



Swiss President Ignazio Cassis

tal right, a human right," he said, adding that those rights can be

the novel coronavirus pandemic.

Western nations started imposing unprecedented sanctions on Russia over its special military operation in Ukraine in February 2022, including freezing about \$300 billion of the Russian Central Bank's foreign assets, as well as overseas assets of other Russian banks and companies.

Moreover, the United States decided not to return the seized assets to their legitimate owners in the future, while the House of Representatives of the US Congress approved the decision to sell some of the confiscated property to provide aid to Kiev.

Besides, Washington mulls using the Russian Central Bank's frozen assets to provide financial and military assistance to the Kiev government.

The decision was supported by EU High Commissioner for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell.

According to Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov, the confiscation of Russian assets "twists all legal norms," and amounts to "expropriation of private property." Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov has described the initiative to hand over those assets to Ukraine as "theft." Agencies

## Xi: BRICS should bring positive, stabilising and constructive strength to the world

CHINESE President Xi Jinping chaired the High-level Dialogue on Global Development in Beijing via video link and delivered important remarks on June 24.

At the event, leaders of BRICS countries, as well as relevant emerging markets and developing countries had an in-depth discussion on the future of global development.

Xi (pictured) proposed to foster a development paradigm featuring benefits for all, balance, coordination, inclusiveness, win-win cooperation and common prosperity, and announced important measures taken by China to implement the Global Development Initiative (GDI), charting the course for revitalizing global development and building confidence and strength in achieving common prosperity.

"One deep impression I get is that only through continuous development can the people's dream for a better life and

social stability be realized," Xi noted.

With his personal experiences, Xi explained the importance of development for the human society, which demonstrated his care for the people and commitment to the world as a leader of a major country.

In recent years, the important concepts and plans raised by China have been playing an increasingly important role in leading global development.

When Xi attended the UN Sustainable Development Summit in 2015, he encouraged the world to hold on to development as a master key and work out a course of equitable, open, all-round and innovation-driven development. He also announced that China would establish an assistance fund for South-South cooperation and other important measures

to promote global development.

At last year's UN General Assembly session, he put forth the GDI as the world was facing widening North-South gap, insufficient drivers in international development cooperation, and increasing marginalization of development issues on the international agenda, so as to encourage the international society to re-focus on development issues. The GDI has become an important public good for tackling development challenges.

The dialogue marked the launch and implementation of the GDI. Xi proposed at the event that the world needs to jointly build international consensus on promoting development, jointly create an enabling international environment for development, jointly foster new drivers for global development and jointly

forge a global development partnership.

These proposals target at the outstanding challenges facing global development and provide a direction for future international development cooperation.

Leaders attending the event gave high evaluation on Xi's remarks and believe China's proposals are in line with the concerns and demands of developing countries. They said these proposals are conducive to building international consensus, mobilizing development resources and accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



The world is currently at a critical juncture in the shaping of the future course of humanity, and global development is facing a number of new risks and challenges.

Some countries, politicizing and marginalizing development issues, resort to the approach of building "exclusive yards with high walls" and extreme sanctions, creating division and confrontation.

What they are doing is placing impacts on the global economic system, which will hurt not only themselves, but also the rest of the world if they are loosed to keep doing so, destroying decades of efforts made in international economic cooperation and costing a huge price for the people around the world.

The serious and complicated situation calls for emerging markets and develop-

ing countries to further enhance solidarity and coordination to work as one. We should put development front and center on the international agenda, build an open world economy, and make global governance fairer and more just. No country or individual shall be left behind.

China is always a contributor to global development that promotes global development cooperation with concrete actions. At the dialogue, Xi announced important measures taken by China to implement the GDI, including upgrading the South-South Cooperation Assistance Fund to a Global Development and South-South Cooperation Fund, increasing input to the UN Peace and Development Trust Fund, setting up a global development promotion center and a global knowledge network for development, and issuing a Global Development Report.

People's Daily



# Iran denounces US as 'biggest violator of human rights'

TEHRAN

MARKING the American Human Rights Review and Exposure Week on June 27-July 3, Iran highlighted the human rights abuses of the United States as the "biggest violator of human rights."

"Iran is one of the countries which has been severely affected by the US instrumental use of the human rights. Nowadays, the US imposition of unilateral coercive sanctions has turned into a tool to violate the human rights of the Iranian people," the Iranian Foreign Ministry said in its annual report on US human rights.

## Economic terrorism

The US "cruel sanctions and the economic terrorism" imposed against Iran negatively impact Iran's production, employment, and national revenues, as they have weakened economic return, reduced revenues, and led to a social gap that has downgraded the standard of living for Iranians, the Iranian report read.

It slammed the US sanctions for mainly targeting Iran's lifeline, the oil export. As a result, a severe reduction in Iran's national revenues led to "the debilitation

of the Iranian government in preserving and improving the fundamental infrastructures in the country."

It said that the lack of access to the international financial system and disruption in payment processing systems have "critically disturbed Iran's participation in international partnerships in such projects, and it has failed to develop and renovate the country's industries."

Specifically, Iranian aviation companies and shipping lines have failed to acquire necessary spare parts, equipment and services for the maintenance and upgrade of their fleet, which endangers the safety of air passengers and increases the risk of water contamination from ship leakages.

## Breach of right of health

Washington's unilateral sanctions have also caused "irreparable damage" to the health of the vulnerable members of the Iranian society, the Iranian Foreign Ministry said, adding that the negative impact has been "very tangible and destructive."

For instance, the sanctions have prompted international healthcare companies, in fear of the US punitive mea-



The flags of Iran flutter during a sandstorm in the south of the capital Tehran

asures, to stop cooperation with their Iranian partners. This has led to disruptions to the supply of medical equipment and goods as well as pharmaceuticals needed for treating the COVID-19 patients in Iran, it said.

The ministry mentioned that the Iranian people with mental and physical disabilities face problems in accessing quality medicines and equipment as a result of the US sanctions that keep foreign suppliers away from Iran.

Furthermore, the high rate of sanctions-related inflation has decreased the purchasing power of the elderly people in the country and increased their medical costs, significantly.

## US Hypocrisy

The Iranian report censured the US hypocrisy for failing to protect the human rights of many of its own citizens while claiming to be an advocate of human rights and pointing a finger at other

countries.

In the United States, "there is no meaningful monitoring of the violations of the rights of minorities such as Muslims and people of color within the United States where hate-mongering is widely pursued by officials and police forces," it said.

"The United States is, by no means, qualified to talk about the issue of human rights," said Kazem Garibabadi, secretary of Iran's High Council for Human Rights.

Likewise, the US "does not even respect the rights of its own citizens, but it claims to defend human rights in other countries," he pointed out.

"Racial discrimination, women's rights, and the right to exist are examples of human rights violations in America. For example, the number of black prisoners is four times that of white prisoners," the Iranian human rights chief said.

After the murder of African American George Floyd by a white police officer and subsequent protests against police brutality, "US police are still using similar levels of lethal force, and they are still not facing the consequences," reported Iran's Tehran Times. **Agencies**

# Lavrov slams Ukraine's allegations of Russian army attacking Russian cities as lies

HANOI

UKRAINE'S allegations that the Russian army attacks its own cities are lies, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said yesterday.

"In a word, they are lying. Facts are well-known, our Defense Ministry presents facts on a daily basis," he pointed out in response to a TASS question at a press conference following talks with Vietnamese top diplomat Bui Thanh Son.

The Russian foreign minister also stressed that the West should recognize its responsibility for civilian deaths in Donbass and Ukraine. "Western countries certainly should recognize their responsibility, regardless of what [Ukrainian President Vladimir] Zelensky and his team say.

The West should recognize its responsibility for the death of civilians especially in Donbass and other parts of Ukraine where the Kiev regime is using these weapons (provided by the West - TASS) against civilians as an intimidation tool. Generally speaking, it is state terrorism," the Russian top diplomat emphasized.

The Russian Defense Ministry said earlier that the Ukrainian Armed Forces had targeted residential areas in the Russian cities of Belgorod and Kursk using Tochka-U missiles with cluster munitions and Tu-143 Reis unmanned aerial vehicles in the early hours of Sunday morning. **Agencies**

# 'One country, two systems' principle boosts Hong Kong's prosperity, stability

BY fully leveraging its institutional strength under the "one country, two systems" principle, China's Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) has steadily strengthened its competitive advantages and witnessed economic and social prosperity and stability over the past 25 years since its return to the motherland.

After six years of construction, the third runway at the Hong Kong International Airport is anticipated to open this year. Preparatory work for the operation of the runway, including test flights and drills, has been completed recently.

"The third runway of the Hong Kong International Airport is right across from where we are, and the new terminal is next to it. There will be a hotel and commercial complex on the side of the runway," said Fred Lam Tin-fuk, Chief Executive Officer of the Airport Authority Hong Kong, showing People's Daily the locations of the projects to be built at the Hong

Kong International Airport on a planning map.

Besides a new runway, the three-runway system project also includes a new baggage handling system and relevant supporting transportation facilities, according to Lam, who noted that the scale of the project is almost equivalent to building a new airport next to the existing one.

Hong Kong is endowed with a good geographical location. More than half of the world's population can be reached from the region within five hours of flight.

The airport plays an important supporting role in the development of Hong Kong's economy. Data showed that the Hong Kong International Airport handled about 75 million passenger traffic in 2018, ranking among the highest in the world. The annual cargo throughput of the airport exceeded five million tonnes, topping the list of the busiest airports in the world.

Such remarkable achievements



A flag-raising ceremony is held at the Golden Bauhinia Square in south China's Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on July 1, 2017 to mark the 20th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to the motherland. File photo

of the airport reflect the booming economy of Hong Kong since its return to the motherland.

During the past 25 years, Hong Kong has seen rapid economic development in various fields, enhancing its international status as a financial, shipping and trade center has been and consolidating its industrial advantages.

The successes Hong Kong has achieved over the past 25 years

and the sound development momentum it enjoys now are both inseparable from the development of its motherland. China's rapid development represents the greatest opportunity for Hong Kong's economic development and the greatest strength to maintain its prosperity.

Adhering to the "one country, two systems" principle, Hong Kong has proven the advantages

of its development by staying committed to the principle of "one country" and well leveraging the benefits of "two systems".

Hong Kong's financial system has always been robust since the region's return to the motherland, which is attributed to the prudent policies and sound supervision of the region, and more importantly, to the region's distinctive advantage of having the support of its motherland and being open to the world, said Eddie Yue Wai-man, chief executive of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority.

With the support of the central government, Hong Kong has become the largest offshore renminbi (RMB) business center, and its capital market has continued to grow bigger and stronger.

As of January 2022, the total outstanding amount of RMB customer deposits and certificates of deposit rose to 1.1135 trillion yuan (about \$166.47 billion).

A total of 1,370 mainland enterprises had been listed in Hong

Kong by April this year, accounting for 53.3 percent of the total listed companies on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and 777 percent of the total value of Hong Kong stocks. The combined market value of these enterprises has reached 376 trillion Hong Kong dollars (about \$4.79 trillion).

"The principle of 'one country, two systems' has created unique advantages for Hong Kong's business environment," said Jimmy Chiang, associate director-general of Investment Promotion at InvestHK. The Basic Law of the HKSAR has helped Hong Kong grow into one of the world's freest economies while maintaining a simple tax system with low tax rates, which is particularly attractive to enterprises, he noted.

By the end of 2021, the number of both mainland and foreign enterprises that had set up offices in Hong Kong reached a record high of 9,049, among which 1,457 located their regional headquarters in Hong Kong. **People's Daily**

# Zhengzhou-Chongqing High-speed Railway starts full operation

EARLIER this month, the Zhengzhou-Chongqing High-speed Railway started full operation as a new section linking Hubei's Xiangyang and Chongqing's Wanzhou was put into use.

The railway shortened the trip from Beijing to southwest China's Chongqing municipality to 6 hours and 46 minutes, and that from Zhengzhou, central China's Henan province to Chongqing to 4 hours and 23 minutes, bringing closer the city cluster in central China and the Chengdu-Chongqing economic circle.

The Zhengzhou-Chongqing High-speed Railway crosses a region with the world's most complicated geographical conditions. 98 percent of the overall mileage consists of bridges and tunnels. With complex and variable landscapes, geologic hazards always take place in the region. In addition, the high requirement on environmental protection during the construction also made the project extremely challenging.

For instance, the Xiaosanxia tunnel along the Chongqing section of the railway is the longest single-hole double-track railway tunnel with a designed speed of 350km per hour in Asia. It has the highest level of risk as a railway tunnel in China.

There are 152 outfalls of crack water, interstitial water, and underground rivers, as well as 30 karst caves in the tunnel. The maximum daily water inflow in the tunnel could hit 168,000 cubic meters, which is equivalent to the water storage in over 60 standard swimming pools.

To steer clear of all potential risks, the project team set up multiple professional work groups and adopted a series of technical solutions such as geological radar, horizontal percussion drilling for

advanced geological prediction, and geological surveying during the construction. The total mileage in the plans prepared by the project team added up to more than 8,000 kilometers.

The Zhengzhou-Chongqing High-speed Railway was built according to stringent environmental protection standards. There is no bridge pier built in the water in protection zones for water resources that the railway crosses, and the railway adopted single-hole double-track tunnels to reduce excavations. Besides, the railway has chosen gabions over concrete structure, built bionic ecological water systems and restored original wetlands. During the construction, the project team tried its best to fit the railway into the surrounding natural landscape and to minimize the project's environmental impact.

The operation of the high-speed railway will significantly enhance the flow of passengers, logistics, information, and capital.

"Now we finally enjoy the convenience of direct trains," said Gao Jianxin, business manager of Lucky Huaguang Graphics Co., Ltd., a company based in Henan province. According to him, he and his colleagues had to make detours via Xi'an in northwest China's Shaanxi province to go to southwestern provinces such as Yunnan and Guizhou.

The southwestern region is an important market of the company, and the newly-opened high-speed railway will largely reduce the travel time for the company's employees, Gao said. "The business team of our company is currently working to expand our sales. We must grasp the opportunity brought by the high-speed railway," he told People's Daily.

Before the Zhengzhou-Chongqing



A high-speed train runs on a super large bridge along the Zhengzhou-Chongqing High-speed Railway in Xiangyang, central China's Hubei province, June 20, 2022. File photo

High-speed Railway was put into operation, some high-quality projects of high-end equipment manufacturing and modern services had already been started along the route.

In Yunyang, Chongqing municipality, Sichuan-based Sino-Agricultural Modern Investment Co., Ltd. has invested 1.5 billion yuan (\$224.3 million) to build an intelligent cold-chain logistics center. In Wanzhou, Chongqing, more than 20 key projects have commenced, including a cable project for high-end new energy equipment.

"The opening of the Zhengzhou-Chongqing High-speed Railway will do us a great favor in the industrial relocation from central and eastern China to the Chengdu-Chongqing region," said Wang Haiyun, an official with the economy and information technology committee of Wanzhou. The new technologies and products from enterprises in central and eastern China are expected to accelerate local industrial restructuring and upgrading, he added. **People's Daily**

The Zhengzhou-Chongqing High-speed Railway is also bringing the natural scenery, resources and culture along the route closer to the market.

In the past, tourists usually went to the attractions in the Three Gorges, the three adjacent gorges along the middle reaches of the Yangtze River by ship. Today, they can go faster thanks to the newly-opened high-speed railway.

"Tourists were always on ships when they visited the Three Gorges, so they barely made any consumption," said Li Xuefeng, head of a tourism company, adding that the company will work to attract tourists to stay overnight given the Zhengzhou-Chongqing High-speed Railway.

According to him, a series of leisure and tourism projects have been built in Wushan county, which sits at the western entrance to the Wu Gorge in the Three Gorges region. Thirty-nine hotels and 685 agritainment facilities were built or renovated, he introduced.

**People's Daily**

# Britons sweat on prospect of summer rail misery

BRITAIN'S summer of strikes could be on the verge of becoming even bigger and harder-hitting after train drivers warned that the results of a ballot on possible industrial action over a pay dispute could be coordinated to take place across the whole rail network for maximum impact.

Members of the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers, known as the RMT, have already staged three days of nationwide industrial action, with threats of more to come.

But now it is train drivers, who are members of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, or ASLEF, who are pondering action of their own.

The union has more than 21,000 members who have cast their votes on the issue, with a result expected next Monday. ASLEF spokesman Keith Richmond said that should they opt for industrial action for the first time since 1995, coordinated action would be the "obvious" move.

## 'Far more disruptive'

"It will be far more disruptive than it has been in the past. We do not go on strike very often," ASLEF general secretary Mick Whelan told the Financial Times.

A third rail union, the Transport Salaried Staffs' Association, or TSSA, which represents station staff members, is also considering action, though Whelan denied that the three groups would take action at the same time.

Britain's rail network is split



People hold placards as they attend a RMT union train strike rally outside King's Cross railway station, in London, June 25, 2022. File photo

into numerous different train operating companies, with individual ballots being held. Staff at one company, Avanti West Coast, have already voted in favor of action, and TSSA general secretary Manuel Cortes said this was "only the beginning", warning the government to "take note".

"We believe (strikes) will have a massive effect," added Whelan, who claimed that his staff members have been offered a pay rise of just 2 percent, along with savings made from productivity changes such as alterations to shift patterns, despite already high inflation being on course to hit 11 percent by October. "There will be a summer of disruption."

Transport State Secretary Grant Shapps has shown little

inclination for the government to get involved in the RMT dispute, insisting that the issue is between the union and the train operating companies, so it would seem unlikely to be any more open to intervening in other potential arguments.

"We want to see rail unions engage fully with their employers. Instead, ASLEF is first seeking to cause further misery to passengers by joining others in disrupting the rail network," said a representative for the government.

The British government has expressed that it wants to see savings made after all the financial support the rail industry received during the pandemic, when passenger numbers and income collapsed. **Agencies**





Yanga's goal-getter, Fiston Mayele (C), races past Coastal Union FC defenders, Amani Kyata (L), and Joseph Zziwa, when the sides faced off in a 2021/22 Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC)'s final in Arusha on Saturday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

## Coastal Union, Yanga set up nail-biting Federation Cup final

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

THE 2021/22 Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) rolled its curtain down at Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium in Arusha last weekend.

The final witnessed Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, lift its third silverware of the season, beating Coastal Union 4-1 on penalties.

Yanga had earlier this season clinched the Community Shield having notched victory over Simba in what is also viewed as the season's curtain-raiser.

The Jangwani Street club went on to win this season's NBC Premier League top honour, whilst having an unbeaten spell.

Since the ASFC was introduced it was the first time the showdown's final was decided by penalties after normal play plus extra time.

The ASFC showdown turned out to be a tough, entertaining game as both squads approached it with a winning mentality.

The mindset witnessed either outfit showcase professional football and make effort to garner the silverware.

The game thereafter became tough, with both squads' players sweating and panting despite the cold weather.

Coastal Union, led by Tanga Regional Commissioner Adam Malima, was backed by about 500 fans that travelled from the region to support their outfit.

The club wanted to go down domestic soccer history as the other club based outside Dar es Salaam to have lifted the ASFC title.

Yanga was eager to be declared the ASFC winner after winning this season's Community Shield, and Premier League trophies.

The Jangwani Street side's mission eventually succeeded after clinching the tournament's silverware, cruising to a 4-1 win over Coastal Union in the penalty shootout.

Yanga's success, as a result, dashed away Coastal Union's dream of making history.

The Yanga versus Coastal Union tie could hardly be compared to the 2020/21 ASFC final pitting Simba SC against Yanga that ended with midfielder Taddeo Lwanga netting the winner for the Msimbazi Street outfit.

The 2020/21 ASFC final took place at Lake Tanganyika Stadium in Kigoma.

It had witnessed football fanatics that booked 10 Tanzania Railway Corporation (TRC) wagons from Dar es Salaam to Kigoma to travel about 1000 kilometers to watch it.

Simba went on to lift the showdown's silverware with a narrow win within 90

minutes.

Coastal Union reached ASFC's final stage after notching a 6-5 victory over Azam FC 6-5 in the penalty shootout after 120 minutes of normal play of the last four's duel had ended in a 0-0 draw.

Coastal Union's footballers calmed their nerves, made the most of the spot-kicks, and bundled Azam FC out of the ASFC's last four.

Yanga stormed into the tournament's final with a 1-0 win over age-old rival Simba SC in a thrilling last-four duel that took place at CCM Kirumba Stadium in Mwanza.

Midfielder Feisal Salum's long-range strike earned Yanga the memorable win and a place in this season's final.

Coastal Union's midfielder Abdulhamis Suleiman 'Sopu' put extraordinary efforts in the 2021/22 ASFC final in which the footballer netted a hat-trick. The midfielder netted the goals in the 10th, 78th, and 98th minutes.

In an interview after the match, Sopu revealed the secret behind his team's spirited displays, noting their head coach Juma Mgunda's directives offered the zeal.

The midfielder disclosed that Coastal Union put teamwork spirit and held Yanga to a 3-3 draw after 120 minutes, doing all it can to keep the latter in check.

The goals have not only made Sopu popular but also witnessed him notch nine goals in 2021/22 ASFC and lift the showdown's top scorer honour.

Yanga's goals were netted by Feisal Salum, Herietier Makambo, and Denis Nkane.

During one of the tie's stoppages, Coastal Union's midfielder Victor Akpan called his teammates and headed to Mgunda to gain more tactics.

Yanga's center-back Bakari Mwamnyeto hailed Suleiman for displaying good performance in the duel and conceded as it was tough.

The Yanga footballer said: "We had difficulties but we appreciate this win, it is a gift for our fans, we gave them what they wanted."

Coastal Union sought to dominate the midfield, deploying its wingers to unlock Yanga's defense and execute short passes, the former had at times resorted to using long balls to keep the latter under pressure.

Coastal Union's defense moreover worked hard to keep Yanga's attackers led by the second-best Premier League goal scorer, Fiston Mayele, at bay.

Yanga's right-back, Djuma Shabani, further had trouble facing Coastal Union wingers. He, alongside Mwamnyeto, seemed to have lost steam given the opponents proved to be a menace.

## Azam FC set for bigger things in ditching cooperative format

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

CITY near rivals Azam FC, in earlier days a rival to giants Simba SC and Young Africans SC, alias 'Yanga', is putting on a new image, with changes at the level of club supervision or sponsorship.

Reports from the club indicate that collegial supervision of the soccer club, set up as part of efforts to boost the Azam Group brand image has formally been set aside for a single individual to take the reins.

Sporadic discussion on the issue has not quite cleared what model the club is following, either the 'crown prince' or employee model.

The supposed models are geared to different styles of group leadership remaining in place, whether it is clan rule where the next king is chosen within the clan, and the heir apparent is noticed in the day-to-day running of the state.

The other model is to have an outsider, an employee who doesn't belong to the clan with proper ownership of that enterprise, discounting some partnerships with other stakeholders whose role would in any case be limited.

These models rapidly refer to the way Simba SC and Yanga are organized.

In the crown prince model, the chosen clan member handles all sponsorship issues, including hiring and firing of top management even if in formal terms it would be deliberated within the board of directors, at times uses his own money.

As a leading clan member it might be hard to distinguish



Azam FC midfielder, Sospeter Bajana (L), beats his Biashara United counterpart Ramadhan Chombo when the clubs faced off in one of this season's Premier League ties which took place in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

between his cash and overall company fortunes, but either the company or group of companies never come up in the decision-making process.

In the 'employee' or executive model, the group is visibly at the forefront.

The two personalities who illustrate the two models don't have to be revisited here as scarcely any pundit would use any length of time to figure out how this fits this or that top club executive.

What might be a bit tantalizing is where to fit in Yusuf, one among the Bakhressa sons, brothers who were cooperatively or as a team, supervising club affairs, by which is meant sponsorship.

This includes vetting the management and holding it accountable for the realization of the sponsor's expectations, and goals.

One interesting point of discussion

concerning either the limited progress that Azam FC has put up so far - is as it cannot be said to have failed in any manner, except as contenders for the Premier League title, ahead of the city archrivals.

Some pundits were settled on the view that Azam FC lacks pressure from a vibrant fan base, whose sentiments it would not be in a position to ignore, while the city archrivals are constantly on their toes for this reason.

It appeared convincing but still, holes could be punched into it.

The point of difference is a psychological dispute, as to what makes the city rivals what they are if it is the sponsorship or the fan base and the sort of collegial teamwork in the 'civilian' leadership that in a sense surrounds the sponsor or his key representative.

One view was that this fan base and collegiality in the leadership is indispensable in making the team

vibrant, pushing the technical bench to seek results.

They are unable to stand coaches who can't deliver or players who fail to do what is expected of them.

By the sort of evidence marshalled by some pundits, it is entirely possible that 'business as usual' may have gripped the technical bench for a while, and it appears that it is on the way to being revamped.

Some of the things they mentioned are of definite relevance to the dethroned club champions who have been taking up foreign coaches with one or two assistants, and a local portion of the bench that is stable.

Exactly how the two sides were working together is unclear, but still, suspicions underline those links.

As it could be observed during coach Pablo Franco's tenure at the Msimbazi Street club, 'business as usual' is large to be expected from the local portion of the technical bench.

They become top advisers of the management as to the competence of the contracted head coach. Everyone believes they are genuine.

Scratching the skin somewhat, ambitions to take over the side are not far to seek, so in matches, with foreign clubs, the players listen to the coach and do well, while in league games they just know the pattern and take signals from an assistant coach.

It now appears that this gap in team cohesion is starting to be acknowledged, which means Azam FC, with a newly 'knighted' sponsor would be in a position to correct that senior rivals Simba SC are undergoing the same pressure as well.

If this anomaly has been noticed in Azam FC and Simba, it is irrelevant to ask if that sort of problem exists at the Jangwani Street side, if only on account of the formula 'birds of a feather fly together.'

"Tell me your friends, and I will tell you who you are," is also just as affirmative. The realization cuts fan base inputs, to professionalize.



Kilombero Sugar Company Limited Marketing Manager Olympia Fraten presents trophies to budding swimmers that performed well in National Junior Swimming Championship held in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## Dar swimmers shine in 2022 National Junior Swimming Championships

By Guardian Correspondent

DAR ES SALAAM Salaam Swimming Club (DSC) young swimmers held sway in this year's National Junior Swimming Championship held at the Shaaban Robert swimming pool in the city last weekend.

Over 30 swimmers making DSC competed in the championship that also involved other eight clubs to make the total of more than 200 swimmers from various clubs in Mainland Tanzania in the tournament.

The Masaki-based DSC garnered 1,404 points in the thrilling event that was organized by Tanzania Swimming Association (TSA).

Other clubs that competed in the championships are Taliss-IST,

Champion Rise, FK Blue Marlins, Lake Swimming Club, MIS Piranhas, Mwanza Swim Club, and Bluefins, based at Upanga.

It was a thrilling event that attracted many swimming stakeholders in the country to witness the budding swimmers stretch their muscles in two days.

The swimmers showed good displays in five swimming styles as well as relays in the championship that was sponsored by Kilombero Sugar Company Limited. Other sponsors are Burger 53, Rap & Roll, Pepsi, and F & L Juice.

The swimmers competed in various styles such as Butterfly, Freestyle, Individual Medley (IM), Backstroke, and Breaststroke. They moreover took part in the relay.

Hadija Shebe, TSA's organizing committee chairperson, noted: "It was a tough and exciting moment that swimmers showed during the two-day competition. We have been impressed with the swimmers' development and believe in the next few years, Tanzania will have the best swimmers in the continent."

"We are calling on the club to maintain the standard as well as increase it. The passion for the game was very high, thanks to the parents and sponsors for supporting the event," Hadija added.

As per results received, Upanga-based Bluefins' swimmers scored 1,052 points to become the second club to score the most points, while Taliss-IST swimmers scored 1,001

points followed by Lake Swim Club with 834 points.

FK Blue Marlins ended as the fifth-placed club having scored 660 points, followed by Mwanza Swim Club swimmers that collected 357 points, and Champion Rise swimmers who collected 253 points.

The list also shows that Morogoro International School (MIS) Piranhas swimmers amassed 114 points, followed by a new swimming club in the country, Kigamboni-based Pigece which notched 14 points.

Hadija said the competition was very successful whereby various records were broken and some of the swimmers improved their personal best times.



## Galtier the man for PSG's latest change of approach

PARIS

CHRISTOPHE Galtier's appointment as Paris Saint-Germain coach confirms a change in approach from the Qatar-owned club as they continue their search for elusive Champions League glory, but there will be huge pressure on Mauricio Pochettino's successor.

Galtier, 55, becomes PSG's seventh different manager since the Qatari takeover of 2011 as he arrives on a two-year deal.

The new man in the dugout has developed a reputation as an outstanding coach over the last decade in France, enjoying eight years at Saint-Etienne and four years at Lille crowned with the Ligue 1 title in 2021.

However, he lacks the international profile of Pochettino and other predecessors like Thomas Tuchel and Carlo Ancelotti, or indeed Zinedine Zidane, who had also been linked with the job.

Despite that, Galtier appeared unfazed about the prospect of managing PSG's squad of superstars as he spoke on Tuesday.

"It is a privilege to have a dressing room full of world-class players," said Galtier, who took Nice to fifth in Ligue 1 and the French Cup final last season.

Galtier said there would "not be a revolution", but his appointment comes after PSG president Nasser al-Khelaifi outlined the new approach in a recent interview with newspaper Le Parisien.

"We don't want to be flashy anymore. No more bling-bling. No more of the shiny stuff," he said, after last year's recruitment of Lionel Messi and other star names including Sergio Ramos and Gianluigi Donnarumma did not have the desired impact.

Galtier, who played briefly in China, based his success at Lille on a 4-4-2 system that depended first and foremost on a solid defence, even if his side still played exciting football going forward.

A similar approach at Nice produced often turgid football, and he knows the expectations will be very different with Kylian Mbappe, Messi and Neymar at PSG.

"I will adapt to the players we have here," he insisted. "First things first we need to win, but with the squad we have and the international reputation of the club we also need to play good football."

Galtier's arrival follows that of Luis Campos, appointed last month to replace sacked sporting director Leonardo.

- Ready to work with Neymar -  
Campos, from Portugal, built the Monaco team that won the league in 2017 and the Lille side that Galtier led to the title last year.

Campos already knew Mbappe from their time at Monaco and the latter's decision to snub Real Madrid and sign a new three-year contract is still easily the most important deal that PSG will do this summer.

# PSG hires Galtier as new coach after sacking Pochettino

PARIS

CHRISTOPHE Galtier became Paris Saint-Germain's seventh coach in 11 years of Qatari-backed ownership after Mauricio Pochettino was fired on Tuesday.

PSG president Nasser al-Khelaifi presented Galtier to media at a news conference and said, "We have a new era to start, a new atmosphere, new objectives."

Galtier said he felt "emotional" and "proud" to take charge on a two-year contract.

"We have to work in the right way to make people happy," Galtier said. "I am prepared. If I accepted this job and this responsibility, it's because I'm capable of it."

Galtier stated there will be no favors for star players long perceived as overly indulged at PSG.

"Commitment, respect, and the team above all. If, unfortunately, players step away from that then they will be left out," Galtier said. "Not one player will be above what a squad should be. I am a very demanding coach."

Galtier urged for a smaller squad but wants the injury-prone Neymar in it. PSG also boasts Lionel Messi and Kylian Mbappe.

"You have to find a balance in the side, but I have a very precise idea about what I'm expecting



PSG president Nasser al-Khelaifi, right, and Christophe Galtier attend a press conference at the Parc des Princes stadium, Tuesday, July 5, 2022 in Paris. Christophe Galtier became Paris Saint-Germain's seventh coach in 11 years under the club's ambitious Qatari-backed ownership, with Mauricio Pochettino becoming the fourth straight coach to be fired during that time. (AP Photo)

from Neymar. Of course I want him to stay. It's better to have world-class players with you."

Long seen as too close to star players, al-Khelaifi also demanded an improved mentality.

"No one is above the club," he said. "If a player doesn't want to respect the rules in place then he has no place here."

Al-Khelaifi said former Real Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane was not approached.

"We never spoke to Zidane," he said. "Christophe was our No. 1 option from the beginning."

Pochettino had one year left on his contract. He followed Thomas Tuchel, Unai Emery and Laurent

Blanc in being fired by PSG since 2016.

Pochettino won the French league but ultimately paid the price for the club's humiliating exit from the Champions League to Real Madrid in the round of 16. PSG led 2-0 on aggregate and conceded three goals inside 20 minutes.

Galtier led Lille to the French title in 2021 and joined Nice last season, finishing fifth but knocking PSG out of the French Cup. Nice drew with and beat PSG in the league last season. Nice did not concede a goal and Galtier's astute tactical sense stood out.

When he guided Lille to the 2021 title, his side drew

at home with PSG and won away, again without conceding a goal. Galtier figured out how to shut out PSG's attacking armada of Mbappe, Neymar, Angel Di Maria and Messi.

The 55-year-old Galtier played for Marseille, where he was born, during two spells as a journeyman defender. His career ended in 1998 amid the obscurity of Italian club Monza.

He improved Saint-Etienne's fortunes when he coached there, winning the League Cup in 2013 – the year he was voted the French league's best coach along with PSG's Carlo Ancelotti.

Since cash-rich Qatari investors QSI took over in June 2011, Ancelotti

is the only coach not to be fired, leaving for Real Madrid in 2013. But Ancelotti was hired only after Antoine Kombouare was astonishingly axed in December 2011 when PSG was three points clear at the top.

### POCHETTINO'S MIXED RECORD

Former PSG defender Pochettino took charge in January 2021, after Tuchel was fired.

After reaching the semi-finals of the Champions League in 2021, PSG lost the French league to Galtier's Lille. Oddly, perhaps, Pochettino's contract was extended by one year to 2023.

Even though PSG reclaimed the French title last season there were alarmingly poor performances along the way, and Mbappe's outstanding form papered over glaring cracks. These weaknesses were ruthlessly exposed by Madrid in the Champions League.

PSG's lack of composure under pressure has been a familiar flaw, and Pochettino did not fix it.

In 2017, PSG was beaten 6-1 by Barcelona after winning 4-0 at home, and two years later injury-hit Manchester United won 3-1 in Paris in injury time.

HIRE AND FIRE  
Like Pochettino, Blanc signed a new contract before he was shown the door, exposing PSG's

impatience and an apparent indifference to massive compensation packages.

Pochettino and his staff reportedly received around 10 million euros (\$10.6 million).

The negotiations with Pochettino dragged on but it had been expected for weeks that he would be replaced.

The collapse against Madrid prompted PSG's first introspective overhaul under QSI's stewardship. Sporting director Leonardo made way for renowned talent scout Luis Campos, and several former standout PSG players will act as consultants.

Galtier worked with Campos when they were at Lille from 2017-20 and said he played a role in bringing him to a club that is finally trying to shed its glossy image. PSG's curated slogan of "Dream Bigger" and brazen boasts of future glory were at alarming odds with repeated Champions League failures.

"We must stop saying 'We're going to win this and we're going to win that,'" al-Khelaifi previously told Le Parisien newspaper.

So living in the future is finally over?

"Dreaming is one thing, reality is another. Perhaps we should change our slogan 'Dream Bigger,'" al-Khelaifi said. "We must ask ourselves how to improve."

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## Arsenal could be positively affected by PSG's new managerial appointment

PARIS

CHRISTOPHE Galtier is the new Paris Saint-Germain head coach, replacing Mauricio Pochettino, and this development could be great news for Arsenal winger Nicolas Pepe.

Paris Saint-Germain have wasted no time in appointing a new head coach after parting company with Mauricio Pochettino – and Arsenal could be positively affected by the decision.

Firstly, a statement via the Ligue 1 giants' official website confirmed that the former Tottenham Hotspur boss had ended his role at the club, despite only taking over 18 months ago. "Paris Saint-Germain confirm that Mauricio Pochettino has ended his role at the club," it read.

"The Argentine coach and his team joined the club in January 2021. A former captain of the Rouge & Bleu, Pochettino took charge of 84 competitive games.

Under his tenure, Paris Saint-Germain won the 2020 Trophée des Champions and the 2020/21 Coupe de France, as well as the club's historic 10th Ligue 1 title last April. The club would like to thank Mauricio Pochettino and his staff for their work and wish them the best for the future."

Within an hour or so of Pochettino's departure being confirmed, it was announced that his successor is a three-time best Ligue 1 manager in Christophe Galtier, who has signed a two-year deal at the Parc des Princes.

"Paris Saint-Germain is delighted to announce that Christophe Galtier has been appointed as first-team head coach. The Frenchman has signed a contract for two seasons until 30th June 2024," the statement read.

Whilst some Arsenal fans may not be too familiar with Galtier, there is one player who certainly is. Nicolas Pepe played under the Frenchman for two seasons at Lille.

In fact, it can be argued that the new PSG boss knows how to get the perfect tune out of the 27-year-old, who has struggled for consistency since his record £72m transfer in the summer of 2019.

In 62 matches under Galtier, Pepe scored 33 goals and weighed in with 18 assists – his highest goal contribution for any of the eight coaches to have managed him during his career – whether that be on a permanent basis or in Freddie Ljungberg's case on a short-term temporary role.

And with Arsenal open to selling the Ivorian this summer for £25m, coupled with the winger recently changing his agency with the hope of securing an exit, could a reunion with Galtier be on the cards? After all, Pepe was tipped by the new PSG head coach to end up at the Parc des Princes one day.

(Agencies)

## Wimbledon's all-white clothing bothers some, delights others

WIMBLEDON, England

BEFORE being interviewed on Centre Court about his return to the Wimbledon quarterfinals, Nick Kyrgios traded in his all-white grass-court shoes for a red-and-white pair of basketball sneakers, and swapped out his white hat for a red one.

Big deal? Not to Kyrgios. Not to many, probably. Still, sure seemed to be a reporter who peppered him with questions about it afterward.

That's because the All England Club has a rather strict policy about all-white attire while players are on match courts during the tournament – which is clearly a nod to the earliest days of tennis, and some athletes think might have been better suited to the 1880s than the 2020s.

"I mean, I always want to wear all black, obviously," Kyrgios, a 27-year-old Australian who faces Cristian Garin of Chile on Wednesday, responded when asked about the dress code during a pre-tournament news conference he attended in a black hoodie and matching cap.

"It would be cool to allow, like, a black headband or black sweatband. I think it would look cool," Kyrgios said. "Obviously Wimbledon doesn't really care what looks cool."

Neither Kyrgios, nor anyone else, expects a change to the rules anytime soon. And there certainly are those who appreciate it as part of what they consider the charm of the oldest Grand Slam event in tennis.

"For me, what I love about Wimbledon is the tradition and that is what makes it so special, and having the all-white attire is one of the small traditions that I re-

ally embrace. It looks crisp, especially against the grass court," said Alison Riske-Amritraj, who reached the third round as the 28th seed. "You don't have to do it at any other tournament during the year. It's very professional. I would wear white for every match, everywhere, so I'm probably biased when it comes to that."

The first of the All England Club's 10-point list of clothing guidelines states: "Competitors must be dressed in suitable tennis attire that is almost entirely white and this applies from the point at which the player enters the court surround." The second stipulation: "White does not include off white or cream." There are more details, too, such as that a color trim "around the neckline and around the cuff of the sleeves is acceptable but must be no wider" than 1 centimeter (less than half an inch), that "Caps (including the underbill), headbands, bandanas, wristbands and socks must be completely white except for" that same size allowance for trim, and this: "Shoes must be almost entirely white. Soles and laces must be completely white. Large manufacturers' logos are not encouraged."

That's absolutely fine with some of the "competitors."

Tommy Paul, who was seeded 30th and got to the fourth round, said that the Royal Palm Tennis Club in Pinecrest, Florida – where the head pro is Eric Hechtman, who has coached Serena Williams and Venus Williams – requires all white when he trains there.

"I don't mind it at all. It's kind of cool," Paul said. "If I see guys doing it at home during practice, then I have



Australia's Nick Kyrgios walks on court wearing red shoes for his fourth round men's singles match against Brandon Nakashima of the United States on day eight of the Wimbledon tennis championships in London, Monday, July 4, 2022. After winning his match, Kyrgios traded in his all-white grass-court shoes for a red-and-white pair of sneakers, and replaced his white hat with a red one, before being interviewed on Centre Court. Big deal? Not to Kyrgios. To a reporter who peppered him with questions about it, though, sure seemed to be. That's because the All England Club has a rather strict policy about all-white attire while on match courts during the tournament -- something that some players think was better suited to the 1880s than the 2020s, while others appreciate as part of the charm of the oldest Grand Slam event in tennis. (AP Photo)

no problem doing it for Wimbledon."

One player in this year's tournament said she always worries about getting her white outfit dirty while eating.

Some say they were annoyed at need-

ing to find new clothes to be able to play at Wimbledon. Others were excited about it.

"It's very elegant. I really hope they keep this tradition forever, because it's

something different. You don't always need to see colors on people's clothes," said Mihaela Buzarnescu, a Romanian who lost to French Open runner-up Coco Gauff last week. "Every year, I think, 'Oh, white again. Let's go!'"

Over the years, players have been chastised for violating the letter or spirit of the written rules.

In 2013, for example, none other than now-eight-time champion Roger Federer showed up with neon orange soles on his shoes for his first-round match, which he won – then was, um, reminded of Wimbledon's rules by the club, so he switched to white soles before his second-round match, which he lost, his earliest Grand Slam exit in a decade. In 2007, Tatiana Golovin played at Wimbledon with red underwear beneath her white dress, leading to this opening exchange at a news conference:

Reporter: "Can I ask you about your knickers?"

Golovin: "Excuse me?"

"Could it be maybe a little bit more up to date? Of course. We are in 2022," said Jessica Pegula, who was seeded No. 8 this year and made it to the fourth round at the All England Club for the first time. "Then again, it's two weeks out of the calendar where you have to do it. It's part of what makes Wimbledon, Wimbledon."

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Gwiji by David Chikoko





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## National chess team promises to perform well in Africa Youth Championship

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA's national chess team which is battling it out in the ongoing Africa Youth Chess Championship (AYCC) in Zambia has promised that it will deliver the required results.

The national team's head coach, Kara Luis, speaking from Zambia, said he is confident the team will deliver what Tanzanians want.

Tanzania is represented by Shok Mongorolica, Henry Marwa, Christian Fernandes, Delbert Panya, Maryam Panya, Sayi Gayaji, Henry Michael, Aditya Bhattbhatt, Shioiki Mvosrolin, Zack Oundo, Salome Diaga, and Yash Parwani.

Devanish Chhid is the youngsters' matron and Anna Shana is the team leader.

Luis issued the comments despite the team's poor start to the showdown which had one of the squad's players, Delbert, losing to Ugandan Samia Kazooro last Sunday. The showpiece is using the swiss format of 90 minutes each.

The tactician noted: "We did not start very well as most of our players are first-timers and our preparations were not very sufficient and detailed as we planned."

"Our team is found wanting in experience, I hope for good results in the coming days," he said.

He thanked Pepsi Tanzania and the parents of the players for facilitating the team's trip to Zambia.

The qualifiers for selecting the national team were held at Dar es Salaam's Russian Cultural Center and were organized by Tanzanite Sports Foundation.

In the previous interview, Kenneth Masamba, the Tanzanite Sports Foundation Sports Director, said the tournament is the first in the country, and the selection involved more than 200 young chess players.

There were two winners in each category of the qualifiers, a girl and a boy, who made it to the Africa Youth Chess Championship.

The continental showpiece's winners will also walk away with prize money, medals, trophies, and certificates.

## Aruti Aces, Upanga SC notch victories in 2022 DC GP T20 Big Bash tourney opening day



Upanga SC's Riken Patel is pictured with the Player of the Match prize once the squad locked horns with Lions Cricket Club in the inaugural DC GP T20 Big Bash showdown clash in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF DC

By Guardian Reporter

ARUTI Aces and Upanga SC have opened their campaign in the 2022 DC GP T20 Big Bash tournament impressively, winning their respective duels against Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Centre (SKLPSC) and Lions Cricket Club which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

The SKLPSC conceded a 17-run loss to Aruti Aces in one of the opening day's encounters, Upanga SC garnered a 70-run drubbing of Lions Cricket Club.

Lions Cricket Club won the toss and invited Upanga SC to bat, the conditions did favour the former technically.

There was the overcast condition in the clash held at Annadil Burhani Club's oval, in which there was dew on the ground that was brought about by overnight rain.

The situation would ideally keep the ground slow and make batsmen find it difficult to get runs.

Upanga SC though showed how to play a T20 game as its batsmen cracked seven sixes and 10 boundaries to ultimately post a total of 166 runs for seven wickets in the scheduled 20

overs.

There was something great that Upanga SC batsmen came up with and it worked well for them, with Riken Patel that was voted as the best player of the tie hitting three sixes and five fours in his stay of 40 balls.

Riken, deployed at number three, yielded 57 runs for himself and the batsman, along with big-hitting Ashish Kamania, tormented Lions Cricket Club's bowling unit.

Kamania smacked two sixes and as many fours in his spell witnessing the cricketer record a 15-ball 30.

In response, Lions Cricket Club was bundled out for 96 runs, dropping nine wickets in 20 overs.

There was not much intent from anyone in the side's batting unit as they kept on losing wickets at regular intervals.

Prominent cricketer Sanjay Bom took three opening wickets for Upanga SC to curtain Lions Cricket Club's efforts to canter to victory.

After that, Lions Cricket Club could hardly bounce back in the game and the situation led to Upanga SC winning the opening game of the tournament.

In the day's other duel played at the same venue, both Aruti Aces and SKLPSC which had a horrifying season in the longer format of the showdowns, were under pressure to prove their worth in the shorter format.

Both sides suffered relegation to Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Division A1 League following their less impressive displays in the Division A 50 Overs League.

In the last weekend fixture, both outfits were eager to get a good start in the shorter format with the same sticky condition on the pitch brought about by rain.

The SKLPSC had won the toss and invited Aruti Aces to take the crease, coming up against the former's prominent bowlers including skipper, Naran Vekariya, and Hassan Rahim.

The two bowlers broke Aruti Aces' opening batting pair of

Ankit Singh Baghel and Ejaz Aziz, with the latter making his way back with six runs, his fellow opener was dismissed for duck from four knocks.

Mohammad Ali and Jaffary Kanyita took the crease and stabilized the innings with some counterattack.

The two batsmen managed to take the SKLPSC pacers out of the game and welcomed Vinesh Gorasiya by hitting a six and four in his very first over.

Ali eventually got out once the cricketer notched 46 runs, he was dismissed at a time he was getting better at the crease.

Kanyita was below par, in comparison with his expected strike rate, with the promising batsman managing 10 runs and falling victim to skilful delivery by SKLPSC's experienced spinner, Athumani Siwa.

The two batsmen's dismissals were followed by a collapse which led to Aruti Aces notching 119 runs all out in 20 overs, setting up 120 runs for SKLPSC to emerge victorious.

Reliable all-rounder, Ali Mpeka, was Aruti Aces' other player that started well and got into a double-digit figure but eventually got out with 15 runs to his name.

In response, SKLPSC was surprisingly bundled out having managed to record 102 runs in 19.2 overs.

Aruti Aces' Mpeka and Ali were menacing, taking four wickets and three wickets respectively. Mpeka bowled 3.2 overs for eight runs and had a 2.40 economy rate, Ali had a four-over stint and gave away 11 runs.

There was as well notable contribution from SKLPSC's opener Vipul Naran at

the crease, as the cricketer chipped in with 19 runs that included three boundaries.

In the second ball of the last over of the tie, Aruti Aces' experienced cricketer, Ayaz Mustafa, was taken for 14 runs off his first three balls by SKLPSC's Alishah Bukhari, a new player that has joined the outfit.

The SKLPSC's late onslaught gave the side's batting unit some relief but, in the penultimate over, in came Aruti Aces' pacer Mpeka that cleaned the SKLPSC's tail.

Mpeka showcased his class with the ball, the performer bowled SKLPSC's Vipul Pindoriya with an inswinging delivery, the dismissal was key to Aruti Aces' victory.

Aruti Aces ultimately cruised to the 17-run win, the Player of the Match prize went to the outfit's all-rounder Ali thanks to his impressive overall performance.

The opening day's other tie ended with SKLPSC suffering a 30-run loss to Strikers Cricket Club at the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) venue.

Strikers Cricket Club scored 135 runs courtesy of Jatin Darji notching 47 runs, Nyenje Hashim with 20 runs, and effective 17 runs not out from nine balls by Mukul Kumar.

In response, SKLPSC was bowled out for 105 runs, with 's Darji having been adjudged the Best Player of the Match.

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## Next season promises to be tough, says Cedric Kaze

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

YANGA's assistant coach Cedric Kaze has said that Mainland Tanzania Premier League will next season not be easy for his outfit because of efforts by many clubs to prepare well for the competition.

The Burundian gaffer revealed that he and Yanga's head coach Nasreddine Nabi are aware of the situation and it has prompted them to focus on good registration and competently weather the competition.

"Winning three trophies in one season is no mean feat but this will be one of the reasons. It will put us in a difficult position next season... the key is to strengthen our squad and start early preparations for the season," the tactician noted.

The coach also commended all Yanga players for their dedication and determination from the beginning to the end of the season, achieving their goals in the process.

He said he believes that their fans had welcomed the success, adding that the supporters would appreciate their contribution so that they can next season do better.

Meanwhile, Simba SC assistant coach Suleiman Matola revealed the 2021/22

season has ended safely, with every player in the club getting a chance to serve it.

Simba SC finished second in NBC Premier League standings and was knocked out of this season's ASFC Cup semi-finals, losing two top honours and Community Shield.

Matola was handed the interim head coach role following the departure of Spanish coach Pablo Franco Martin with five fixtures left.

The tactician disclosed that all players showed potential although they did not achieve their goal of defending the Premier League title.

He said in the last five games he stood as the interim head coach and all players showed fighting spirit.

Matola stated: "Almost all players have shown their mettle in the last five games."

The tactician said: "As for who is coming next season, I think the registration report is already available to the Registration Committee."

"We have just finished the season so, after one week everything will be clear," Matola disclosed.

Simba SC has already announced a new head coach Zoran Manojlovic that will work with Matola in next season's Premier League and CAF Champions League.



Yanga's assistant coach, Cedric Kaze. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

