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TATO, US travel guru, targeting Indian market

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

TOUR operators in the country could soon start taking up a substantial share of the now booming Indian outbound tourism market, a consultant has affirmed

Stephen Richer, an American travel industry veteran known for his visionary leadership and expertise says that India's outbound tourism market is projected to reach \$55.4bn by 2034, up from \$18.8bn projected for this year, an unprecedented 11.4 percent growth annually projected for the next ten years.

Spearheading the project, the consultant says that a strategic collaboration with the Tanzania Association of Tour Operators (TATO), is meant to attract the growing number of Indian travellers seeking unique experiences abroad.

A comprehensive project being de-

signed will focus on tourism assets assessment by a thorough evaluation of existing tourism resources to identify areas of potential enhancement.

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan is welcomed by Judith Uwizeye, Minister of State in the Rwandan President's Office, shortly after jetting into Kigali International Airport yesterday to attend the swearing-in of Rwandan President Paul Kagame. Photo: State House

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USAID, key wildlife agencies readying for Elephant Day

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame

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OVER \$50m has been used by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to combat wildlife trafficking and support improved management of Tanzania's natural resources.

This affirmation was being cited by natural resources officials ahead of the World Elephant Day 2024 themed 'personifying prehistoric beauty, teleological

relevance and environmental importance,' focused on preserving natural habitats to ensure the survival of the jumbo species.

Allen Mgaza, the USAID natural resources management policy project consultant at USAID who oversees its preserve natural resources project, says there is more to elephant conservation than the species' importance to the tourism industry.

Jumbos are a keystone species, as other animals depend on them for survival as jumbos

help to forge pathways for other animals in thick shrubs therefore creating passage routes to greener pastures or water sources.

They also help to dig or scoop water that is used by other species as well, shaking trees and in so doing easing the way for other species that can eat fruits but scarcely scale up trees or bushes.

As experts across the globe mark World Elephant Day today, Tanzania is home to over 60,000 jumbos and is stepping

up efforts to protect this exceptional wildlife species.

Elephant numbers in the country have been growing since stern law enforcement took the saddle mid-last decade, paired with efforts by USAID working with tourism industry stakeholders, other partners and local communities.

These initiatives include ongoing efforts to restore habitats and secure wildlife corridors,

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'Vehicle tracking paying off, reducing accidents'

By Correspondent Christina

Mwakangale

EFFECTIVE execution of the vehicle tracking system (VTS) by the Land Transport Regulatory Authority (LATRA) has greatly helped decrease accidents caused by over speeding, officials affirm.

Japhet Kabelege, the LATRA quality assurance officer, made this observation in Dar es Salaam over the weekend at a

training session for journalists under the Road Safety Journalists Association (TRSJNET) and the Mental Health Journalists Association (TAMHJO).

He said that driver fatigue has remained the main cause of road accidents on the basis of investigations conducted by the regulatory body, showing that during the past month, out of 15 accidents examined, eight occurred in the early morning hours, traced to driver recklessness and fatigue.

LATRA is now implementing a new strategy to monitor driver behaviour, seeking to ensure compliance with the legal requirement to not drive for more than eight hours.

LATRA is enhancing road safety through advanced technology. The vehicle tracking system set up in 2017 has shown positive results, he said.

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Treasury Registrar upbeat over Mponde tea factory

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

MPONDE tea factory located in Bumbuli, Tanga Region is projected to start making a profit after four years from onset of production, the office of the Treasury Registrar has stated.

Dr Emmanuel Luvanda, the director of performance, management, monitoring and evaluation at the TR's office made this affirmation at the signing

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"This phase aims to ensure that all available assets are leveraged to their full potential, offering Indian tourists a captivating and unique experience," the visitor remarked at a TATO members meeting here over the weekend.

Then the focus shifts to tourism development, with a series of upgrading logistics to enhance service standards, intended to ensure that Indian tourists encounter world-class amenities and seamless travel experiences, he elaborated.

Thirdly, specialized training programs will be implemented to equip local stakeholders with the necessary skills to cater to the rising number of Indian tourists effectively, he stated.

"This includes cultural sensitization, language training and customer service excellence," he specified, noting that the project culminates in a powerful marketing blitz aimed at the Indian market.

A mix of digital campaigns, road shows and partnerships with Indian travel agencies will ensure widespread awareness and engagement in that country's market, he said, while stakeholders feel that with the consultant at the helm, the project promises to redefine tourism dynamics.

Devotha Mdachi, a former Tanzania Tourist Board (TTB) managing director and head of the communications and marketing unit at the National College of Tourism, emphasized the visitor's insights suggest immense potential for Tanzanian tour operators in accessing more of that market.

Vinay Sapra, a TATO board member, pointed out that Indian travellers typically prefer to vacation in April-May and November, which aligns with Tanzania's off-peak season, asserting that the timing provides a strategic opportunity for local tour operators to draw in this market.

"Indian travellers value cultural connections such as cuisine, and while they are price-sensitive they do appreciate quality tourism products and services," he said, underlining that

Indian tourists have a strong interest in safaris and mountain climbing, Mount Kilimanjaro in particular.

"TATO is actively seeking to bridge the gap in sourcing the Indian travel market by collaborating with Indian tour operators and sharing information," he told the gathering.

Elirehema Maturu, the TATO executive director, was glad for the contributions of the US consultant for providing valuable insights to the local stakeholders.



Azania Bank Limited managing director Esther Mang'anya (L) briefs President Samia Suluhu Hassan in Dodoma city mid-last week on the bank's agricultural and other activities. It was at the lender's pavilion at the climax of the just-ended Nane Nane (Farmers' Day) exhibition, held at national level on the outskirts of the national capital with the bank as the main sponsor. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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monitoring buses, including the number of passengers, especially those exceeding the vehicle's capacity, and what is happening inside the bus," he elaborated, noting that the cameras will assess fatigue, passenger loading and behaviour.

LATRA plans to introduce cameras positioned at the front, rear and near the driver's seat, monitoring factors such as passenger numbers, vehicle capacity and driver fatigue, with

10,850 vehicles ranging from special hire buses, school minibuses and regular passenger

buses, having been installed with the cameras and registered in the VTS system, he stated. Registration is mandatory for monitoring passenger vehicles, he said, noting that VTS provides valuable data for immediate action if a bus is excessively speeding.

VTS will be used to control drivers exceeding the 100 km/h speed limit on highways, with repeat offenders facing license suspensions, he said, explaining that each registered bus is identified by the owner and regular driver. In that case drivers whose licences are suspended

licenses can't be assigned to other vehicles.

Another app, PIS, enables passengers to track bus locations and behaviour, where those expecting arrivals monitor bus progress and estimated arrival times, he said, pointing out that the technology helps prevent duplicate ticket sales. The system blocks additional sales once seats are filled, he asserted.

Bahati Musiba, a senior licensing and registration officer, said the app regulates vehicles providing public services, chiefly passenger transit, similarly

advising passengers to "avoid purchasing food during trips for safety reasons."

Mbwana Ndaro, in the same unit, said that when an accident occurs, the VTS system shows the speed and the location where it happened, such that the VTS system has been helpful with data collection. He was disappointed that a few individuals misuse the VTS system, citing 24 drivers whose licenses were suspended for speeding in the past month.

Dr. Henrika Kimambo, a neurologist at the Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) Mlogan-

zila branch, said that driving while fatigued is akin to driving under the influence of alcohol.

Fatigue impairs brain functions essential for decision-making, alertness and memory, leading to reduced awareness and delayed responses, she stated, while Dr Saidi Kuganda, a mental health expert at MNH, highlighted the consequences of prolonged work without rest.

It can lead to burnout and impaired concentration, hence the importance of mandatory breaks for public service workers to ensure both physical and mental well-being, he added.

Treasury Registrar sounds upbeat over Mponde tea factory

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ceremony for the deed of handover, transfer of assets agreement and shareholders agreement the TR's office entered with Mponde tea factory original owners.

The asset value of the company has increased from 790m/- to 4.84bn/- while attracting more investors, he said, pointing out that this investment will catalyse economic growth in the area.

Tea production is said to be currently down in Lushoto and Korogwe districts, for which the Treasury Registrar, Nehemiah Mchechu, was appealing to pension funds and other public agencies to invest in agriculture as "it carries big population and increases job opportunities."

He said the Mponde tea factory venture is the result of investments by the Public Social Security Service Fund (PSSSF), the Workers Compensation Fund (WCF) and the TR's office, with 2.5bn/- taken up so far, and 4.05bn/- projected to be used up to its completion.

Under the agreement, both WCF and PSSSF took up 42 percent of shares and the TR's office has 16 percent shareholding, while the registrar stated the government's intention to withdraw shareholding in underperforming parastatals or get new investors to take over those organizations.

The aim is to get investors who can ensure the institutions operate efficiently and bring benefits to the government and the wider economy, highlighting that a total of 304 organizations operate under the TR's office.

A total of 234 are institutions where the government holds a majority shareholding, while it has minority shares in 56 institutions, he said, while stating that PSSSF and CWF chose to invest in the tea crop "due to its significance in the country."

Tea has been contributing upwards of \$45m annually to government coffers, providing an estimated 50,000 direct jobs and over 2m indirect occupations, he said, elaborating that the collective investment in the tea crop was meant to solve the crisis facing tea farmers in the respective areas.

Tea has been a crucial and reliable crop in the country's economy while in recent years its production has declined. The government is making every effort to enhance tea production, he added.



Six Indian nationals including women and a 91 per cent above-knee leg amputee, celebrate their historic feat of reaching the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa and the highest single free-standing mountain (5,895 meters above sea level) in the world, on Thursday (Aug 8). They were flagged off in India's Kanchenjunga National Park on July 30. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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while a series of training sessions for members of the judiciary and law enforcers regarding the handling of community wildlife conservation cases.

Illegal trade in ivory has elicited awareness training sessions for private sector entities on identifying and reporting illegal wildlife products, with the training extended to financial institutions, logistics firms, aviation plus telecommunication companies.

Conservation awareness programmes for conservation zone communities on how to live in harmony with elephants in the Kilombero Ruaha-Rungwa and Inyonga-Katavi ecosystems were conducted, tied with elephant collaring to monitor their movements.

"This work is an example of how USAID is working with various groups to plan land use, protect important wildlife areas and reduce conflicts between humans and animals," the official said, pointing at live bee-hive fencing as an illustration.

Other measures include the training of village game scouts and interagency patrolling that have helped mitigate cases of human-elephant conflicts, and as a result the jumbo population is on the rebound.

Dr Eblate Mjingo, the Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI) director general, recently tabled the country's latest wildlife census findings, asserting that 60,000 jumbos live within our borders.

The 'World Population Review' and 'Our World Data,' indicate that are likely to be 450,000 elephants worldwide at present, mostly in Africa, while the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) documents 415,000 elephants roaming the globe, with Asia harbouring 50,000 jumbos of a smaller variety.

Ivory trade, habitat loss and human-wildlife conflicts have been taking a toll on the big land mammals, while the African Wildlife Foundation (AWF) ran an online poll to find out which type of animal species that tourists prefer to see during their game drives in the park, mostly citing the elephant.

Ex-premier voted as Julius Nyerere Leadership School board vice chair

By Guardian Reporter

FORMER Prime Minister, Mizengo Pinda has been elected as the Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Leadership School (MJNLS) vice chairman of the inaugural governing board in the maiden meeting held in Kibaha over the weekend.

On top of Pinda, David Makhura, the Secretary of the South African National Congress (ANC) National Executive Committee (NEC) in charge of Political Education and Training was elected MJNLS board chair for the coming three years.

Speaking to members of press at Kibaha kwa Mfipa area in Kibaha District, Coast Region over the weekend, MJNLS, Prof Marcelina Chijoriga, said Pinda and Makhura were chosen for the goal of tapping their skills in leadership with Makhura offering his youthful and energetic leadership while the retired PM offering his higher political leadership and civil service experience spanning four decades in the country.

"For two days beginning Friday through Saturday last week we held the school's inaugural board meeting where representatives from former liberation movements in Zimbabwe (ZANU-PF),

Mozambique (FRELIMO), Namibia (SWAPO), Angola (MPLA), South Africa (ANC), Tanzania (CCM) and China's

(CPC) convened in Kibaha among key businesses was to elect the Board Chair, Vice Chair Committee members, chart out the school strategic plan, discuss and approve the academic calendar for August-December 2024 and the July-December 2024 budget.

In the meeting Comrade Makhura was elected Board Chair while retired PM who doubles as the ruling CCM, Central Committee (CC) member Pinda was elected to fill the Vice Chair slot.

Besides electing the two top board leaders, the inaugural board meeting discussed and passed the school academic calendar to cover the August-December 2024 period, the budget to cover the December period, and formed various sub-committees to help run the school as per the school charter.

School Committees formed and authorized the Academic Affairs and Operations Committee (AAOC), Planning and Finance Committee (PFC), Audit, Governance and Risk Committee (AGRC), Human Resources and Remuneration Committee (HRC), and the Academic Affairs and Operations Committee (AAOC).

Besides the newly elected board chair and vice chair respectively, the Chinese-built Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Leadership School board members are Bendita Lope, a central Committee member with FRELIMO, Dr. Frederico George Miranda



L-R: Former prime minister Mizengo Pinda, CCM Deputy Secretary General John Mongella, an unidentified official and Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Leadership School principal Prof Marcelina Chijoriga consult on the sidelines of the inaugural and first meeting of the school's governing board at Kibaha District in Coast Region at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

of MPLA who heads the Policy and Cadres division at the party headquarters in Luanda, Dr. Charles Mubita, a seasoned Journalist and former Director General at the Namibia Broad-

casting Corporation (NBC) who doubles as SWAPO Central Committee and the Politburo Member and Dr. Meshack Mpande Sibanda, of ZANU-PF of Zimbabwe.

MJNLS is charged with the role of training and moulding middle and higher-ranking party leaders for the six parties with close support from the Communist Party of China (CPC).

NFRA to adopt digital system to streamline grain purchases

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA) is set to come up with a new digital system to enhance its grain purchase points in the country.

This system, according to NFRA Director General Dr Andrew Komba, was geared towards streamlining the agency's purchase of grains from farmers and agribusiness people.

"The new system will facilitate

the rapid and efficient transmission of seller information to the relevant departments, thereby simplifying the payment process," he said, stressing the significance of the digital system.

Speaking to journalists in Dodoma, Dr Komba stated that the new system would improve efficiency by quickly sending seller information to the regional managers and his office for prompt execution and payment authorization.

"This is essentially the new system we intend to use to provide faster and more efficient services at our service centres," Dr. Komba emphasized.

Currently, NFRA operates 72 purchasing points across eight regions—Dodoma, Dar es Salaam (Kipawa), Njombe (Makambako), Songwe, Rukwa (Sumbawanga), Arusha (Babati), Shinyanga and Songea.

Dr. Komba further noted that the agency was also planning to

increase the number of purchasing points in a deliberate effort to provide better and more efficient services to farmers or clients.

"Our current goal is to have around 100 purchasing points countrywide and expand ourselves as much as possible to meet the growing demand for our services," the NFRA boss explained.

Expounding further, Dr Komba said NFRA follows

a three-tier purchasing system. The first tier involves buying produce from small-scale farmers who bring their maize, rice, or millet to the regional points.

"The produce is inspected for quality, and sellers are paid within 5 to 14 days as per government procedures," he said.

The second tier involves purchasing grain in quantities of 2,000 tonnes or more from large-scale traders, while the third tier includes buying from coopera-

tive societies where farmers aggregate their produce.

Regarding grain prices, Dr Komba said that the government was considering farmers' welfare as it frequently set price guidelines to ensure they benefit from their work.

He cited an example of a recent directive by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to announce a price guideline of 700/- per kilogram of maize and 800/- per kilogram of rice for NFRA to comply.



Watumishi House Investments CEO Dr Fred Msemwa (L) exchanges greetings with Ahmed Masumai, a representative of CRDB Bank fund custodians, at the first Faida Faida Fund annual general meeting held in Dar es Salaam on Saturday. With them is Public Service Social Security Fund director general Abdul-Razak Badru, who chaired the meeting. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

CS says youth play key role in national digital economy

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE government is committed to ensuring that the youth become central players in the implementation of the Tanzania Digital Economy Strategic Framework, Chief Secretary Ambassador Dr. Moses Kusiluka pledged over the weekend.

Dr. Kusiluka made this assurance while discussing key resolutions from the 15th Meeting of the Tanzania National Business Council (TNBC) held recently at the State House in Dar es Salaam.

He emphasized that the meeting underscored the importance of involving Tanzanian youth in the digital economy strategy. "The global trend is towards digital transformation. We cannot afford to lag behind. The government has established a strategy, and we want the private sector to seize this opportunity to advance our national digital economy. Our young people must be deeply involved so they can be integral to the emerging global digital economy," he said.

Dr. Kusiluka noted that the business community feels that local talent is not given a fair opportunity to play a central role in the national economy. He attributed this issue to a lack of action on local content policy laws, which the meeting called for immediate attention to address.

The meeting also resolved that efforts must be made to ensure stable and predictable policies and laws in Tanzania.

Regarding the tax system, Dr. Kusi-

luka explained that President Samia Hassan appointed a team of experts to review the issue and recommend steps to the government.

Additionally, the meeting highlighted the need for ongoing improvements in business and investment conditions, based on the Blueprint for Regulatory Reforms.

Strengthening TNBC district and regional meetings was another key resolution, as these forums are crucial for identifying and addressing challenges related to business and investment at the local level. "We will work on enhancing these meetings because they bring together government and private sector leaders. Any problems raised will be jointly addressed and processed by both sectors," he said.

He also mentioned that regions excelling in promoting business and collecting public revenue were recognized and awarded by President Samia.



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Work as team in ID issuance, Nchimbi urges NIDA officials

By Henry Mwangonde, Kagera

THE government has directed officials from the National Identification Authority (NIDA) and the Immigration Department in the Kigoma and Kagera regions to work together to expedite the issuance and distribution of national identity cards to residents.

This directive follows recent

instructions from Dr. Emmanuel Nchimbi, the Secretary-General of the ruling party CCM, who had instructed Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Daniel Sillo to visit these regions to address challenges related to the issuance of NIDA cards.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa supported this directive, instructing Sillo to clarify issues related to national IDs during his visit.

At a public rally in Muleba District's Fatuma Grounds yesterday, Dr. Nchimbi urged the agencies to accelerate their efforts.

"NIDA and Immigration must speed up the process to ensure citizens receive their national identity cards," he emphasized.

Dr. Nchimbi also noted that the Kagera Region has received 12trn/- in development funds over the past

three years, significantly boosting the region's economy.

Deputy Minister Sillo addressed the challenges reported during the Secretary-General's visit, including complaints about the availability of NIDA cards in Kigoma Urban, Kasulu, Ngara, Biharamulo, Kyerwa, Karagwe, and Missenyi.

Sillo instructed NIDA officers in the Kigoma and Kagera regions to expe-

dite the identification, registration, and distribution of national identity cards. He urged them to reach out to communities inwards, streets, and villages to ensure citizens receive their cards. He also noted that 78,766 identity cards in Kagera Region remain uncollected and directed NIDA registration officers to retrieve these cards.

Sillo explained that between

2021 and 2022, a shortage of raw materials hindered the production of national identity cards. However, the government, under President Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, allocated 42.5bn/- to ensure the availability of these materials.

Since October last year, NIDA has resumed the production and distribution of national identity cards nationwide.

Dr Mwinyi to grace this year's Kizimkazi festival

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi is scheduled to officially open the Kizimkazi Festival 2024 on August 18, this year.

The week-long festival, which brings together citizens and various stakeholders, will feature the launch of multiple development projects, entertainment, and training sessions for participating groups.

Among the key sponsors is NMB Bank, which plans to train over 700 entrepreneurs as well as hand over the Tasani Pre-primary School, located in the Tasani ward of Makunduchi, Zanzibar.

Speaking at the sponsor introduction event here, NMB Bank's Zanzibar cluster manager, Naima Said Shaame, detailed the bank's significant involvement in the festival, which will run from August 12 to August 25.

This year's festival is expected to attract more people. We expect to have artists to entertain, private institutions to showcase products and services they offer; small and medium enterprises, and entrepreneurs training.

"We hold this festival in high regard due to the importance of our partnership since its inception. Our participation this year will be as impactful as our extensive presence as a bank," said

Shaame.

She said the bank is committed to fostering economic growth both individually and nationally. "We support the Kizimkazi Festival because it acts as a catalyst for economic development and enhances both individual and national income," she added.

During the festival, entrepreneurs will receive training in financial literacy, investment, and strengthening their entrepreneurial ventures.

On August 20, NMB will host a special day featuring the launch and handover of the Tasani Preprimary School to President Samia Suluhu Hassan, who laid the foundation stone on August 29 last year.

The day will also include sports activities at Dimani Field and an evening Singeli Night, providing local artists with a platform to showcase their talents.

Throughout the festival, NMB will operate a booth at

the exhibition grounds offering financial services, educational resources on finance, and general banking information.

Kizimkazi Festival chairman, Mahfudh Said Omar said each sponsor will have designated days to fulfill their contractual obligations, enhancing opportunities for all involved.

In addition to NMB, other co-sponsors of the Kizimkazi Festival 2024 include the Tan-

zania Tourism Board (TTB), Mwanamke Initiatives Foundation, ASAS, CRDB Bank, NBC Bank, TADB Bank and The People's Bank of Zanzibar Limited (PBZ).

Others are TIB Development Bank, In Focus Studio, Livestream, Deep Sea Fishing Authority (DSFA), Tanzania Horticultural Association (TAHA), Bank of Tanzania (BoT), Tallahassee Community College and Tanzania Unforgettable

TBS trains entrepreneurs in Lindi on importance of certifying goods

By Guardian Correspondent, Lindi

A TOTAL of 115 entrepreneurs in Lindi Region have been trained on the importance of product quality certification and how to get quality

mark issued by the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS).

The entrepreneurs received the training from TBS officials at the just-ended 31st Farmers' Exhibition, at Ngongo grounds on the outskirts of Lindi Municipality.

TBS Quality Control Officer, Barnabas Mgaya told reporters here that the bureau offered

free education to entrepreneurs on the importance of certifying their products, as all costs are covered by the government.

He stated that the sixth-phase government under President Samia Suluhu Hassan recognises the contribution of entrepreneurs to the country's economic growth, which is why it funds all the costs associated with product quality certification.



Kahama district commissioner Mboni Mhita pictured yesterday having a word with youths from various parts of Tanzania said to have been given false promises of employment by a company based in the district. Photo: Correspondent Shaban Njia

According to Mgaya, entrepreneurs need to visit TBS with a letter of identification from the Small Industries Development Organization (SIDO), and the process of certifying their products will commence immediately.

"So we believe that the entrepreneurs who received this education at the exhibition will become ambassadors to their peers and have promised to start the certification process for their products immediately," Mgaya said.

Eng. Saidi Mkwawa, TBS southern zone manager unveiled the benefits of having the TBS quality mark, including enabling producers to enter the market confidently, as their products can compete with other products and withstand market competition.

He said that the TBS quality mark assures consumers both domestically and internationally that the products are safe

for their health.

Eng. Mkwawa also said that besides market acceptance, entrepreneurs will be assured of selling their products abroad without restrictions.

According to Eng. Mkwawa, once a product is certified by TBS, it is allowed to enter and be sold in all East African Community (EAC) countries without needing to be re-tested for quality.

He said that EAC member countries have agreed that once products are tested and certified for quality by the relevant national standards organization, they are permitted to enter any country without needing to be tested again.

"Through the education we provided to entrepreneurs, we have informed them about the opportunities that will enable them to reach larger markets," Eng. Mkwawa said.

He noted that the world today is like a

village, so entrepreneurs should not limit their production to the Tanzanian market alone.

He pointed out that there is currently a strong consumer preference for TBS-certified products, so when producing, entrepreneurs should be aware that their products will compete with others from EAC, SADC countries, and globally.

"Without certifying their products, they will fall behind, which is why the government is investing heavily in certifying their products for free, as it does not want its citizens to be mere participants in a competitive market," he said.

He further mentioned that visitors to the exhibition received education on how to identify products that have expired, urging the public to cultivate the habit of reading information on packaging to identify expired products and to check if they carry the TBS quality mark.

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2. Plan International Tanzania invites sealed bids from eligible suppliers for provision of air ticket services. Interested eligible bidders must confirm their intention to tender indicating all relevant contact information including an email address to: tenders@plan-international.org Attn: Head of Procurement and Logistics. Tender documents in the English language will be sent to interested tenderers by email. Plan Tanzania will not be held responsible for any costs related to printing, postage or delivery of the tender documents.
3. Tenderers are requested to submit Technical and Financial Proposals with each enclosed in a separate envelope and marked "Technical Proposal" and "Financial Proposal" respectively. The two envelopes shall then be enclosed in a single envelope.
4. Tenderers are hereby requested to submit or send the tenders physically in a sealed envelope by hand to:

Plan International Tanzania
Country Office
Plot 96 Mikocheni Light Industrial Area, New Bagamoyo Road - Next to TBC1&NECTA
P O Box 3517, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, East Africa

5. The deadline for submission of the tenders is **Tuesday 10th August 2024 at 17:00**. The outer cover should be clearly marked "Tender No. PIT/CO/10/FY25 for Provision of Air ticket services. Not to be opened before **Tuesday 10th August 2024 at 17:00**. Electronic and Late bids will be rejected

Country Director
Plan International Tanzania

Minister to parents: Choose baby names early for easier birth certificate issuance

By a Correspondent in Dodoma

CONSTITUTION and Legal Affairs Minister, Dr Pindi Chana has encouraged parents to choose their children's names before birth to ensure their timely registration and issuance of birth certificates.

Dr Chana made the call here over the weekend during a one-day visit to observe the registration process and the issuance of birth certificates to children under the age of five at St. Gemma Hospital, Makole Health Center, and Kikuyu Dispensary in the Capital City.

"Today I have presented birth certificates to some mothers who have safely delivered and have been discharged to go home," she said, insisting the importance of choosing names of children before birth.

"I urge parents to establish a practice of preparing their child's name in advance so that they can be registered immediately after birth and receive a certificate, as it is a right for every Tanzanian," emphasized Ambassador Chana.

Chana also called on various public and private institutions to accept these hand-filled certificates issued to children under the age of five who are registered at Ward Executive Offices and health centers nationwide, as these certificates are legitimate and have the same status as those issued by computer.

"I urge public and private institutions to receive these hand-filled certificates for providing services to citizens," she said.

She encouraged citizens to take advantage of this free countrywide service, noting that it greatly contributes to accessing various services, including medical care through health insurance, education, and later employment.

"I would like to commend RITA for the significant work you are doing, including ensuring that every Tanzanian gets his or birth certificate," Dr Chana remarked.

The minister said was confident that this important work was going on well with efficiency and that RITA should keep the ball rolling.

Dr Flora Mwakalago, the Acting Medical Officer in Charge at Makole Health Center, reported that since the introduction of birth registration services for children under five in 2019, more than 550-600 newborns were delivered each month, with 200-250 of them receiving birth certificates.

"From July 2023 to June 2024, we have already registered and issued birth certificates to over 2,750 children, which is a commendable result for our centre," said Dr Mwakalago.

Dr Azania Silliah, the Medical Officer in Charge at Kikuyu Dispensary, mentioned that Kikuyu North Ward has a total population of 14,654, including 9,250 women, with 705 being



Constitution and Legal Affairs minister Dr Pindi Chana (2nd-L) presents a birth certificate to a baby's mother while touring Kikuyu Health Centre in Dodoma city at the weekend to assess progress in the ongoing registration of under-fives. Left is Asnath Barnabas, a child protection officer with UNICEF, and second right is Frank Kanyusi, Chief Registrar and Executive Director of the Registration Insolvency and Trusteeship Agency (RITA). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

pregnant.

"From July last year (2023) to June (2024), we have registered and issued certificates to over 642 children, which is equivalency to 92percent," Dr Silliah explained.

One of the parents who received a certificate, Halima Abdallah, expressed her gratitude to the government for the services, including the im-

provement and construction of health facilities.

She said that the availability of this free countrywide service has been recommendable, as every child receives a birth certificate immediately after birth, thus saving costs that would otherwise be spent while obtaining one from RITA offices.

Frank Kanyusi, RITA chief executive officer said his agency was well prepared to ensure that all un-

der five years children get their certificates without any delay.

"We are assuring honorable Minister that since the exercise started last year many children have been registered countrywide and given free of charge certificates," Kanyusi said, thanking the government and development partners for the support.

Girls groomed on life, essential skills

By Getrude Mbago

A Section of adolescent girls and young women in Tabora, Dodoma, Coast, and Dar es Salaam regions have been groomed with essential skills aimed to prepare them for various leadership opportunities and to contribute to the wider good and care for others.

Under the 'Sauti Yetu, Nguvu Yetu' programme which is implemented by Msichana Initiative, the girls have been also equipped with reproductive health (SRH) and gender education to help them know themselves and be able to make informed decisions

regarding their lives.

Speaking at an event in Dar es Salaam over the weekend which brought together young feminists, Rosemary Batoba, 'Sauti Yetu, and Nguvu Yetu' project supervisor said efforts are still needed to train more young women who will lead others to bring positive changes in the society.

She said the organisation has groomed 20 champions who will be agents of change to lead other girls in their respective areas by imparting important knowledge to benefit others and support positive change in society.

Batoba noted that it is well

documented that worldwide, women are still underrepresented in leadership and decision-making in various sectors, the programme has been timely in addressing this imbalance by empowering young girls to challenge harmful cultural norms and barriers, fostering their confidence to effect change.

She said the programme involves capacitating the girls with essential skills to strengthen their strategic thinking, enhance personal leadership skills, become great communicators, improve the ability to overcome various challenges as well as enhance the

ability to make strategic choices," she explained.

"The girls have been equipped with self-awareness skills to tackle harassment, including sexual exploitation, especially during election periods. We are building their capacity to become leaders, to recognise and confront various forms of abuse, and to focus on achieving their goals in leadership," she said.

Mwajuma Hima, one of the girls from Ubungu District, Dar es Salaam shared that they have already begun mobilising girls through various formed groups to be able to contest positions in this

year's and next year's elections.

"Girls, let us rise; the time for being passive is over. Now is our time for us to stand firm, pursue our dreams, and ensure we reach our goals," she said.

Loveness Athuman from Nze-ga District in Tabora Region noted that the organisation has introduced a unique programme to help girls participate in leadership roles and challenge the notion that girls cannot be leaders.

"In our society, many women and girls do not engage in leadership roles, believing they are reserved for men. However, this

programme has empowered us and shown that we can be leaders in various fields, just like men. We are not frightened."

Walta Carlos, regional manager of Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGN-RR Africa) highlighted that societal systems and oppressive customs are major barriers preventing women from stepping forward for leadership roles.

"Through this programme, under Msichana Initiative and other stakeholders, we are building a generation of confident girls who are aware of their rights," Walta said.

Initiative unveiled to impart financial literacy to children

By Guardian Reporter

AS part of its ongoing efforts to promote financial literacy, Stanbic Bank Tanzania has unveiled the Financial Fitness Academy, with a special emphasis on children.

The academy, which held in Dar es Salaam over the weekend is aimed at equipping children with essential financial skills, including earning, spending, saving, and giving. It also geared towards instilling financial literacy to children to help them make informed financial decisions in the future.

By fostering financial literacy from an early age, the bank seeks to instill the discipline and knowledge necessary for a secure financial future.

Irene Bizere, affluent express manager at Stanbic Bank said: "We believe that financial literacy is a crucial life skill that should be nurtured from a young age."

She said through the initiative, the bank aims to empower the next generation with the knowledge and tools they need to make informed financial decisions.

The event featured engaging activities designed to reinforce the financial concepts taught to the children. Budgeting games offered a fun and interactive way to learn money management while role-playing scenarios provided practical exercises in earning and saving.

Insightful discussions encouraged children to share their understanding of financial principles, promoting a deeper grasp of money management.

"Early financial education offers numerous long-term benefits. It helps children develop a strong foundation in money management, budgeting, and the importance of saving. These skills foster financial discipline and responsibility, preparing children to make informed financial decisions in the future. Financially literate children are also more likely to avoid debt, save for significant life events, and contribute positively to the economy," she noted.



Dar es Salaam's Khoja Shia Ithnaasheri community chairman, Mohammedrazza Dewji, briefs journalists in the city on the free eye camp held yesterday. He is with the camp's doctor in charge, Amir Kanji (L), and chief of camp Jameel Khassan. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

10,000 Dar residents get free medical care

By Guardian Reporter

THE Khoja Shia Ithnaasheri community has offered free healthcare services to over 10,000 Dar es Salaam residents.

Held between August 8th and 10th at Mnazi Mmoja grounds in the city the initiative was spearheaded by the community's regional chairman, Mohammedrazza Dewji

"Our aim with this camp is to deliver essential healthcare services to those who need them most," Dewji explained. "In the past three days, we have provided free eyeglasses and eye medications and performed surgeries on more than 70 individuals. We also have plans to conduct further opera-

tions next week for an additional 300 patients," he said.

The camp included comprehensive health services, such as screenings for non-communicable diseases and blood donations to bolster the National Blood Bank.

The head doctor at the camp, Dr

Amir Kanji, highlighted the range of surgical services provided.

"We have extended our surgical capabilities to address common issues like prostate and breast cancer, as well as hernia surgeries. Some patients will undergo operations at our center in Kibaha," Dr Kanji noted.

Ilala District Commissioner, Edward Mpagolo lauded the Khoja Shia Ithnaasheri community for their outstanding Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) efforts. "This initiative significantly benefits our community by providing critical medical services that would otherwise be costly at pri-

private hospitals," said DC Mpagolo.

"Their commitment to improving the health and well-being of our residents is truly commendable, other institutions should form this and try to solve some challenges that face our community," he added.

This marks the third consecutive year that the Khoja Shia Ithnaasheri community has organized this medical camp.



GGM KILI CHALLENGE 2024



Ag. Kilimanjaro Regional Administrative Secretary, Eng. Jackson Masaka addresses the guests at the Flag Off event at Machame Gate in Kilimanjaro



AngloGold Ashanti Vice President of Sustainability & Corporate Affairs (Africa) Simon Shayo encourages the Kili Team ahead of the flag off.



The British High Commissioner, H.E. David Concar presents certificates to a Kili Challenge cyclist at the reception event at Mweka Gate in Kilimanjaro



AngloGold Ashanti Managing Director Duran Archery gives words of motivation to the Kili Team in the early morning hours before the flag off.



Acting Executive Director of TACAIDS Dr. Jerome Kamwela stresses the importance of the collaboration



Climbing Captain, Denis Auma (Far left) and Cycling Captain, Innocent Lyamuya (Far right) and the youngest climbers (Baraka 12 years & Regina 13 years in the centre)



KINAPA official hands over the national flag to the Guest of Honour, Hon. Raymond Mwangwala, Rombo District Commissioner.



"Good luck and don't give up" Hon. Raymond Mwangwala, Rombo District Commissioner bids the cyclists farewell.



Hikers (In orange, right) and cyclists (In blue left) listen intently to the flag-off speeches before their departure.



Cyclists courageously plunging into the chilly waters at the base of Mt. Kilimanjaro, embodying the spirit of this year's Kili Challenge campaign's message: "Don't Give Up."



A Kili Challenge hiker enjoying the greenery at the start of the 7 day adventure up Mt. Kilimanjaro



Cyclists maintaining a positive attitude



A member of the hiking team gives a thumbs up as they embark on the starting stretch of Mt. Kilimanjaro.



"We did it!" Climbers celebrating their triumph.



Hikers powering through their mid-expedition, pushing on with unwavering determination.



A cyclist supports another as they ride through one of the villages on Mt. Kilimanjaro.

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**Taking A New Look
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Proposals by LHRC would help much towards enshrining Diasporans' rights

THE Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) has set off some interestingly unique debate in advising that law reform institutions work for the repeal of portions of an impending revisiting of constitutional provisions, particularly as focused on our country's Immigration Act.

The agency, which boasts enviable expertise, is seeking alterations to amendments to citizenship law and its respective procedures.

The LHRC's proposal could stand on its own and still perfectly make sense, but it has prior legal mandate in a decision of the High Court last year.

This ostensibly annulled a constitutional provision though the matter didn't reach the Court of Appeal, and is therefore weak.

The agency said in a statement towards the weekend that using the constitutional provision after it was annulled would be a violation of court orders effectively undermining the rule of law.

Yet, as many jurists would point out, there is a difference between the letter of the law and the spirit of the law, while various prerogatives are made in the spirit of institutions rather than in specific legislation.

From a law usage viewpoint, if the state did not appeal this ruling or judgment it would follow that it is validated in law, whereas in a constitutional format with extensive presidential powers the point lies elsewhere.

It would amount to ignoring the ruling in full awareness that it does not amount to a precedent that law organs will enforce such rulings. Short of a Court of Appeal ruling, the judgment has no impact in how institutions observe constitutional provisions.

The court has observed that the provision is at variance with Article

107A (1) of the 1977 edition of Tanzania's Constitution, where the judiciary is deemed to be the sole authority with respect to final decisions in the administration of justice.

The issue is legislation where Section 23 of the Immigration Act reform bill proposes to amend Section 37 of the Act.

The latter section sets out the procedure for appealing to the respective minister, but it set limits to the right of appeal for individuals dissatisfied with the minister's decision on their application.

As the statement indicated, there are ongoing efforts to amend this section but not actually repealing it as LHRC either expected in the wake of the High Court decision or in line with its own law reform proposals.

The idea that using this section despite the judgment could amount to disregarding court orders and creating a negative image for the rule of law is only partially accurate.

As one civic body noted, the provision is being retouched considering the weaknesses the court observed, while not handing discretionary special status decisions to the courts.

The question is really how far discretionary special citizenship status has been accepted in legislation or was actually retained by the government with a mandate from the legislature.

When LHRC says the bill fails to protect people's birthright, which is inherent and cannot be lost, this affirmation is definitely way beyond legislators' intent in the disputed provisions.

Arguing that it reflects the government's reluctance to grant dual citizenship may be true but the legislature was equally reluctant, so doubts remain as to whether LHRC can gain all such rights in court.

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Respect for Geneva Conventions must be a political priority

By Didier Chassot

TODAY, August 12, marks the 75th anniversary of the 1949 Geneva Conventions - the "Laws of War", the "one set of rules we all agree on".

The four Geneva Conventions of 1949, the two Additional Protocols of 1977 and the Additional Protocol of 2005 form the core of International Humanitarian Law (IHL), setting out international law in regards to the conduct of war, especially on the treatment of prisoners and civilians.

Switzerland is the Depositary of the Conventions, a role that it plays with all necessary diligence and conscientiousness.

But, first and foremost, my country is a High Contracting Party to the Conventions, mindful of the obligation at Article 1 common to the Conventions "to respect and to ensure their respect".

That is why Switzerland is seizing this anniversary as an opportunity to again highlight the central importance of the Conventions, especially nowadays, at a time when conflicts continue to cause so much suffering, so much destruction and so many victims.

Earlier in May, the Embassy of Switzerland in Tanzania, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the Tanzania Red Cross Society (TRCS) jointly inaugurated the photo exhibition 'Dialogues On Humanity' on World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day at the National Museum in Dar es Salaam.

The event, with a panel discussion on "The Geneva Conventions at 75: The Importance of the Laws of War Today", highlighted the significance of these Conventions.

The Geneva Conventions are centrally important because they are the only international conventions ratified by all States.



They are important because they are realistic, taking into account the fact that, sadly, war is happening, but setting limits to it and regulating the behaviour of the warring parties.

The idea is to protect all those who are not (the civilian population), or are no longer (the wounded, the sick and the prisoners) taking an active part in hostilities.

They are important because they are as relevant as ever - more often than not, what we see are images of what their disregard provokes - but the fact is that the Conventions continue to save lives and alleviate suffering, even in the midst of the worst horror.

This is thanks in particular to the courageous actions of humanitarian workers, UN personnel and volunteers.

And they are important because they must be a political priority - they are the result of the political will of all States, simply and precisely because they have our common humanity at their core.

All States - all of them Parties to the Conventions - should affirm and reaffirm their political will to respect them.

The Geneva Conventions continue to save millions of lives threatened by the many conflicts all around the world; to reunite thousands of separated family members; and to comfort thousands of prisoners of

war. Suffering throughout the world would be even greater without them.

Yet, as we are all too aware, there are too many violations of these rules: executions of civilians, hostage taking, bombing of hospitals, torture, the use of famine and rape as methods of warfare, and so on.

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, in Ukraine, in Sudan, in Gaza, in Yemen and in so many other places, the humanitarian consequences are devastating - and unacceptable.

But let us make no mistake. The greatest challenge is not the relevance of the rules themselves, but to ensure that they are respected and implemented.

If the Conventions were fully respected by all parties to a conflict, many of today's humanitarian crises would not be as severe as we see them to be.

All States have an obligation to "respect and ensure respect" for the Geneva Conventions "in all circumstances". All States - and other actors - should therefore use their influence to prevent and stop violations of the Conventions and other relevant instruments of International Humanitarian Law.

Remaining firm in its commitment to and respect for humanitarian principles, Switzerland therefore calls on all states to (i) use their influence to prevent and put an end to violations of the Geneva Conventions; (ii) ratify the three Additional Protocols; and (iii) recognize the competence of the International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Commission.

All states should also (iv) set up or strengthen National Committees for the implementation of international humanitarian law; (v) establish voluntary reports on the domestic implementation of international humanitarian law; and (vi) adopt laws implementing the Geneva Conventions at the domestic level and disseminate them within the armed forces and the civilian population.

Respect for the Geneva Conventions must be a political priority. Let us be inspired by the inter-state cooperation that was at work back in 1949. Let us continue our joint efforts.

•Didier Chassot (pictured) is Switzerland's Ambassador to Tanzania. He penned this opinion piece in marking the 75th anniversary of the 1949 Geneva Conventions, widely known as the "Laws of War", the "one set of rules we all agree on".

Women's emancipation, disorder in upbringing strange bedfellows

A globally renowned opinion survey institution reports that, despite progress in policy and legislation intended to end gender inequality in most African countries, the reality is quite different.

It says Africa is still far from achieving gender equality, this on the strength of surveys carried out in Tanzania, Kenya, South Africa, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

It adds that women still face discrimination in a raft of professions, in the business world and with respect to electoral positions, which is fairly easy to attest but would need a proper survey to formulate.

The report shows the various factors at play, identifying one as 'social expectations that are placed on women in these countries' - and including the family yearning that young women get married.

The survey shows that these expectations remain barriers to participation in education and the labour market.

It is an affirmative expectation that women's institutional presence in whatever sphere comparable to that of men, an equalitarian notion leading to the 50/50 presence in the legislature, which activists call women's representation.

Going through press reporting on the survey, one sees governance experts saying those inequalities are rooted in social and cultural norms and traditions "that can be traced to the colonial era".

That comes to a surprising affirmation that wishing that the mother is at home with the children if there is no material compulsion to work outside,

save perhaps conducting a small business on the street next to the household, is a colonial preference.

That is why our country - as well as the rest of Africa and much of the world - faces a communication problem, specifically meaning campaigning for gender equality but crying at poor upbringing.

Just imagine the report lamenting that women and girls still lag behind their male counterparts in professions, business or landownership, and figure out what domestic scenario there is in such a situation.

Were it that several women constitute a household where they look after their own children and those of relatives or any children they have chosen to rear, it would not be a problem.

Three mothers could be at work and there is at least one middle-aged woman remaining at the fairly large household to take care of the children. They would all be within reach of caution or reminders, while mother comes later.

A recent video that caught the public eye and caused vast anguish has a teenage maid feeding funny stuff to children while not eating that overly dirty stuff herself, and it is unclear what adult made and uploaded the video.

The law enforcers' reaction was to seek out the parents over the hiring of an underage girl to look after children, but who else would do have done it?

But how many households besides the top category could afford adult wages and hand them a house without fearing risking an arranged robbery?

HerStory Matters: Towards gender transformation in South African media

AS we stand on the cusp of National Women's Day on 9 August, it's more than just a celebration. It's a moment of reflection, a moment to acknowledge the strides made in gender transformation, especially at the higher echelons, in the local media industry. While the journey towards gender equality in our industry is far from over, the progress we've witnessed is a beacon of hope for the future.

Three decades into our democracy, women are claiming their rightful places in newsrooms and the media industry. This is not just a milestone, it's a testament to the significant strides we've made.

Female journalist pioneers like Ruth First, Noni Jabavu, Jubu Mayet, and countless others have multiplied. Their trailblazing efforts have not only laid the groundwork for the current generation of female journalists, but have also etched their names in the annals of history. We owe these remarkable women a debt of gratitude for paving the way for Nomavenda Mathiane, Lizeka Mda, Lakela Kaunda, Rehana Rossouw,

Phindile Xaba, Karima Brown, Ferial Haffajee, Katy Katopodis, Anneliese Burgess, Phylcia Oppelt, Audrey Brown, and many other prominent female journalists.

Most recently we have seen the appointments of veteran journalist Mapi Mhlangu as editor-in-chief of Newzroom Afrika, and the Sowetan's editor Nwabisa Makhunga as the chairperson of the South African National Editors Forum. These appointments are a welcome affirmation of the media industry's commitment to gender transformation.

However, it's important to remember that these women at the top are not the norm, but the exception. Their rise to the top, while inspiring, also underscores the challenges that still exist. It's a stark reminder that we must continue to push the boundaries, break the glass ceilings, and challenge the status quo until the day when women in leadership become the rule, not the exception.

In the end, every step forward is a step towards a future where every voice matters, where every story is told, and where

every woman has the opportunity to lead. And that is a future worth striving for.

Traillblazers

Traillblazers like Terry Volkwyn, Yolisa Phahle and Phuti Mahanyele-Dabengwa have not just broken the glass ceiling, they've shattered it. Their leadership in major listed media companies is not just a victory for them, but a beacon of inspiration for others to follow. Yet, let's not forget that this is not the endgame. Gender equality is not a destination, but a journey, and it's a journey we're all a part of. Especially when the reins of many media outlets are still firmly in male hands.

Since the dawn of democracy, the discourse around newsroom transformation has been dominated by race, leaving gender in the shadows. According to the 2024 study on race and leadership in the newsroom by the Reuters Institute, South African newsrooms are a global exemplar of racial diversity. In 2020, 68% of top editors were persons of colour, a figure that rose to 71% last year.

But when it comes to gender and despite progressive policies instituted by the ANC such as affirmative action, we're lagging behind.

Why is the narrative of transformation so one-sided?

Why is the gender conversation not as loud as the race conversation?

Time to shift the focus

It's time to shift the focus, to bring gender into the spotlight. It's time to challenge the status quo, to question the norms, and to provoke a change. Because the future of our industry depends on it. And the future should be one in which every voice matters.

In a country where women constitute more than half the population, it's a stark irony that only 30% of newsroom leaders were women six years ago. The needle has moved, but not enough. The media industry, both public and private, still favours men, particularly black men, for leadership roles. Black African women journalists often find themselves at the back of the queue.

Invest in research to protect crops from future flooding

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TROPICAL Storm Debby has resulted in record-setting rain and flooding events across several States, including Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina and parts of Georgia and left a trail of damage including leaving Florida crops flooded.

Record-breaking rain, flooding events, and other weather impacts people and our ability to grow crops successfully, including wheat, soybeans, maize, and vegetable crops such as tomatoes, which we depend on to meet human food security and nutrition needs.

In the US Midwest, for example, flooding events of 2019 resulted in economic impacts exceeding 6-8 billion USD. In 2023, weather-related disasters resulted in over \$21 billion in crop losses. On the African continent, a recent study found that record-breaking rainfall and flooding events contributed to food insecurity.

Predictably, like humans, plants, including maize, soybeans, and tomatoes, are sensitive to flooding. I have seen firsthand the detrimental impacts flooding has on crops such as maize and tomato as a child growing up on a farm in Kenya and today as a University Professor and a researcher at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign working on a flooding field study that the United States Department of Agriculture funds.

During flooding, plant growth and development are impacted by the deprivation of oxygen, an essential and indispensable element that powers all critical below-and-aboveground plant life-sustaining metabolic and physiological processes, including respiration and photosynthesis.

Ultimately, depending on

several factors, including crop genetics, soil and agricultural management practices, temperatures, and crop stage, when flooding happens, plant development and growth are impacted with consequences for yield crop supply and food nutrition and security.

There is an urgent need to understand flooding's impacts on agriculturally relevant crops. Importantly, actionable plans and strategies must be implemented to strengthen crops' resilience to record-breaking events. What can then be done?

To implement actionable strategies against flooding and its detrimental impacts on plants, federal funding agencies, including the United States Department of Agriculture and the National Science Foundation, must invest in flooding research.

First, we must understand the short and long-term impacts of flooding on all crops. How do diverse crop varieties grown today across different environments respond to flooding? Such research would be instrumental in picking out flooding-resistant varieties and unpacking the characteristics and traits, including crop genetics, that underpin flooding resilience.

Such intelligence would then be used to breed climate-resilient crop varieties that can tolerate flooding and thrive under other climate-associated stressors now and into the future.

Second, we must understand the impacts flooding has on soil health, soil biology, and below-ground microorganisms that underpin plants and soil health. Healthy soil is a dynamic matrix that houses microorganisms, including bacteria and fungi, that play diverse functions, including nutrient cycling, nitrogen fixation, promoting plant growth, and suppressing disease-causing

pathogens.

Emerging research has revealed that during flooding, in response to declining oxygen levels, soil undergoes dramatic changes in its physical, chemical, and biological properties, including soil pH and nutrient concentrations.

Further, research evidence reveals the accumulation of toxic compounds such as manganese and hydrogen sulfide that can harm soil microbial communities. How long these flooding-induced and associated soil changes last and their impacts on beneficial soil microbe communities across different environments remain largely unknown.

In parallel, we need to understand the role that crop and soil management practices touted as regenerative play in mitigating flooding impacts on plants.

Ultimately, flooding research should be steered towards coming up with flooding solutions. What target solutions can be implemented after flooding to steer soils, soil microbiomes, and plants toward recovery? It will require a transdisciplinary approach, collaborative research, and the participation of all stakeholders- farmers, researchers, funding agencies, the private sector, government, and humanitarian organizations.

To be sure, short-term aid efforts that have traditionally occurred when flooding occurs, including actions taken by Florida, are necessary. Still, to face the reality of more flooding in the future, we need more research.

Future climate projections reveal that record-breaking flooding events will happen more frequently. We must build a comprehensive understanding of flooding. Investing in research and involving all stakeholders is the way forward.

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THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
THE MWALIMU NYERERE MEMORIAL ACADEMY
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CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

The Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Academy (MNMA) will hold the **Third International Conference on "Celebrating the Legacy of Mwalimu Nyerere on Leadership and Sustainable Development" dated 10th October 2024**. The Organising Committee of the Conference is glad to invite you to participate in the Conference. Please submit a paper abstract (maximum 300 words) in English alongside your contact details (names, institutional affiliation, phone, postal and e-mail address) **by 30th August 2024** to the Organising Committee at conference@mnma.ac.tz or mnmaconference@gmail.com.

Conference Theme
The Legacy of Mwalimu Nyerere in Leadership and Sustainable Development

Sub-themes

1) Mwalimu Nyerere's philosophy of self-reliance and its relevance to modern sustainable development
This sub-theme delves into Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere's vision of self-reliance, as articulated in the Arusha Declaration of 1967, and explores its application to contemporary sustainable development practices. Paper presentations could focus on the following areas:

- Historical context:** analysis of the origins and implementation of Nyerere's self-reliance philosophy in Tanzania, highlighting its historical significance and impact.
- Agricultural development:** examination of Nyerere's emphasis on agriculture as a foundation for economic independence, and discussion on how similar strategies can enhance food security and sustainable agricultural practices today.
- Economic policies:** critical analysis of Ujamaa (family-hood) and its cooperative economics model, assessing its strengths and weaknesses in promoting sustainable development.
- Education and human capital:** exploration of Nyerere's focus on education for empowerment and its implications for current educational reforms aimed at sustainable development.
- Case studies:** presentation of modern applications of self-reliance principles in developing economies, comparing Nyerere's strategies with current sustainable development goals (SDGs).

2) Leadership and governance: Nyerere's ethical framework for sustainable development
This subtheme investigates how Nyerere's leadership, characterized by high ethical standards and a commitment to social justice, can drive sustainable development. Papers could address the following topics:

- Ethical leadership:** analysis of Nyerere's principles of integrity, accountability, and transparency in governance, and their impact on sustainable development.
- Social justice:** exploration of Nyerere's policies aimed at reducing inequality and promoting social equity, linking these to modern efforts to achieve inclusive growth.
- Democratic governance:** evaluation of Nyerere's vision of participatory democracy and its role in fostering sustainable development through community involvement and empowerment.
- Policy formulation:** discussion on how ethical considerations can be integrated into policy-making processes to ensure long-term sustainability.
- Contemporary challenges:** addressing current governance challenges in Africa and globally, and proposing solutions inspired by Nyerere's ethical framework.

3) Educational reforms and sustainable development: The Nyerere's legacy
This sub-theme explores the transformative power of education in achieving sustainable development, drawing inspiration from Nyerere's advocacy for education as a tool for liberation and development. Papers could cover:

- Educational philosophy:** analysis of Nyerere's educational philosophy, emphasizing critical thinking, problem-solving, and community service.
- Curriculum development:** discussion on designing curricula to incorporate sustainability principles, inspired by Nyerere's holistic approach to education.
- Vocational training:** examination of the importance of vocational and technical training in building a skilled workforce capable of supporting sustainable industries.
- Lifelong learning:** promotion of continuous education and professional development to adapt to changing environmental and economic landscapes.
- Success stories:** highlighting successful educational reforms inspired by Nyerere's principles and their contributions to sustainable development.

4) Environmental stewardship and community development: Lessons from Nyerere's leadership
This sub-theme examines how Nyerere's respect for the environment and community-centred development can guide sustainable development initiatives. Papers could address:

- Environmental conservation:** analysis of Nyerere's approaches to conservation and how they can inform current strategies to combat climate change and environmental degradation.
- Community-based resource management:** discussion on the role of communities in managing natural resources sustainably, inspired by Nyerere's Ujamaa villages.
- Sustainable rural development:** examination of Nyerere's efforts in promoting rural development and how similar approaches can address today's rural-urban disparities.
- Cultural heritage:** exploration of preserving cultural heritage while promoting sustainable development, drawing lessons from Nyerere's integration of cultural values into development policies.
- Global perspectives:** comparison of Nyerere's environmental and community development policies with global best practices, identifying synergies and opportunities for collaboration.

Conference Venue: The conference is planned as a face-to-face event to be held at the Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Academy - Kivukoni Campus, Dar es Salaam.

Modes of presentation: Both oral and poster presentations will be accepted. During submission of your abstract please specify the preferred mode of your presentation.

Conference Fee: There will be no participation fee for this Conference.


Conference Sponsorship: The Organizing Committee cannot assist financially, therefore every participant shall seek his/her sponsorship to the conference and make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

Other logistics: For those with accepted papers for presentations, an official invitation letter will be provided.

Conference Output: Papers presented at the conference will be published in a book of proceedings. The papers will be peer-reviewed before publication.

Conference timelines

- Conference Date	: 10 th October 2024
- Submission of full papers	: 30 th September 2024
- Acceptance of Abstracts	: 10 th September 2024
- Deadline for submission of abstract	: 30 th August 2024
- Call of abstracts (max: 300 words)	: 18 th July 2024



Looking for Facilitators to facilitate Data Quality Assessment (DQA) in 19 PASADA care and treatment sites in the Dar es Salaam Region.

Introduction and Background
PASADA, is a faith-based organization working in to contribute to Pastoral activities and services for poor and vulnerable populations in Tanzania. Since its establishment in 1992, PASADA has provided services in the areas of Health mainly HIV/AIDS at both facility and community setting, Livelihood, Economic empowerment, and Community development. PASADA continues to offer both spiritual and physical support to all people without any form of discrimination and always aims at restoring dignity and respect to all humankind.

Over the years, PASADA's role expanded to include medical services for HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, and other diseases, along with community-based care. As of now, PASADA is providing care and treatment services in both Dar es salaam and Coastal regions respectively and for Dar es salaam, 19 CTCs are established to provide comprehensive HIV services to individuals and their families.

The Objectives of the assignment
The objective is to conduct a comprehensive Data Quality Assessment (DQA) at 19 PASADA care and treatment sites in the Dar es Salaam Region to ensure data accuracy, completeness, and reliability. The DQA will be conducted quarterly to maintain high data quality standards and improve data management practices

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Come 2026 local govt elections, ANC slide is likely to continue

It is surely agreed by almost everyone that one of the main reasons the quality of life has deteriorated for so many people in so many places is the failure of the local governments.

Whether it is hundreds and thousands of elderly people and mothers having to queue for water in township areas or the daily struggle to get to school and work through potholes, it is the failure of local government that is having the biggest impact on people's lives.

Much of this is financial. Numbers made public this week suggest that councils owe Eskom alone nearly R100-billion. Water boards are owed over R20-billion.

All of this despite the fact that people in these councils have been mostly paying for services - the councils did receive money for these services, and have not used the money properly. A very polite way of saying it was either wasted or in some cases, simply stolen.

For the ANC, the real problem is that there is a stark contrast between the councils it runs, and the councils run by other parties, and particularly by the DA.

It has been a major plank of the DA's campaign for years that the councils it controls are better governed.

While this can be contentious (it often depends on where you live, Khayelitsha is certainly worse than Houghton; whether it is better than Diepsloot may be impossible to assess), the Auditor-General's office has certainly found consistently that DA councils manage their money better.

Operation Vulindlela

Now the ANC lekgotla has resolved that Operation Vulindlela must try to resolve some of these issues, and particularly the question of municipal debt.

The party's head of its local government subcommittee, Parks Tau, was reported by Business Live to have said that, "There needs to be a greater appetite to partner with the private sector to mobilise resources in addressing some of the challenges and to ensure we mobilise resources across the board including [development finance] and blended finance. We need an overarching solution to the debt crisis in our local government system and how that affects service delivery."

Many of Operation Vulindlela's successes have involved the private sector. But it is not clear how the private sector could get involved here.

It would seem the only way to do this would be to have some kind of loan programme. But it would be tough to convince any institution to lend money to a council that has

shown plenty of evidence that it misspends money.

There is virtually no financial case that would encourage someone to lend a council in this situation any money at all. Because underneath the huge debt owed by most councils is their failure to collect revenue.

The ANC has said publicly several times that people must pay for the power they consume, and has campaigned against illegal connections. And it is well known how councils have relied on their electricity tariffs (the on-selling of electricity) to fund themselves. In at least one case this has led to a dispute over which council can charge which residents for power they supply.

But the party's own Energy and Electricity Minister Kgosientso Ramagopa has said that the current pricing system needs to be reviewed because the recent increases in power prices were simply unsustainable - people cannot afford to pay for what they use.

And of course, many municipalities simply do not have the tax base to ever fund themselves, never mind repaying the debt they have accrued.

Differences

At the same time, local government may be about to become more disputed, despite the creation of the coalition in national government. This is because there are now actors with more agendas than in the past, particularly because of what appears to be differences between the national ANC and the provincial and regional elements in the party.

For example, in Joburg, Al Jama-ah Mayor Kabelo Gwamanda has still not left office, despite a promise by the ANC that he would do so by August.

The plan by the ANC in Joburg to win support from Action SA (which has consistently said it would never work with the ANC) appears to be falling through.

The context here is that the Gauteng ANC has formed a minority administration, refusing to work with the DA. As previously indicated, this may suggest the Joburg ANC's plan



South African President Cyril Ramaphosa

to work with Action SA may simply be to keep the DA out of power in the city.

The situation is still more complicated.

While Gwamanda belongs to Al Jama-ah, his head of communications, Mlimandlela Ndimase, has a long history of working for the ANC. In particular, he was the spokesperson for Nomvula Mokonyane when she was the Minister of Water Affairs. It was during this time that the second phase of the Lesotho Highlands Water Project

was delayed because of her insistence on BEE provisions in the contract. That delay may put Gauteng's water supplies at risk in the future.

Agendas

Considering the importance of communication for a person who is a mayor, it is certainly significant that a mayor from one party is prepared to have a spokesperson from another party.

This reveals how many agendas there are in local government. And that while the national ANC may wish the

national coalition to "cascade" to local government, there will be serious opposition to this.

There will be much speculation as to why this is the case. But certainly, there are important regional interests that would prefer to avoid working with the DA, and they have significant power.

Of course, it is not correct to directly link the DA's possible involvement in local government with the reform of local government.

Tshwane has had a mayor from the DA for several years and is still battling to provide proper services.

One of the reasons for this is that many other groups will oppose any kind of reform.

Officials have spoken many times of a "water tanker mafia" that deliberately sabotages water infrastructure.

Other, perhaps less organised groups, have a long history of vandalising electrical equipment, or simply stealing other infrastructure.

All of this suggests that despite the ANC's best efforts, the lived experience of most people in most councils will not improve in any significant way by the local elections due in 2026.

The results of this year's national and provincial elections have surely shattered the image of the ANC as destined to govern "until Jesus comes".

They may only be a foretaste of the revelation to come in local government. **DM**

Hydrogen from renewables or fossil fuels? The Panamanian question

PANAMA

IN 2021, the Panama Canal welcomed a French experimental ship on a world tour, the Energy Observer, the first electric vessel powered by a combination of renewable energies and a hydrogen production system based on seawater.

The vessel exemplifies Panama's aspiration to become a regional hub for hydrogen, the most abundant gas on the planet, but faces the existential decision of whether to generate it from renewable energy or fossil gas.

This Central American nation of just over four million people is developing, albeit belatedly, the first phase of its roadmap to materialise the National Green Hydrogen and Derivatives Strategy, approved in 2023.

For Juan Lucero, coordinator of the Ministry of the Environment's National Climate Transparency Platform, green hydrogen would be the best option, given its renewable energy, strategic position and the influence of international policies to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in sea transport.

"Panama has natural gas, and companies are interested in taking part in this business, in this case blue hydrogen. If Panama wants to be a hub, then blue is a good option," he told IPS.

He stressed that "for Panama, it has always been a priority to provide services, to be an energy hub. We have tradition, experience, history, as a hub for supplying bunker (a petroleum distillate) ships. The idea is to achieve that

transition."

The production of hydrogen, which the fossil fuel industry has been using for decades, has now been transformed into a coloured palette, depending on its origin.

Thus, "grey" comes from gas and depends on adapting pipelines to transport it.

By comparison, "blue" has the same origin, but the carbon dioxide (CO2) emanating from it is captured by plants. Production is based on steam methane reforming, which involves mixing the first gas with the second and heating it to obtain a synthesis gas. However, this releases CO2, the main GHG responsible for global warming.

Meanwhile, "green" hydrogen is obtained through electrolysis, separating it from the oxygen in water by means of an electric current.

The latter type joins the range of clean sources to drive energy transition away from fossil fuels and thus develop a low-carbon economy. Today, however, hydrogen is still largely derived from fossil fuels.

In its different colours, Panama joins Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay in having national hydrogen policies.

Ambition

In 2022, the Panamanian government created the High Level Green Hydrogen and Green Hydrogen Technical committees to drive the roadmap in that direction.

But it has not made progress in the creation of free zones for trade and storage of green hydrogen and derivatives; updating regulations; and encouraging port activities to use electric vehicles, install decentralised solar systems, introduce energy efficiency and generate heat through solar thermal energy.

The green hydrogen strategy approved in 2023 includes eight targets and 30 lines of action, foreseeing the annual production of 500,000 tonnes of this energy and derivatives, to cover 5% of the shipping fuel supply by 2030.

In 20 years, the estimate rises to the supply of 40% of shipping fuels.

But this potential would require 67 gigawatts (Gw) of installed renewable capacity, which is a substantial deployment in a country whose economy is highly dependent on the activity of the inter-oceanic canal between the Pacific and the Atlantic, inaugurated in 1914 and expanded a century later, in a project that doubled its capacity and came into operation in 2016.

In 2023, the Panamanian energy mix relied on hydropower, gas, wind, bunker, solar and diesel, with an installed capacity of 3.47 Gw at the start of 2024. Panama currently has at least 31 photovoltaic plants and three wind farms.

Electricity generation accounted for some 24 million tonnes of CO2 emissions in 2021, with the largest contributors being energy (70%) and agriculture (20%).

But in 2023, the country declared itself carbon neutral, i.e. its forests capture the pollution released into the atmosphere, having a negative balance in GHG emissions.

The national strategy includes the construction of a 160 megawatt (MW) solar plant and an 18 MW wind power farm in the centre-south of the country, as well as a second 290 MW photovoltaic plant in the northern province of Colón.

In this province, a green ammonia production plant is planned to supply the future demand for shipping fuel, with an annual production of 65,000 tonnes and an investment of US\$ 500 million.

The global shipping sector considers hydrogen, ammonia and its derivative, methanol, to be viable. The latter, which is also used to make fertilisers, explosives and other commodities, can be obtained from green hydrogen.

A demand of up to 280,000 tonnes of green ammonia per year is projected by 2040, which would require the installation of 4.2 Gw of electrolysis.

Leonardo Beltrán, a non-resident researcher at the non-governmental Institute of the Americas, told IPS about the process of building strategies, institutional vision, and short, medium and long-term goals.

"They have taken giant steps in a relatively short period of time. They already have the infrastructure, the canal. If that demand is met, it could be a game changer. If you can connect the canal to other ports, to the United States or Europe, they could very well have that (green) corridor that would anchor a relevant demand. That would boost on-site and also regional generation," he said from Mexico City.

With support from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Panama is developing pre-feasibility projects on the production of green hydrogen, its conversion to ammonia and the installation of an ammonia dispatch station as a clean shipping fuel, and on the production of green aviation paraffin.

The roadmap found to be more feasible the production of hydrogen in Panama, the import of green ammonia and the processing of green shipping fuel. generation areas.

In 2021, the country shipped 42.79 million tonnes of fuel to more than 44,000 vessels, a figure that will grow by 2030. By comparison, hydrogen passing through the canal would total 81.84 million tonnes in 2030 and 190.96 million in 2050.

In its voluntary climate contributions under the Paris Agreement, Panama pledged to reduce total emissions from the energy sector by at least 11.5% in 2030, from its 2019 level, and by 24% in 2050.

In parallel, as of 2021, the Panama Canal, through which 6% of world trade passes, is implementing its own Sustainable Development and Decarbonisation Strategy.

The autonomous Panama Canal Authority's plan includes the introduction of electric vehicles, tugboats and boats using alternative fuels; the replacement of fossil electricity with photovoltaics and the use of hydropower, to become carbon neutral by 2030, with an investment of some US\$8.5 billion over the next five years.

The canal reduces some 16 million tonnes of CO2 each year.

Tolls and shipping services are its biggest sources of revenue, and thus the importance of developing shipping fuels based on clean hydrogen.

In the first nine months of 2023, 210.73 million long tons (1,016 kilograms) went through the interoceanic infrastructure, down from 218.44 million in the same period in 2022.

Of the total cargoes, one third are fossil fuels. Container, chemical, gas and bulk carriers are the main transports.

Lucero said the country is looking for investments in renewable energy, particularly green hydrogen.

"This market has to be developed in an orderly way. Demand has to be driven; otherwise, the investment will not be profitable. There are uncertainties, but the line that has been taken is that hydrogen is the future and we want to break away from being followers to become leaders, to seize the moment to develop and be prepared when the boom arrives," he stressed.

For expert Beltrán, if the government that took office on 1 July follows this route, it would send a strong signal to the sector and thus pull the shipping sector toward energy transition.

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500 midwives to be drilled by 2028, in move to spur healthcare services

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

MORE than 500 midwives are set to benefit from training sponsorship by 2028, in a strategic move to enhance healthcare services and ensuring safe childbirth across the country.

Deusdedit Mashalla, NBC's Morogoro branch manager made the pledge here when speaking over the weekend during the fifth graduation ceremony of the Diploma in Nursing, Midwifery, and Laboratory Technology at the Morogoro College of Health and Allied Sciences (MCOHAS).

Collaborating with the Benjamin Mkapa Foundation (BMF), the bank sponsored the training of 50 in-service midwives out of the 151 graduates.

Alongside the initiative, the bank has also emphasized the importance of financial literacy among public employees, recognizing the direct correlation between financial well-being and the quality of service provided.

According to Mashalla, the programme facilitated through the annual NBC Dodoma Marathon, aims to address the shortage of midwives in remote areas of the country.

"The goal is to ensure that by 2028, a total of 500 beneficiaries of this program will be reached to save the lives of mothers and children in regions currently facing a significant shortage of the professionals," he stated.

In addition to funding the midwives' education, the NBC Dodoma Marathon has also taken on the responsibility of fighting cervical

cancer in women through public education and screenings. "Over 40,900 women have been screened through the initiative, with 1,600 of them being diagnosed with the dangerous cancer and receiving early treatment," Mashalla proudly announced.

Recognizing the importance of financial well-being, Mashalla emphasized the bank's commitment to providing financial education to the graduates and various public employees.

"There is a strong correlation between the financial situation of employees, including those in the healthcare sector, and the quality of services they provide to the public," he said, echoing the advice given to the graduates by Dr. Daniel Nkungu, the Chief Medical Officer of Morogoro Regional Referral Hospital.

"In addition to emphasizing the importance of understanding the main purpose of your service in this profession, I also strongly urge you to prioritize proper use of your finances. There is a strong correlation between the financial situation of employees, including those in the healthcare sector, and the quality of services they provide to the public. An employee who enters their duties burdened with financial stress from debts and a poor economic situation can transfer that anger to the people they serve or even their colleagues...I implore you not to fall into that trap," cautioned Dr. Nkungu.

The bank's multifaceted approach, combining the funding of midwife education and promoting financial literacy, demonstrates its dedication to empowering health-



NBC's Morogoro branch manager, Deusdedit Mashalla (C) witnesses some of the midwifery diploma graduates at the Morogoro College of Health and Allied Sciences (MCOHAS) demonstrating practical skills in caring for mothers and babies during childbirth as part of the fifth graduation ceremony held at the college over the weekend. The graduates are among the 50 beneficiaries of the midwifery scholarship provided by NBC Bank in collaboration with the Benjamin Mkapa Foundation. Others include the Chief Medical Officer of Morogoro Regional Referral Hospital, Dr. Daniel Nkungu (5th R), and other college officials. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

care heroes and improving the overall well-being of the communities it serves. This initiative not only addresses the critical shortage of midwives but also ensures that those providing vital healthcare services are equipped with the financial knowledge to maintain their own financial stability, ultimately leading to better patient outcomes.

Evarist Urassa, MCOHAS principal called on the graduates and other healthcare workers to update their professional status regularly in

order to keep up with the significant professional changes driven by ongoing technological advancements.

"Today, you are graduating with a diploma level and will be serving the community, but know that your academic journey is not over. My advice to you and others already in service is to keep updating yourselves because this profession receives new technology every day, and even medical techniques change due to various factors, including the emergence of new

pathogens and diseases," he said.

He also appealed to various stakeholders to collaborate with the government in improving the infrastructure of the college, which was established in 1975 and is now facing dilapidation of buildings and a shortage of learning infrastructures.

Mariam Ndabagenga, BMF relations manager applauded the bank for sponsoring the midwifery program. She urged the graduates, especially the beneficiaries of the

program, to demonstrate superior performance when they return to their duties.

"If you do not show the difference we expected when you return to your duties, you will disappoint us, the organizers, and our sponsors of this program.

Your success will serve as a catalyst to convince more stakeholders to fund other professionals in different areas, including the whole issue of nutrition, which we see as a new program," she stated.

Tanzania leads in Africa for sunflower production

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

TANZANIA has successfully managed to advance from the second position in the production of sunflowers within the African continent to the first position since June 2023.

The development has been propelled due to efforts by the government to implement viable strategies to elevate the performance of the sub-sector, including opening windows for the private sector to chin - in the sub-sector, especially in the seeds production area.

National Coordinator for Sunflower Crop Research, Frank Reuben said over the weekend here that the edible oil raw crop is now cultivated in all regions across the country, except Dar es Salaam.

"The farmers in all regions are growing the sunflower at different levels, and the sub-sector keeps on attracting a record number of farmers," he said.

Currently, he said there are at least 1.6 million farmers cultivating the crop under a total of 800,000 households within the country.

The currently high impetus among the farmers to venture into the sub-sector, according to him, is being triggered by concerted efforts by the government to hatch and disseminate improved technologies in seed production, as well as processing and addition value chain.



For instance, he said, in Singida, Dodoma, and Manyara regions there are 800 edible oil processing plants across the country.

To ensure enough production and availability of improved seeds to farmers, Reuben said the government was applying the approach of

public-private partnership (PPP).

"Currently, TARI, as the state-owned seeds research institute is working in sync with the Agricultural Markets Development Trust (AMDT), and Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa AGRA to assist the companies in the

private sector to produce certified sunflower seeds," he said.

Through the well-established system, he said AMDT and AGRA are bankrolling the government through TARI, to empower private

sector companies to multiply the sunflower seeds.

"As per the project's design, TARI is producing basic and pre-basic seeds, and through cooperation with the Tanzania Official Seeds Certification Institute (TOSCI) the seeds are channeled to the companies in the private sector for the production of certified seeds, certified one and two, and later production of the quality declared seeds (QDS)," he said.

He said the value chain in the production of sunflower seeds, apart from heightening production and availability, also helps to create employment opportunities for a number of the stakeholders in the sub-sector.

He said production of the QDS seeds, which are primarily being produced by the leader farmers, have so far played a good role in helping farmers in remote areas to get the seeds and thus, improving production and productivity.

Since the 2021 agricultural season, he said demand for sunflower seeds in Tanzania generally stands at 15,000 tonnes.

"But this demand of 15,000 tonnes is only if the farmers will manage to cultivate the crop at a total of 980,000 hectares suitable for the growth across the country," he said.

He said effective demand for the seeds is estimated at 5000 tonnes, saying the government was at a good pace to attain the tonnages, though unveiled the country was not experiencing any tall seeds shortages.

Friends of Tanzania in India and UAE offer school girls with sanitary pads

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

FRIENDS of Tanzania living in India and the United Arab Emirates have started raising money to purchase and distribute sanitary pads for girl students attending schools in the remote parts of Arusha and other regions.

"The target is to distribute sanitary pads to more than 10,000 Tanzanian Girls," revealed Arjun Kaur Mittal, who champions the special health campaign for female students through the initiative known as 'Her Needs Tanzania.

Aged only 16, Arjun Mittal explained that the sanitary pads are specially meant for Tanzanian students from disadvantaged families in remote locations of Tanzania where many of the basic needs happen to be scarce.

"Through funds raised from our friends and other good Samaritans in India and Dubai, we have managed to collect USD 60,000 for the cause," added Ms Mittal, who previously studied in both India and the UAE, which explains how she managed to convince her friends there to sup-

port the mission.

To start with, they have distributed sanitary pads to 400 girls who are students of Mkonoo Secondary School in the Terrat Ward of Arusha, an occasion which went hand in hand with the provision of awareness training on the importance of using sanitary pads for girls, in ensuring health among young people.

"Sanitary pads are extremely important in that they give female students the confidence of attending class at all times regardless of their menstrual con-

ditions," said Clara Kanuti a Form Four Student at Mkonoo Secondary School.

According to Clara, free sanitary pads for girls' students are as important as books; therefore the government and other education stakeholders should take that into consideration and supply those disposable hygiene towels to girls in schools.

Bernadetha Cosmas who teaches Biology at the Mkonoo School, admitted that many students have been missing classes during their monthly menstrual circles but once

the sanitary tissues become readily available, the problem will be solved.

"We are especially advising that the girls be provided with recyclable pads that can be washed and reused again to save costs," said the teacher, adding that many young girls also become overly self-conscious during their menstrual periods.

Arusha Urban MP, Mrisho Gambo expressed gratitude to the benefactor for her mission, adding that sanitary pads were as vital as books for the girls attending secondary schools in Tanzania.

'People don't talk about breastfeeding grief'

By Fay Nurse

FOR decades, many new mothers have heard the message "breast is best". It's meant to encourage breastfeeding, but it can also create immense pressure for those who struggle with the practicalities.

Some women are desperate to breastfeed but are forced, for various reasons, to stop earlier than planned.

A number of them spoke to the BBC to discuss "breastfeeding grief" - a period of immense sadness, and even shame, following their decision to stop.

Jemma Munford, who gave birth to her son Max in 2017, had planned to exclusively breastfeed. By the third day, however, she was finding it hard.

"I was sitting on the sofa, holding my baby, and I couldn't stop crying," she recalls.

She describes the next two weeks as "hell" and says she dreaded every feed. Her son had a tongue-tie, a condition where the strip of skin connecting the tongue to the mouth is tighter than usual, making it almost impossible for him to latch on to her breast.

At her lowest point Jemma asked visitors to leave her house as she hid in her bedroom with the curtains closed, trying desperately to get her baby to latch.

"I found the experience of breastfeeding exhausting and embarrassing," she adds.

After a couple of weeks, her baby started losing weight. Faced with the possibility of returning to the hospital, she decided to switch to feeding him exclusively with formula milk.

Her second child was born two years later - and even though her newborn daughter didn't suffer from a tongue-tie she decided early on that she "couldn't face" attempting to breastfeed longer than a couple of days.

She still grapples with the decision today. "I wasn't able to do the most natural and unique thing a mother can do, and I felt ashamed - I still do," she says.

She believes she may have been suffering from post-natal depression, though it wasn't diagnosed at the time.

What is 'breastfeeding grief'?

Professor Amy Brown, a public health researcher who has written a book on breastfeeding grief, explains that feelings of sadness about breastfeeding experiences are common.

"Many women stop breastfeeding much earlier than they wanted to and feel let down or that they missed out on an experience," she says.

Research shows that many women still want to breastfeed. In the UK, 81% of women initiate exclusive breastfeeding, but after six months, fewer than 26% are still exclusively feeding their babies breast milk.

Currently, the World Health Organisation (WHO) recommends exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of life, while UNICEF notes that breastfeeding reduces the risk of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), childhood diabetes, heart disease, and obesity.

Globally, the percentage of infants under six months exclusively breastfed has reached 48%, a 10% increase on the last decade.

Deepti, who is seven months pregnant with her second child, hopes her breastfeeding journey will be better than her previous one.

She gave birth to her son in 2021 and struggled with getting him to latch due to a tongue-tie. Even after the condition was corrected, she continued to have issues.

Deepti decided to express her milk and feed him with a bottle, but found the routine to be impractical and "relentless".

"It was every two hours, including during the night and I felt like a failure - like I was doing a bad job," she says.



The feeding schedule kept her from getting out of the house almost entirely. By the time her son was 12 weeks old, she had switched to formula so she could enjoy time with him outside and attend baby classes, important for his development.

A month later, Deepti learned the tongue-tie procedure had been done wrong and needed more treatment due to scar tissue - but by then, it was too late to return to breastfeeding.

Deepti felt a sense of shame and "mum guilt" when using a bottle among her breastfeeding friends. "No one ever judged me, but I felt ashamed I was bottle-feeding and sad that I couldn't breastfeed like them," she says.

While Jemma and Deepti's babies both had a tongue-tie, there are several reasons why a mother can struggle to breastfeed. Sore, cracked or bleeding nipples due to latching

issues, and low or high milk supply are common problems.

Engorgement - when breasts can become overly full with milk - can in some cases lead to mastitis, an infection caused by a blocked milk duct resulting in soreness and pain when breastfeeding.

Lisa Mandell from the International Lactation Consultant Association provides counselling and advice to women experiencing issues with breastfeeding. She says it's vital that women get expert lactation advice and breastfeeding support as early as possible.

"There may be multifaceted issues, for example if a mother with low milk production has thyroid issues then that can be identified and treated, it is likely to improve her milk production," she says.

She points out that breastfeeding "should never be painful" and is a sign that a baby is

not positioned or attached well.

"Breastfeeding cessation should never be considered a failure on the part of the mother," she adds.

Clare Murphy, director of Feed UK, says that infant feeding isn't straightforward and that we should be focussing on supporting women, however they choose to feed their baby.

"No one - least of all mothers and their babies - benefit from an environment in which women feel guilty and their mental health suffers because they have needed to use formula when they hoped to avoid it," she says.

Deepti plans to attempt breastfeeding again but says she won't put herself under the same pressure

next time. "I will 100% try again and I feel much more equipped now as I've already been through it once."

Jemma's son Max is seven now but she says she still gets upset. She tearfully admits she has "a deep and overwhelming regret that breastfeeding didn't work out" - but hopes that there is now more awareness in supporting all women, regardless of their feeding choices.

It is a crisp winter's day in Johannesburg, a clear blue sky shimmering over the bustling township of Alexandra, or Alex, as it is more commonly known here in South Africa.

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BUSINESS



Scholar: Have focus on patriotism when promoting tourism

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

Tanzanians have been urged to be patriotic and ensure they are at the forefront of protecting and positively promoting the country's image to build trust among current and prospective tourists.

This call was made by Prof. Jafari Kideghesho, the Rector of the College of African Wildlife Management, Mweka (CAWM-Mweka), during the opening of the ongoing tour guide training at the College over the weekend.

Prof. Kideghesho stated that it is neither appropriate nor beneficial for tour guides or any Tanzanian to engage in actions that tarnish image of the country.

He explained that such actions undermine efforts to boost the country's economy through tourism and investment.

Tourism is currently contributing to 25 percent of country's foreign exchange earnings and accounts for nearly 17 percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

"Let us remember that our country spends significant financial resources and time promoting attractions and opportunities available here to attract tourists and investors with the goal of boosting our economy," the CAWM-Mweka Rector further insisted.

He further emphasized that, "If a tour guide, instead of protecting the country's image, participates in speaking ill

of the country to visitors, it is akin to cutting the branch of a tree on which one is sitting."

Prof. Kideghesho reminded the training participants to adhere to the ethics of their profession, highlighting the crucial role of tour guides, who interact with tourists for the first time, spend significant time with them, and are relied upon to resolve any challenges visitors might face while in the country.

"You have the power to elevate or damage our country through your actions or words. Therefore, I believe this training will enhance your skills, increase your knowledge, and provide the right perspectives, ultimately enabling you to perform your duties with greater professionalism and integrity," he explained.

The World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) forecasts that the spillover contribution of tourism sector to the Tanzanian economy is expected to hit 20trn/- this year.

In 2023, tourist arrivals to Tanzania increased by 24.3 percent to a record-breaking 1,808,205, from 1,454,920 tourists in 2022, 922,692 in 2021, and 616,491 in 2020.

Tanzania's tourism receipts reached a record-high USD 3,368.7 million in 2023, compared to USD 2,527.8 million in 2022 (USD 1,310.3 million in 2021).

Tanzania will continue to be a specialised destination for European tourists over the next five years to 2028 as the government's goal is to attract 5 million international visitors by 2026.

Wholesale food prices record mixed trends in one quarter

By Guardian Reporter

The wholesale food prices experienced mixed trends during the last three months ended in June, worrying consumers over the stability of retail prices, in a post harvests season.

Data by the ministry of industry and trade and Bank of Tanzania (BoT) computations show that the wholesale prices of rice and maize recorded the declining trends, while the prices of beans, sorghum, round potatoes, finger millet and while showed the upward trends.

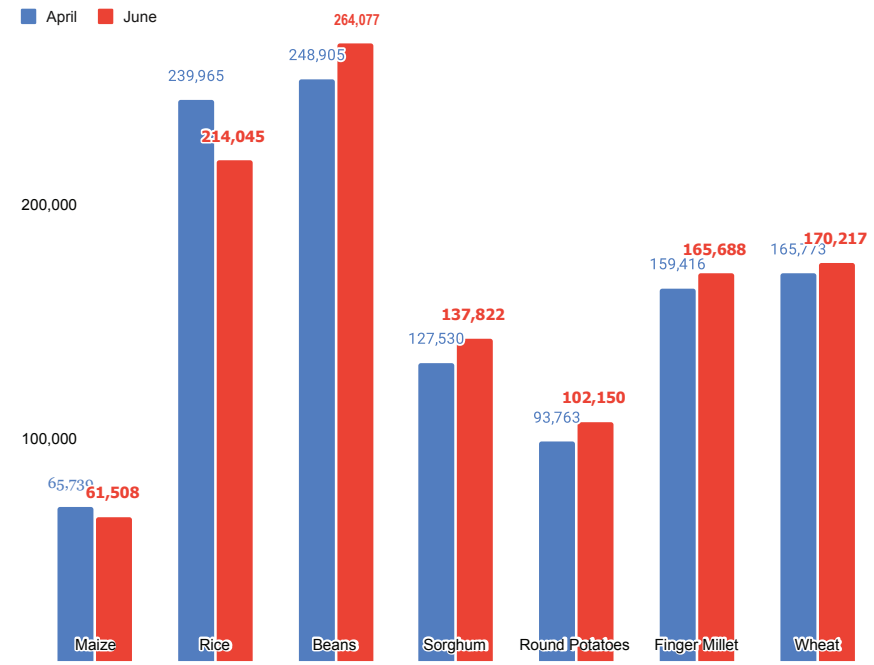
However, on an annual basis, the wholesale prices of all food commodities declined at the end of June, with maize, the main staple for both rural and urban areas, dropping by nearly 40 percent.

The ministry's report shows the whole price of maize during the second quarter of this year declined to 61,508/- per 100-kilogramme in June from 65,739/- in April.

Minister of agriculture Hussein Bashe, said recently that Tanzania expects to produce 31.5 million tonnes of food crops compared with 20.4 million tonnes harvested last year.

He said the country expected to harvest over 10 million tonnes of maize during the 2024 season

Wholesale food prices April-June, 2024 in Shillings



that runs between mid-June and July.

Bashe said Tanzania had produced 8.1 million tonnes of maize last year against a demand of 6 million tonnes, making a surplus of 2.1 million tonnes for export markets.

Tanzania's annual total food demand and consumption for its population is about 15 million tonnes, mostly cereals and non-cereals, creating a surplus of food crops for export.

He advised maize traders to expand their businesses by looking for countries that have a shortage of maize through export permits under the coordination of the Agricultural Trade Management Infor-

mation System.

The report shows that the price of rice dropped to 214,045/- at the end of June compared to 239,965/- reported in April this year.

With an estimated annual production of 2.2 million metric tons this year, Tanzania stands as the largest rice producer in the southern African region, with Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT) driving a transformative agenda to enhance the crop production across the country.

SAGCOT is educating farmers on advanced agronomic practices, including the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) to increase

yields by over 30 percent while using 40 percent less water compared to traditional methods.

However, climate change threatens the region's food security since Tanzania produces over 80 percent of the rice produced in East Africa.

Post estimates for 2024/25 shows that rice production will increase 3 percent to 2.515 million Metric Tonnes, largely due to an expansion in area harvested.

Local sources report that many farmers are switching from maize to rice during the planting season as maize prices are currently half as low compared to same period in 2023.

Area harvested is also expected to expand as a result of ongoing GoT efforts to provide irrigation through the National Rice Development Strategy Phase II (NRDS-II) which seeks to reach 2.2 million hectares under rice production by 2030.

According to the industry and trade ministry, the wholesale price of beans increased to 264,077/- in June from 248,905/- in April.

The July report by the ministry of agriculture shows the national average retail price of beans stood at 2,500/- per kilo, but regions including Dodoma, Dar es Salaam, Lindi, Simiyu, Mtwara, Ruvuma, Mwanza and Kilimanjaro bought the commodity above the national average.

The wholesale price of sorghum also experienced similar trend as during June, 100-kilogramme of the food commodity was sold at 137,822/- an increase from 127,530/- recorded in April, while the price of round potatoes went up to 102,150/- from 93,763/- respectively.

The report show the price of finger millet increased to 165,688/- from 159,416/- while the wholesale price of wheat jumped to 170,217/- from 165,773/- respectively.

Oil prices recover with positive economic data

HOUSTON

Oil prices settled higher last week and notched over 3.5 percent in weekly gains as positive economic data and signals from Fed policymakers that they could cut interest rates as early as September eased demand concerns, while fears of a widening Middle East conflict continue to raise supply risks.

Brent crude futures settled 50 cents up, or 0.6 percent, at \$79.66 a barrel, while US West Texas Intermediate crude futures rose 65 cents, or 0.9 percent, to \$76.84, both benchmarks.

Brent gained more than 3.5 percent in the week, while WTI rose more than 4 percent.

"Crude is in a recovery mode ... as geopolitical tensions still seem to be a positive factor, and on-again off-again recession fears have calmed a bit, at least for now," said Dennis Kissler, senior vice president of trading at BOK Financial.

A trio of Federal Reserve policymakers indicated on



Thursday that they were more confident that inflation is cooling enough to cut rates. A bigger-than-expected fall in U.S. jobless claims data also helped to underpin the recovery.

The number of Americans filing new applications for unemployment benefits fell more than expected last week, suggesting that fears the labor market is unraveling were overblown and that the gradual softening in the labor market remains intact.

Also offering support was China's consumer price index, which rose last month at a slightly faster than expected rate, statistics bureau data showed.

"Positive momentum

was further reinforced by Chinese inflation numbers that exceeded expectations. In this context, it wouldn't be surprising to see the price per barrel testing the \$80 level," said Pierre Veyret, Technical Analyst at ActivTrades.

"The price per barrel has benefited from rising geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, which have fuelled fears of a potential conflict that could disrupt the region's output and reduce the global supply of crude," Veyret added.

Israeli forces stepped up airstrikes across the Gaza Strip on Thursday, killing at least 40 people, Palestinian medics said, in further battles with Hamas-led militants.

The killing last week of senior members of militant groups Hamas and Hezbollah had raised the possibility of retaliatory strikes by Iran against Israel, stoking concerns over oil supply from the world's largest producing region.

Iran-aligned Houthi militants have also continued attacks on international shipping near Yemen in solidarity with Palestinians in the war between Israel and Hamas.

Leaders of the United States, Egypt and Qatar on Thursday called on Israel and Hamas to meet for negotiations on Aug. 15 in order to finalize a Gaza ceasefire and hostage release deal.

The Russia-Ukraine conflict also continued as Moscow moved extra tanks, artillery and rocket systems to its southern Kursk region on Friday as it battled for the fourth straight day to end a shock incursion by Ukrainian forces.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which measures the currency against six others, was down 0.136 percent at 103.14 following three days of gains. A weaker greenback helps demand as oil becomes cheaper for foreign buyers.

Lending further support to prices, Libya's National Oil Corp declared force majeure at its Sharara oilfield from Wednesday, adding that it had gradually reduced the field's output because of protests.

However, US oil rigs, an indicator of future production, rose by three to 485 this week.

Money managers cut their net long US crude futures and options positions in the week to August 6, the US Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) said.

Bank planning to digitalise its financial services

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwangi

Mwangi Hakika Bank has reiterated its commitment to digitalization amidst recording a strong performance for the year 2023.

The bank has surpassed its targets, making it one of the fastest growing banks in the country since its inception in 2020.

The bank's shareholding fund grew to 25.36bn/- in 2024 from Sh17.1bn/- in 2023 equalling to 8.3bn/- increase.

Speaking during the fourth annual general meeting, Mwangi Hakika's Bank Managing

Director Jagjit Singh said the bank is implementing the 2021/25 strategy which focuses on improving service delivery and extension of its footprint to be able to compete both locally and outside the country.

"In implementing this new strategy, our bank has committed to improving banking systems and digitalization in order to reach more customers within the country and beyond," he said.

He added that in the year 2023, the bank has heavily invested in its core banking system and other savers, integration of the gov-

ernment payment system (GEPG), National Identification (NIDA) and digital loans.

He stated that, in the year 2024 the bank has improved its capital through gained profit thus making it more efficient and compliant to the central bank.

As of June 2024, bank's capital reached 37.40bn/- above 15bn/-, which is the minimum operating capital as per the regulation.

"In the year 2024, our loan book grew to 167.44bn/- from 131.4bn/- billion in 2023. As of June this year, loans reached 171.8bn/-," he said.

Profit before tax (PBT) increased to 14.99bn/- in 2023 whereas as of June 2024 PBT stood at 7.54bn/-, signifying a promising performance in half year.

On his side the Board Chairman, Eng. Ridhuan Mringo said the bank has continued to grow year on year looking at different financial aspect which provides a bullish outlook in the coming years.

"Every year we have surpassed our targets, and we are confident that in the remaining period we are going to surpass," he said.

The Vice Chairman, Raymond Tarimo

added that the bank has laid strategies to align with future technological needs by introducing Mwangi Hakika training Academy dedicated to upskilling youth on banking, financial and technology.

"We have taken into consideration the advice given by the Former Prime Minister Cleopa Msuya, as a bank we have taken a step further to ensure that we prepare sufficient workforce to serve our customers. Last year we had recruited youth for the first time, and they were distributed to all our branches and Head Office," he said.

SPECIAL REPORT

Efforts to increase black rhino population in Tanzania - 1

By Francis Kajubi

Tanzania is now struggling to reset the population of black rhinos, seen as the most endangered wildlife species on earth.

In the late 1960s, the country used to be the black rhinos' stronghold in Africa with its population counting over 10,000.

Poaching, environmental issues such as the abundance of invasive alien species in national parks and other conserved areas are among of the factors that resulted into declining of the black rhinos' population in more than half a century.

However, poor management in genetic disparities, diseases and health-related mortalities downgraded their population to an estimated 1,000 rhinos over a decade ago, and by extension to less than 200 rhinos as of 2019.

As of December 2019, the country's black rhino population had stood at only 161.

The population has since regained to 253 rhinos, as of December 2023, thanks to concerted efforts by the government's interventions.

In Tanzania, there are two subspecies of black rhinos namely the Eastern black rhino, known by its scientific name as *Diceros bicornis michaeli* and the Southern central black rhino, well known by its scientific name as *Diceros bicornis minor*.

When it comes to the African continent, one subspecies is added: the South-western black rhino, well known by its scientific name as *Diceros bicornis bicornis* which amusingly translates as 'two horn two-horn two horn'.

In the continent, rhinoceros are among the big five mammals apart from lion, elephant, buffalo and leopard.

In East Africa, Kenya leads with many black rhinos of which the majority is the Eastern black rhino species with estimated 1,780 in population.

Of those, WWF estimates 938 are Eastern black rhinos and Save the Rhinos suggests an estimated 840 Southern white rhinos in Kenya.

The top five African countries with the highest population of Eastern black rhinos as of December 2023 include Namibia (2,196), South Africa (2,056), Kenya (938), Zimbabwe (616) and Tanzania (253).

Philbert Ngoti, National Rhino Coordinator, Ministry of Tourism and Natural Resources said in a recent interview that black rhinos' population steadily expanded between 2016 and 2020.

He said that in 2016 the population of black rhinos in conserved areas managed by the Tanzania National Parks Authority (TANAPA) was 92.

Ngoti who also serves as TANAPA's Conservation Principal Officer said that the popula-



Black rhinos captured grazing in the Serengeti National Park ecosystem. File Photo.

tion grew up to 94 black rhinos in 2017 which piled up to 101 rhinos in 2018 which later in 2019 topped to 109 rhinos and in 2020 there were 118 black rhinos.

The black rhinos' population has also seen an increase in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority (NCAA).

Ngoti said that there were 50 rhinos in the NCAA in 2016.

The population grew to 56 in 2017 that increased to 58 rhinos in 2018, further increased to 59 in 2019 and 69 in 2020.

"There has been a sluggish increment of the rhinos in conserved areas managed by the Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority (TAWA) as most of these areas are highly surrounded by human beings settlements, thus scaring away the rhinos to other conserved areas where they can stay more comfortably," said Ngoti.

According to him, close interventions by TAWA in the wildlife managed areas (WMAs) that were targeted in enhancing wildlife protection and sustaining the prevalence of endangered species implemented between 2017 and 2020 resulted in notable

positive impact.

He said there were six black rhinos in 2016 across all WMAs. The same population was recorded in 2017 and 2018.

Interventions by TAWA and the rhinos unit under intensive support from the ministry's wildlife unit and private partners had seen the population growing to 17 black rhinos in 2019 and 18 rhinos in 2020 making a total of 205 black rhinos in all conserved areas as of December 2020, a target that was intended to be achieved by 2023.

He said the growth rate in the black rhinos' population between 2016 and 2020 was 10.80 percent.

As of July 2021, there were 209 black rhinos in the identified conserved areas.

Collectively, he said that in the TANAPA managed areas, there were 120 rhinos, 71 in the NCAA and 18 in areas under TAWA.

Ngoti asserted that of the total population, 108 were female, 78 were male and 23 were unsexed.

"The population survey to determine the sex of the 23 unsexed black rhinos is ongoing. Their sex might be identified in the next re-

port which is yet to be approved and made available to the public. Expectations are that the updated report will be released in December this year or earlier next year," said Ngoti.

Ngoti pointed out that 80 percent of the black rhinos in Tanzania are found within the Serengeti National Park ecosystem.

According to a report by the Ministry of Tourism and Natural Resources dubbed: 'Conservation and Management Plan for Black Rhino in Tanzania (2019-2023)' the ministry had set the goal of increasing black rhino population at a minimum rate of five percent per annum to reach at least 205 black rhinos by the end of 2023, using a meta-population management approach in line with internationally best practiced standards.

It states that in making this plan a reality, several factors were considered such as eliminating invasive alien species in national parks, strengthening biological management, strengthening rhino monitoring for management, protection of the rhino population, resource

mobilization and their habits and trans-boundary rhino population management.

The report states that the National Rhino Management Plan (2019-2023) was co-funded by the government with development partners in the wildlife sector such as WWF Tanzania, with an estimated financial support of 339mn/-, Frankfurt Zoological Society at an estimated \$1.56 billion, FSS with 185mn/- and PAMS Foundation support of \$337,000.

Other funders were Tanzania Tracker Safaris at a tune of 274.80mn/- and GRUMETI FUND at a tune of 16.70bn/- among other non-governmental organization donors.

Noah Sitati, WWF Tanzania Wildlife Species Expert said that the organization played a critical role in realization of the black rhinos' population through financing part of the activities implemented in the plan.

Sitati said that the funds were allocated to establishment of a national rhino database, national rhino coordination office and procurement of rhino monitoring equipment.

"Black rhinos are among the

five wildlife rare species and for that reason all stakeholders need to be on board and join forces to protect them for today and future conservation purposes," said Sitati.

Antonia Raphael, Principal Wildlife Officer in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism said that rhinos ought to be well managed and protected for the benefits of the present and future generations.

She said black rhinos play a critical role as one of the terrestrial mammals mostly preferred by tourists hence generating a considerable amount of revenue through non-constructive tourism and are classified as critically endangered species.

Loss of habitats has been significantly the two rhino species leading them to live in ever smaller and more isolated areas.

She said among the efforts observed by the ministry in conserving the species include the development of the 2019-2023 action plan aimed at serving the endangered species.

The plan's implementation has seen black rhinos' population growing to 253 at the end of 2023 from 161 in at the end of 2019, she said.

"The way forward includes the development of a ten-year Rhino Management Strategic Plan 2024/34, which is underway and its implementation will bring more impact in the growth of black rhinos' population," she said.

The Tanzania Tourist Board (TTB) Director General Ambassador Ephraim Mafuru said that black rhinos are among the big five mammals in the country's national parks that foreign tourists prefer to see when they are in Tanzania.

They are a great component in attracting visits that bring in millions of foreign currencies on a yearly basis.

According to the latest National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) report, tourism contributes 17 percent of the country's gross domestic product (GDP) and 25 percent of exports earnings.

NBS states that in 2023, foreigners who visited various national parks and other tourist destinations were 1.8 million, while domestic tourists were 1.9 million making a total of 3.7 million tourists.

As at December last year, tourists attracted revenues worth \$3.37 billion (8,74trn/-).

The Tanzania Tourist Board had set a target of attracting 5 million tourists by 2025.

To be continued.

Miners commit to respect indigenous peoples' rights

By Sabrina Jardim

The mining industry organisation (ICMM) members have reaffirmed their commitment to respect the rights of Indigenous Peoples, recognising their importance as partners in the development of mining projects on their lands and territories.

The ICMM's updated Indigenous Peoples and Mining Position Statement includes commitments to obtain agreement from Indigenous Peoples on anticipated impacts to their rights from ICMM members' activities, identified through human rights due diligence and early and meaningful engagement.

The ICMM says these processes reflect a company's responsibility to respect Indigenous Peoples' rights, independent of the State's obligation to obtain the free, prior and informed consent of Indigenous Peoples prior to the approval of projects affecting their lands, territories and resources.

It also sets out what companies will do if agreement cannot be reached and States have granted permission for projects to proceed.

The ICMM says this comes at a critical time in the world's energy transition, with an estimated 54 percent of critical mineral mining projects located on or near Indigenous lands.

It is also set against the backdrop of increasing challenges to Indigenous Peoples' rights and ways of life

from a variety of sources including climate change, nature loss and wider industrial development including mining.

The ICMM says the revised position statement has been developed over more than two years with extensive engagement with Indigenous Peoples' representatives, human rights and legal experts, and with significant input from ICMM members' subject matter experts and leaders.

Their inputs have helped to inform and strengthen the nine commitments detailed in the position statement.

ICMM CEO and president Rohit Dhawan says these important commitments reinforce the ICMM's dedication to respecting Indigenous Peoples' rights, participating in meaningful engagement, and supporting the fair and equitable participation of Indigenous Peoples in the development of mining projects on their lands and territories.

"With these revisions, we hope to provide much-needed clarity on the role of companies, alongside States, to contribute to the free, prior and informed consent of Indigenous Peoples in decisions that affect them.

"Alongside many positive examples of respectful and enduring partnerships that have advanced social and economic development of Indigenous Peoples, we recognise that in some instances, mining activities have harmed their rights.

"We will continue to reflect on how we can better develop, operate and close mines in ways that enhance our critical relationships with Indigenous Peoples and contribute to aligned development aspirations, and respects Indigenous Peoples' right to participate in decision-making on matters that will affect them," he says.

"The updated Indigenous Peoples and Mining Position Statement brings significantly more rigour to the expectations of ICMM member companies in how we, the mining industry, engage, understand and respect the rights of Indigenous Peoples.

"These commitments serve as the foundations of lasting relationships built on transparency, trust and mutual benefit," adds Newmont CEO and ICMM social performance council advisory group chair Tom Palmer.

Business and human rights legal expert Jonathan Drimmer says the standards relating to Indigenous Peoples are changing, and there is now greater recognition of their rights and what free, prior and informed consent really entails.

"ICMM's Position Statement helps solidify current best practices even against this evolving landscape. It helps companies to understand what activities they should be undertaking and stakeholders to understand how they should be evaluating these activities," says Drimmer.



Gold price on pace for worst week since early June

NEW YORK

Gold steadied on Friday after a sharp upturn in the previous session, as new US economic data assuaged concerns of a recession and made the safe haven metal less attractive to investors.

Spot gold was little moved at \$2,428.66 per ounce, having posted its biggest one-day surge in three weeks at 1.9 percent the day before. US gold futures gained only 0.1 percent, trading at \$2,468.40 per ounce in New York.

For the week, bullion is still down about 0.8 percent, on track for its biggest weekly decline since June 7. Prices fell as much as 3 percent on Monday as part of a broader equities market sell-off, prompting a three-day losing streak.

Gold then rallied on Thursday after new US labor data that showed applications for unemployment benefits fell by the most in nearly a year, boosting optimism that the Federal Reserve may be able to achieve safe landing with its monetary easing.

Thursday's gains also put gold within touching distance of the record it



reached last month. The precious metal has risen about 18 percent this year, largely on expectations the US central bank would soon deliver rate cuts.

Other factors supporting gold's upward trajectory include increased purchases from central banks and Chinese consumers,

along with haven buying due to conflicts in the Middle East and Ukraine.

"Heightened volatility, elevated geopolitical risks, recession worries, and expected rate cuts have gotten gold to current levels and eaten into our conviction around urging

caution" in buying bullion, RBC Capital Markets analysts, including Helima Croft, said in a note to Bloomberg.

"We maintain a positive view on gold as a diversifier hedge against turmoil elsewhere," Ole Hansen, head of commodity strat-

egy at Saxo Bank, also said in a Reuters interview.

"In the medium term, the outlook for gold remains positive, with any dips likely to be short-lived due to underlying macroeconomic factors," stated Zain Vawda, market analyst at MarketPulse by

OANDA.

"Yesterday's US jobless claims data eased recession concerns, boosting gold prices. Additionally, comments from the Fed this week have supported the notion that rate cuts may be forthcoming," he added.

Dar due to host halal business conference

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

MICO International Halal Bureau Limited has lined business conference with Halal stakeholders to be held on Wednesday in Dar es Salaam.

The company's Relationship Manager, Mohamed Matano, said MICO is the only company in Tanzania that provides Halal certification to businesses and companies providing services in the country.

He said that MICO gives certification to companies and traders who produce and provide services in the country.

"On the 14th August there will be a second international conference at the Julius Nyerere International Hall in Dar es Salaam and we are looking forward to meeting Halal stakeholders in this country," he said.

"In Tanzania we have a great opportunity to earn income through Halal Industries in tourism,

medicine, pharmacy and finance, so when we meet with stakeholders we will discuss how to improve Halal activities in this country," he said.

He said various stakeholders and government leaders will attend the conference of Halal stakeholders which is estimated to involve 500 participants working in various companies.

"There will be B2B time, people will meet and discuss about various Halal issues, so we ask all citizens who are interested in participating in this forum to register," he said. He said MICO International Halal is in charge of all slaughterhouses in Tanzania and has been teaching the butchers Halal training and ensuring that the slaughterhouses are run on Halal grounds.

He said the company was given permission to run the activities by the Muslim Council of Tanzania (BAKWATA).

Crypto exchange FTX ordered to pay \$12.7 billion to customers

NEW YORK

A US court has ordered bankrupt cryptocurrency exchange FTX to pay \$12.7 billion in relief to its customers, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission has said.

FTX drew customers in with "an illusion that it was a safe and secure place to access crypto markets," then misappropriated their customer deposits to make its own risky investments, CFTC Chairman Rostin Behnam said in a statement. The repayment order implements a settlement between the CFTC and the bankrupt crypto exchange, which has committed to a bankruptcy liquidation that will repay customers whose deposits were locked during its late 2022 collapse.

FTX has said that its customers will receive 100% recovery on their claims against the company, based on the value of their accounts at the time it filed for bankruptcy.

The CFTC agreement resolves a potential roadblock to that repayment, ensuring that the government's lawsuit against FTX will not reduce the funds available to its customers. The CFTC agreed not to collect any payment from

FTX until all its customers are repaid, with interest.

The CFTC settlement requires FTX to pay \$8.7 billion in restitution and \$4 billion in disgorgement, which will be used to further compensate victims for losses suffered during the exchange's collapse.

FTX did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Its founder Sam Bankman-Fried was sentenced in March to 25 years in prison for stealing \$8 billion from customers. He has appealed the conviction.

FTX has used its bankruptcy to reach settlements with U.S. regulators and former business partners and to sell assets that had been purchased with misappropriated customer funds, including real estate and investments in crypto and other tech companies.

FTX is currently soliciting votes on its bankruptcy proposal but faces opposition from some customers who feel short-changed by the decision to repay them based on much-lower cryptocurrency prices from November 2022. Votes are due on Aug. 16, and FTX intends to seek final approval of its wind-down plan on Oct. 7.



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WORLD

Israel orders more Gaza evacuations after school shelter attack kills scores

CAIRO

ISRAEL expanded evacuation orders in Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip overnight, forcing tens of thousands of Palestinian residents and displaced families to leave in the dark as explosions from tank shelling reverberated around them.

The Israeli military said it was attacking militants from the Hamas group - which administered Gaza before the war - who were using those areas to stage attacks and fire rockets.

On Saturday, an Israeli airstrike on a school where displaced Palestinians were sheltering in Gaza City killed around 100 people, according to the civil defense service, prompting an international outcry.

The Israeli military said it had struck a Hamas and Islamic Jihad militant command post, an allegation the two groups rejected as a pretext, and killed 19 militants.

In Khan Younis in the south of the Gaza Strip, the evacuation instruction covered districts in the center, east and west, making it one of the largest such orders in the 10-month-old conflict, two days after tanks returned to the east of the city.

The announcement was posted on X and in text and audio messages to residents' phones: "For your own safety, you must evacuate immediately to the newly created humanitarian zone. The area you are in is considered a danger-

ous combat zone."

The Israeli army said it had struck around 30 Hamas military targets in the previous 24 hours, including military structures, anti-tank missile launch posts and weapons storage facilities.

Tens of thousands forced to leave overnight

Most of Gaza's 2.3 million people have been displaced from their homes, according to the United Nations, while their narrow strip of land has largely been reduced to a wasteland of rubble.

Palestinian and United Nations officials say there are no safe areas in the enclave. Areas designated as humanitarian zones, like Al-Mawasi in western Khan Younis where residents were being sent, have been bombed several times by Israeli forces.

Tens of thousands left their homes and shelters in the middle of the night, heading west toward Mawasi and north toward Deir Al-Balah, already overcrowded with hundreds of thousands of displaced people.

"We're exhausted. This is the 10th time I and my family have had to leave our shelter," said Zaki Mohammad, 28, who lives in the Hamad housing project in western Khan Younis, where the occupants of two multi-floor buildings were ordered to leave.

"People are carrying their belongings, their children, their hopes and their fears and running towards the unknown, because there is no safe place,"



People react as they transport the body of a family member from the al-Maamadani hospital for burial, following an Israeli strike that killed around 100 people on a school sheltering displaced Palestinians in Gaza City on Saturday, amid the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Hamas movement. AFP

he told Reuters via a chat app. "We are running from death to death."

International condemnation

Countries in the Middle East on Saturday strongly condemned the deadly Israeli airstrikes launched earlier in the day that targeted the Al-Taba'een School in the Al-Daraj neighborhood in central Gaza City while displaced people in the school were performing morning prayers.

In a statement released Saturday, Arab League Secretary-General Ahmed Aboul-Gheit said killing displaced civilians during dawn prayers is a crime that "surpasses the usual low level of vileness and unscrupulousness of the Israeli army."

He called on the international community to exert real pressure on Israel to negotiate seriously for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and a prisoner swap deal.

The Egyptian Foreign Ministry said in a statement on Saturday that Israel's deliberate killing of so many unarmed civilians, whenever mediators intensified efforts to reach a ceasefire in Gaza, is "conclusive evidence of the absence of political will on the part of the Israeli side to end this fierce war."

On Friday, Egypt, Qatar and the United States, three mediators in the current Israel-Hamas conflict, issued a joint statement urging both parties

to resume talks in Cairo or Doha on Aug 15 and finalize a ceasefire agreement at an early date.

Qatar's Foreign Ministry also strongly condemned the Israeli bombing of the school, calling for the dispatch of independent UN investigators to probe the ongoing targeting by Israeli forces of schools and shelters for displaced people.

Also on Saturday, the Lebanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants called the "systematic indiscriminate shelling by the Israeli occupation army and the killing of children and civilians" in Gaza "clear evidence of the Israeli government's disregard for the provisions of international law and international humanitarian law."

"The continued crimes against the Palestinians, and the deliberate killing of these huge numbers of civilians, provide conclusive evidence of Israel's intention to prolong the war and expand its scope," the ministry said in a statement, calling on the international community and the concerned parties to "take a unified, serious, and effective international position."

Jordan's Foreign Ministry also condemned the Israeli attacks on the Gaza school, calling the attacks a blatant violation of international law, and a continuation of Israel's systematic targeting of civilians and displacement shelters.

Agencies

Nearly 800 arrested over rioting in UK following Southport stabbing

LONDON

THE National Police Chiefs' Council said on Saturday that 779 people have now been arrested over rioting in the United Kingdom (UK), of whom 349 were charged.

Since a knife attack at the end of July in Southport, northwest England, which left three children dead, far-right protests have rocked the UK, resulting in police officers being injured, stores looted and hotels housing asylum-seekers stormed.

The country's authorities believed that a turning point to the unrest has appeared since Wednesday thanks to a heavy police presence in major cities and towns across the country as well as the courts' swift sentencing of rioters.

Due to the start of new football season and an uptick in temperature, the UK police has been bracing for a possible return of riots this weekend, but Saturday turned out to be another peaceful day



A man is detained as people attend the 'Enough is Enough' protest in Whitehall, London, Wednesday July 31, 2024, following the fatal stabbing of three children at a Taylor Swift-themed holiday club on Monday in Southport. AP

except for some isolated small-scale far-right protests.

During the day, thousands of people gathered at anti-racism rallies for a "National Day of Protest" across the coun-

try in cities like London, Newcastle, Manchester and Birmingham, Belfast, Glasgow and Edinburgh.

In London, hundreds of anti-racism activists gathered outside one of Reform

UK's offices to protest against the party leader Nigel Farage who has been accused of whipping up anti-immigration frenzy.

In Belfast, the number of people attending anti-racism rallies reached 15,000, according to Belfast Telegraph.

UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer has cancelled his holiday plans with his family to Europe and has chosen to remain in the UK to focus on coordinating efforts to clamp down on riots.

The prime minister chaired three emergency meetings over rioting this week and has asked the country's police to remain on high alert this weekend over possible further riots.

Around 30 people have been jailed over their involvement in violent disorder or inciting racial hatred online so far, with the longest sentencing being three years. The number is expected to rise as the UK government vows to make those who break the law feel the "full force of the law."

IOC to ensure 'good and robust' global anti-doping system amid USADA concerns

PARIS

THE International Olympic Committee (IOC) is collaborating closely with all relevant stakeholders to ensure a "good and robust" global anti-doping system, according to IOC spokesman

Mark Adams.

Adams made these remarks on Thursday at a daily IOC daily briefing at Paris 2024, addressing questions from journalists in the wake of a recent scandal involving the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA).

The scandal was exposed by a statement issued by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) on Wednesday, which revealed that USADA had allowed U.S. athletes who had violated anti-doping rules to compete without disclosing their violations or imposing any sanc-

tions.

"Obviously, we're working with all of our stakeholders and continue to work with all our stakeholders to ensure we have a good and robust world anti-doping system," said Adams.

Xinhua

UN officials praise Juncao technology transfer for economic growth, job creation in Africa

KIGALI

UN officials have commended China's efforts to transfer Juncao cultivation technology to local communities in Africa, highlighting its potential to drive economic transformation and create job opportunities.

Earle Courtenay Rattray, chief of Staff to the United Nations (UN) Secretary General, and Amson Sibanda, chief of the National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch Division for Sustainable Development Goals at the UN Department of Economic and Social Af-

fairs, shared their insights in recent interviews with Xinhua, on the sidelines of a Juncao technology training workshop in Huye District, Rwanda, for African participants. Rattray said that Juncao technology aligns with the UN's primary goals of promoting sustainable development.

"Juncao technology is affordable. Many times when we talk of the need to transfer technology, you recognize that there is a technology gap between the rich and poor countries.

But this technology is applied in such a way that

it can be affordable to the person that is applying it at a very local level, and that I think is the key benefit of it," Rattray said.

"It is really about transferring technology to the local level, transferring technology from China in a way that makes sense and is relevant and practical for the people of developing countries throughout Africa, and that is what we are seeing, a tangible demonstration of that," he added.

Juncao is a hybrid grass and a crucial agricultural resource for mushroom farming, initially developed

by Lin Zhanxi of Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University in China during the 1980s. It has since benefited over 100 countries.

The technology supports several Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda, including poverty eradication, clean energy, gender equality, and biodiversity preservation.

"For us, we look at Juncao technology as one of the packages that countries should look at when it comes to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals," Sibanda said.

He further explained that

Juncao can assist countries facing challenges in providing sustainable livestock feed.

"This is one effective way to make sure that throughout the year your livestock have adequate nutritious livestock feeds. So, that is one positive contribution of Juncao technology to eradicating poverty, and improving food security throughout the world," Sibanda said. Sibanda also said Juncao technology aids in producing nutritious mushrooms, which fosters nutrition, job creation, and environmental protection.

In Rwanda, the UN officials toured local mushroom producers using Juncao technology and observed demonstrations of mushroom cooking.

Rattray described the experience as rewarding, saying "I'm delighted to be in Rwanda with other UN officials and the ambassador of China (to the UN), to see for ourselves something that we previously were only reading about.

It makes a difference to see with our own eyes an action benefiting people." The officials also expressed optimism that the partici-

pants, who received hands-on training in mushroom production, would return to their countries and promote Juncao cultivation within their communities.

"It is an indication of how best to promote the technology to make sure that people understand it. It is a technology that can be adopted anywhere, no matter the circumstances," said Sibanda, adding that "it has been simplified and very easy to adopt and apply in any setting, whether rural or urban setting. So it is a technology that can really benefit many people."

Russia announces counterterrorism measures in Belgorod, Bryansk and Kursk regions

MOSCOW

THE Russian National Antiterrorism Committee is imposing counterterrorism measures in the Kursk, Bryansk and Belgorod regions to ensure the safety of people and stop terrorist attacks by the Kiev regime.

"The Kiev regime made an unprecedented attempt to destabilize the situation in a number of regions of our country. The terrorist attack on the territory of the Kursk region by units of the Armed Forces of Ukraine resulted in casualties among the civilian population and the destruction of homes and other civilian facilities.

In order to ensure the safety of citizens and stop the threat of terrorist acts that could be carried out by the enemy's sabotage and reconnaissance formations, the National Antiterrorism Committee Chairman and Russian Federal Security Service Director, Alexander Bortnikov, decided to conduct counterterrorism operations in the Belgorod, Bryansk and Kursk regions starting from August 9, 2024," the committee said in a statement.

The agency said the government is taking action to ensure the safety of people, maintain law and order and strengthen the protection of sites against terrorism.

As part of counterterrorism operations, the government can relocate people to safe areas, control communication by phone, restrict communications, requisition vehicles, and suspend manufacturing activity involving hazardous materials.

Ugandan minister commends Chinese contribution to conservation efforts

KAMPALA

UGANDAN Minister of State for Local Government Victoria Rusoke Businge has praised the contributions of the Chinese government and a Chinese non-governmental organization (NGO) to the country's conservation and forest restoration efforts.

Businge made these remarks while handing over 10,000 trees and fruit seedlings, donated by the Save the Wild Fund (SWF) to the Lake Victoria Region Local Authorities Cooperation (LVRAC), in Kampala, the capital of Uganda, Wednesday.

The state minister highlighted the long-term partnership between local government authorities, such as Entebbe Municipality, and the Chinese city of Wuhan in such areas as infrastructure development and environmental support.

"I tasked LVRAC to work with Save the Wild Fund and the Chinese government to venture into more capacity-building programs and other joint ventures that our communities can gain more from," she said.

Businge noted that China has made significant strides in natural resource management, sustainable and eco-friendly production, smart cities, urban planning, modern transportation, and green technology, calling for deeper cooperation between Uganda and China in these sectors.

Chinese Economic and Commercial Counselor in Uganda Wang Jianxun said at the ceremony that the SWF is a representative organization of Chinese communities in Uganda, fulfilling social responsibilities and promoting environmental protection.

He noted that the organization had previously donated 10,000 tree seedlings to the LVRAC in 2017. Wang said that China has now embarked on a new journey to build a modern socialist country, including environmental protection, and encouraged more Chinese firms to participate in environmental conservation and corporate social responsibility programs.

Wu Ruize, chairman of the SWF, said that the donated lemon, mango, orange, avocado, and African cherry trees would be planted around Lake Victoria, calling on more people to join the fund's efforts and to pay greater attention to the issues caused by climate change and deforestation.

The SWF was registered in 2017 by several Chinese students who had previously volunteered in Uganda. The fund aims to raise money to protect wildlife in the East African region and conduct related educational outreach activities. The LVRAC, established in 1997 by the municipal authorities of major cities around Lake Victoria, focuses on the sustainable utilization of resources in the Lake Victoria sub-region.

Xinhua



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India and reformed multilateralism



MULTILATERALISM is in crisis. With every turn of events, multilateral systems and international organisations are being debilitated almost always at the cost of the Global South. The United Nations stands paralysed. Even as, on the one hand, international laws and agreements are adopted to strengthen the rules-based international order, on the other hand, these are being violated with impunity without accountability.

But the problem is much deeper. Majority of developing countries have become bystanders in the unravelling of the world order. Their only insurance i.e. universal participation in decision-making, is vanishing. Instead, they are being presented with two differing, even opposing, world views which they have been asked to subscribe to.

Almost all current problems, whether in the UN, WTO, IMF or the World Bank, can be traced back to the inability of the multilateral system to accommodate the new and emerging powers in the post-World War 2 architecture. Multilateralism is caught between those who fight to preserve the status-quo of 1945 and those who demand reform to reflect current realities which is more multipolar.

India has been the biggest votary of strengthening multilateralism over the years. But, in a changed world, if the most populous country and the fifth largest economy, with a track record of multilateralism, democracy and a civilizational ethos of humanity, cannot be given its due in global governance, then there is need for reform. In fact, it was at the 10th annual summit of the BRICS in 2018 in Johannesburg, South Africa, that Prime Minister Modi proposed for the first time his vision of "reformed multilateralism" to give major emerging powers a voice in global governance.

India's track record in the recent past and its two-year stint in the UN Security Council (2021-2022) have numerous examples, if at all examples are required,

of how we bridged or overcame differences to build a more inclusive multilateral world. Accosted with global challenges like covid, climate change, digital and AI divide, terrorism etc, and sprouting of conflicts which threaten international peace and security, India has become indispensable in finding solutions.

Lest we forget, when the world was reeling under covid, and countries were hoarding vaccines for themselves, it was India which came forward to produce and distribute vaccines. For our Vaccine Maitri, we prioritized small and vulnerable countries and saved numerous lives.

In December 2021, in UN Security Council (UNSC), we successfully thwarted a move to wrest climate change from the inclusive UN Framework Convention on Climate Change-led process (UNFCCC), where all countries are present, and bring it under the ambit of UNSC - effectively putting climate action at the mercy of five permanent members (P-5), who are the major historical polluters. India underscored that the draft resolution "seeks to hand over that responsibility to a body which nei-

ther works through consensus nor is reflective of the interests of the developing countries."

The draft was defeated through a vote since India voted against, while Russia exercised the veto. If it had succeeded, climate change architecture would have, by now, kept out the voice of the Global South, especially the most vulnerable and the Small Island Developing States. India yet again came on the side of inclusivity and multilateralism. It was in the same vein that India was instrumental in setting up the International Solar Alliance which now has 100 member countries.

G20 is now an influential pluri-

lateral group consisting of major economies taking decisions on global economic and developmental issues which impact all other countries as well. However, a glaring lacuna was that it was not fully representative of the smaller and medium sized states of the Global South.

To bridge this gap, when India took over G20 Presidency (2022-23), Prime Minister Modi convened the Voice of Global South Summit where 125 developing countries participated. The Summit's outcome was channelized into G20 discussions during India's Presidency making sure that G20 took informed and inclusive decisions affecting the vast majority. In addition, India lobbied and inducted African Union into G20 - a huge step for a continent which has not been adequately represented either in G20 or UNSC or in other international bodies.

Needless to add, India has been at the forefront of efforts to reform the UN Security Council. Dealing with conflicts is the business of UNSC but inability to deal with them has become its hallmark. When the UN was established, there were 51 member states. Now

we have 193. But we still have only five permanent members, who are polarized and have paralysed decision-making in the Council.

The days when a small group of countries decided what the world should do are over. The logical fallout of an unreformed Security Council is the emergence of other power centres to challenge it leading to fragmentation of the world order. Unless there is legitimate, representative and permanent representation of the Global South, especially that of the largest country India and a continent of 54 countries Africa, we cannot have meaningful decisions in the Council.

Our support to the developing world was reinforced during India's stint in UNSC, where we stood for their territorial integrity, increased humanitarian assistance, correcting historical injustice, reform, development partnership, fighting terror and for peaceful resolution of disputes.

However, it was India's independent and proactive stand during the Ukraine war which acted as a catalyst in helping other developing countries voice their dissatisfaction on a military solution being pursued and call for diplomacy and dialogue even in the midst of intense fighting and high emotions, when all levers were being weaponized. In effect, this was India saying that we do not have to choose sides between warring blocs however big or important they may be. This was India saying that we stand for another world view which seeks the path of dialogue over war, seeks an inclusive world over polarization and fragmentation, seeks independence of policy-making over coercion of small and medium states in their decision-making, seeks territorial integrity over occupation and seeks reformed multilateralism over status-quo unilateralism.

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A climber ascending through time to Olympic heights

PARIS

IN just about five seconds, Bassa Mawem journeyed through time and scaled the towering heights of the Olympics, reaching the end of his illustrious career.

As he neared his 40th birthday, just three months away, the French climber took his final "dance" at the Le Bourget Sport Climbing Venue on Thursday, receiving thunderous applause from thousands of local fans.

Despite finishing seventh in the men's speed climbing final with a time of 5.26 seconds, falling short of his medal aspirations, the outcome seemed secondary.

In the adrenaline-pumping "100-meter dash" of sport climbing, Mawem, the oldest competitor ascending the 15-meter wall, showed no signs of age diminishing his hunger and desire to succeed.

Inspiring the world

The speed climbing final featured a host of young prodigies, including 18-year-old American climber Sam Watson, who broke his own world record in the qualifiers with a new time of 4.74 seconds.

Amidst these youthful stars, Mawem stood out not as a relic of the past, but as a symbol of enduring passion.

During a highly competitive qualification



Mawem takes a selfie at the Paris Olympic Village

round on Tuesday, Mawem surpassed his personal best three times, narrowly securing his place in the final by edging out 22-year-old Ukrainian Yaroslav Tkach by a mere hundredth of a second.

"It's a moment of unbelievable joy," said the French climber emotionally.

"It was a beautiful duel, one I wasn't really favored to win, and I managed to grab it at the end by 1/100th of a second."

"I grew up with this sport bit by bit. It's truly a privilege to be here now with all these inspiring young athletes whom I've also inspired," he said.

"To finish my career in the final with them is crazy. It's as crazy for them as it is for me."

Although Mawem ultimately fell to Indonesia's Vedriq Leonardo, who went on to become the new Olympic champion in the event, his presence at the Le Bourget Sport Climbing Venue was a monumental success.

"Because there aren't many places-just 14 spots in the whole world-you had to punch your ticket."

"I punched my ticket, and now I know I'm part of the top eight," Mawem said.

He set the event's first Olympic record of 5.45 seconds during the speed qualifications at Tokyo 2020, but an injury, a ruptured lower biceps tendon, sidelined him from competing in the final.

Following the Tokyo Games, Mawem faced a long and challenging recovery process, undergoing surgery and staying away from climbing for several months.

When he finally returned, he had to rebuild his strength and skills from scratch.

"It took me a year to get back to my level, and then

I had to claw my way back to the international level," he recalled.

His comeback was affirmed at a speed climbing qualification tournament in Rome in September 2023, where he outperformed Europe's best to secure his Olympic ticket.

For Mawem, even when the Olympic fervor fades and life returns to normal, his love for climbing remains undeterred.

"Climbing brings me balance-a moment in which I detach from work and family."

"A moment in which I don't think about the future or all the things I still have to do. In simple words, it is my moment," he said.

Brotherhood shines

Bassa Mawem was 15 when he discovered climbing, a passion he shared with his brother, Mickael Mawem.

The sport then became an anchor for both of them.

The older brother, Bassa, felt a twinge of regret not having his brother, also a professional climber, join him in the Paris Olympics, as he saw the 34-year-old Mickael as a source of motivation.

Their story from Tokyo did not repeat itself. At the last Olympics, the Mawem brothers both represented France.

Mickael qualified at the world championships in 2019, while Bassa secured his spot three months later at an Olympic qualification tournament.

However, Mickael, the 2023 world boulder champion, failed to qualify for Paris at the continental combined qualifications in Laval and the Olympic qualifying series in Shanghai.

Yet, Mickael became part of Bassa's Olympic journey, cheering alongside their family and even performing the dramatic countdown ritual with three strikes on the ground to kick off the speed climbing final.

It took a long time for the brothers to join the French national team (Bassa in 2011, Mickael in 2014), but their dedication paid off.

Bassa specialized in speed climbing, becoming national champion, setting a French record with a time of 5.52 seconds, winning silver at the 2018 world championships, and topping the world rankings in 2018 and 2019.

Mickael, less powerful yet more technical, excelled in bouldering. "I love the diversity of training in bouldering, and it's always changing."

"There are many things to work on-it's always new. I love it," said Mickael.

Bassa emphasized their perseverance, noting that they started from humble beginnings without a climbing background in their family.

"We started from nothing, and we fought. We stuck to our methodology: strength."

"Since the beginning, even in our cellar, we worked on strength, strength, strength... We stuck to it, and that's how we managed to reach the elite level," said Bassa.

The brothers, known as "Les Freres Mawem," have launched their own line of T-shirts and climbing gear, and opened a climbing gym in Colmar, Alsace, close to their climbing roots.

Xinhua

Russia launches counterterrorism regime in 3 regions to ensure safety

MOSCOW

THE National Anti-Terrorism Committee (NAC) of Russia on Saturday initiated a counterterrorism operation (CTO) regime across the Belgorod, Bryansk, and Kursk regions in response to recent security threats.

The committee said that this measure was enacted on Saturday to protect citizens and prevent potential terrorist acts following an unprecedented attempt by Ukraine to destabilize several regions in Russia.

The move comes after a Ukrainian attack in the Kursk region, which has resulted in civilian casualties and the destruction of residential buildings and other civilian infrastructure.

The NAC emphasized that the CTO's legal framework includes the implementation of necessary measures and temporary restrictions under Article 11 of the Federal Law "On Combating Terrorism". These measures are aimed at ensuring the safety of the population, maintaining public order, and enhancing the protection of critical infrastructure.

Meanwhile, Russia notified the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on Friday that suspected fragments of downed missiles were discovered near the Kursk Nuclear Power Plant (Kursk NPP) following a

Ukrainian attack in the Kursk region.

"On August 8, fragments and debris, presumed to be parts of downed missiles, were found at the site, including in the vicinity of the radioactive waste processing facility. Although there have been no confirmed reports of direct shelling on the city of Kurchatov, the nuclear power plant, or related energy infrastructure, the situation remains tense," Russia's permanent mission to international organizations in Vienna was quoted by TASS News Agency as saying on its official Telegram channel.

The Kursk NPP is located in the city of Kurchatov, Kursk region, 40 km west of the city of Kursk on the banks of the Seim River.

The mission said, "Ukraine's reckless actions not only threaten Russia's nuclear facility but also put the entire global nuclear industry at risk".

Ukraine launched a massive attack on the defense positions in Russia's Kursk region on Tuesday. On Friday, Russia declared a state of emergency in the Kursk region due to the tense situation there.

Russia's defense ministry said a military operation to defeat the Ukrainian forces in Kursk was underway.



This handout photograph taken and released by the Government of Kursk region of Russia on Aug 9, 2024, shows children being evacuated from the town of Ryisk in the Kursk region. AFP

We look forward to the day when we can return to Gaza

By Salah Abdalaty

I AM an awyer from the Gaza Strip. Since the outbreak of the recent round of the Palestine-Israel conflict, my family and I have been forced to relocate time and time again. Now, we are currently residing in the capital city of Egypt, Cairo.

Since last October, we had endured three difficult months amidst the turmoil in Gaza. We became homeless and had to constantly flee from one place to another. Our original residence was in the northern Gazan city of Beit Lahia, but due to the conflict, we were compelled to move south.

As the area near our new home was also targeted by bombings, we had no choice but to continue our escape to Gaza City.

Later, we sought refuge in

the Nuseirat area, with some of us staying with relatives while others residing in the Nuseirat refugee camp.

The bombings continued relentlessly, and we were constantly in danger. I could hardly forget that on Dec. 7, 2023, when our entire family stayed in the Nuseirat refugee camp, suddenly, the camp came under attack, with the nearest explosion occurring just five or six meters away from us.

Our shelter was instantly destroyed, and all of my family members, including my four children, sustained varying degrees of injuries. What was even more devastating was that my mother, sister, aunt, and my brother's family of three tragically lost their lives.

After a long search and rescue, we eventually found their bodies amidst the rub-

ble.

There was little time to grieve as we quickly rushed the injured to the hospital. Upon arrival, we discovered that medical resources were extremely scarce, and only critically ill patients were being admitted.

Many severely injured individuals had no means of being transferred to other hospitals and were left to await treatment in critical condition, with no other options available.

Afterwards, our whole family moved from the Nusayrat district to central Gaza's Deir al Balah.

There, our temporary shelter was still not spared from the fate of being bombed, so we had no choice but to head to Rafah, the southernmost part of Gaza.

Along the way, we lacked sufficient clothing and had

to endure the winter wearing only thin clothes. We also suffered from a lack of food, often going hungry. With no shelter from the rain, we were frequently drenched. Everywhere we went, the streets were filled with sewage, dirty and chaotic.

Countless houses had been destroyed, and those who had lost their homes, along with the refugees, set up makeshift tents.

There was no electricity, fuel, or clean water for daily life... Everywhere, one couldn't help but feel a deep sense of despair and fear.

By the end of December 2023, our family finally made it to Egypt through the Rafah border crossing. With the help of friends, we managed to rent a place in Cairo and finally settled down, allowing me to continue with my work.

Back in Gaza, a volunteer

team I used to lead, consisting of 30 members, continued providing humanitarian aid.

Their dedication deeply moved and inspired me. I joined forces with them and approximately 70 Egyptian healthcare workers and volunteers to offer free treatment, particularly focusing on psychological support, to the injured in Gaza.

Given the destruction of hospitals in the Gaza Strip, we established an online platform to provide free counseling services and medication to those in need. So far, we have served over 1,800 injured individuals, and our team continues to grow and expand.

My homeland, the Gaza Strip, is still suffering from the ravages of war. The conflict has left my family displaced and grieving the loss of loved

ones, and it has inflicted great harm on everyone caught in its midst.

Every day, I worry and long for my relatives who are still in Gaza, as well as for our fellow countrymen. I appeal to regional nations and the international community to work towards achieving an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

The establishment of a truly sovereign and independent Palestinian state is a legitimate right and shared aspiration of the Palestinian people. Today, there is an increasing chorus of positive voices in the international community advocating for the two-state solution and recognizing the Arab Peace Initiative. More and more countries are acknowledging the statehood of Palestine.

I believe that peace and justice are the aspirations of all

people. We look forward to the day when we can return to Gaza. **People's Daily**



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The United States basketball team reacts after winning a men's gold medal basketball game against France at Bercy Arena at the 2024 Summer Olympics, Saturday, Aug. 10, 2024, in Paris, France. (AP Photo)

Golden Steph: Curry's late barrage seals another Olympic men's basketball title, as US beats France

PARIS

STEPHEN Curry was thinking about this two years ago, after winning his fourth NBA title with the Golden State Warriors. The only thing left for him to win was Olympic gold.

And in the ultimate moment, he made sure that medal would be his.

The U.S. is atop the international men's basketball world once again, after Curry scored 24 points – all on 3-pointers – and led the way to a 98-87 win over France in the final at the Paris Games on Saturday night. It was the fifth consecutive gold medal for the U.S. and the 17th in 20 all-time appearances for the Americans at the Games.

"You just stay confident, stay present and don't get rattled by the moment," said Curry, who had 17 3-pointers in his last two games, starting with nine against Serbia to get to the gold-medal game.

Added U.S. coach Steve Kerr: "Steph earned this."

Curry made four 3-pointers in the final 2:43, including the one that just sealed the win with 1:19 remaining. It put the U.S. up 93-84 and he skipped down the court letting out a yell, shaking his jersey so everyone could see the "USA" across the front.

If that wasn't enough, one more followed with about 30 seconds left – along with the go-to-sleep move where he puts his hands together on the side of his face. "Night night," he calls it, and he came prepared, with a special shirt to wear after the game for a champagne-and-cigars celebration. "Nuit nuit," it said, the French translation.

Good night. Game over. Gold won. Again.

"For me to get a gold medal is insane, and I thank God for the opportunity to experience it," Curry said.

Kevin Durant – the first four-time men's gold medalist in Olympic basketball history – scored 15 for the Americans, as did Devin Booker. LeBron James, wearing metallic gold shoes that needed no explanation, scored 14 for the U.S. as he won his fourth Olympic medal and third gold.

"Super humbled that I can still play this game," James said. "Played at a high level, played with 11 other great players and a great coaching staff and went on and did it for our country. It was a great moment around."

For the second consecutive Olympics, the French had to watch the Americans hold up U.S. flags in celebration after the title game. The French lost to the U.S. 87-82 in Tokyo three years ago, and this one was down to the final minutes.

That is, until Curry took over.

"I think we might be the only team in the world whose fans are ashamed of them if they get a silver medal," said Kerr, the Golden State coach whose two-summer run with the U.S. ends with a 21-3 record and Olympic gold – 11-0 this summer. "That's the pressure that we face. But our players, and you saw Steph, they love the pressure. They appreciate this atmosphere and they were fantastic."

Victor Wembanyama, the NBA Rookie of the Year for San Antonio in his first Olympic final, was brilliant for France, scoring 26 points – the second-most ever against the U.S. in a gold-medal game, one behind the 27 that Drazen Dalipagic scored for Yugoslavia in 1976.

"I'm learning," Wembanyama said. "And I'm worried for the opponents in a couple of years."

Wembanyama covered his face in a towel afterward as the Americans celebrated. Guerschon Yabusele scored 20 for the hosts.

"For sure, it's a disappointment because we expected we could do it," France coach Vincent Collet said. "But we have to recognize at the end that they are better. We are very close ... When they make fantastic shots, that's the difference."

The U.S. lead was 14 early in the third, looking poised to pull away. But the offense quickly went cold and when Evan Fournier connected on a 3-pointer with 3:05 left in the quarter the lead was down to 65-59 after a 12-4 run by the hosts.

And with a chance to go up double digits headed to the fourth, a big U.S. blunder gave France another jolt of momentum. Anthony Edwards and Durant got their signals crossed on a pass that led to a turnover, Nando De Colo scored to beat the buzzer and the U.S. lead was only 72-66 going into the final 10 minutes.

It got as close as three. No closer, thanks to Curry. He hit four 3-pointers in a span of 2:12, the last one of them a bit of the circus variety, and they all immediately went into Olympic lore.

"A big shot to put us up six. That kind of settled everything," Curry said. "And then the rhythm, the avalanche came, and thankfully the other three went in. That was an unbelievable moment. I've been blessed to play basketball at a high level for a very long time. This ranks very high in terms of excitement and the sense of relief, getting to the finish line."

It was the eighth time in Olympic history – and Sunday's women's final between the U.S. and France will mark the ninth – that the home team got to play for basketball gold.

AP

Matampi's absence now raises questions amid contract dispute with Coastal Union

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

THE saga surrounding goalkeeper Ley Matampi and Coastal Union has taken another twist following his absence from the team's goal in their recent semi-final match against Azam FC. The match, part of the Community Shield tournament, saw Azam FC advance to the final with a commanding 5-2 victory over Coastal Union.

Azam FC's triumph sets up a highly anticipated final against Young Africans SC, which was to take place later yesterday at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

The absence of Matampi in goal for Coastal Union has raised eyebrows, with the club's information and communication officer, Abbas Elsabri, providing some insight into the situation.

According to Elsabri, Matampi did not report to the team's camp on time, which led to his absence from the crucial semi-

final match.

"Matampi was late to join his colleagues and is currently still in Tanga, so there is a possibility that he will miss the match with Azam FC, but from then on we will see him on the field," Elsabri explained.

He further emphasized that Matampi remains a Coastal Union player, stating: "Matampi is still our legal player because he has a contract for one more year. The other things that are being talked about are the different views of people who you cannot prevent from speaking due to not knowing what the truth is."

Despite Elsabri's reassurances, reports indicate that Matampi is embroiled in a contractual dispute with the club. Coastal Union claim that Matampi signed a two-year contract, while the goalkeeper himself insists that he signed a one-year deal.

The dispute has fueled speculation about Matampi's future with the club, especially as he is

reportedly in talks with one of the team's senior players, who is encouraging him to stay for the upcoming season and participate in various international competitions.

Matampi's journey to Coastal Union began last season when he joined the club from Jeunesse Sportive Groupe Bazano. He has previously played for several notable clubs, including TP Mazembe, FC Lupopo, and DC Motema Pembe.

His performance with Coastal Union has been impressive, as he was named the best goalkeeper of the Premier League last season. His contributions were instrumental in helping Coastal Union finish fourth in the league, which secured them a spot in the CAF Confederation Cup for the first time since 1989.

The CAF Confederation Cup is the second-tier competition in African football, ranking below the prestigious CAF Champions League. Clubs qualify for

the tournament based on their performance in their respective countries' premier leagues and cup competitions.

Coastal Union earned their place in the 2024/25 CAF Confederation Cup after their strong performance in the Premier League.

In the preliminary round of the CAF Confederation Cup, Coastal Union will face FC Bravos from Angola. The winners of this tie will go on to play against FC Lupopo from the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Coastal Union will be hoping to make a strong start in the competition and build on their domestic success from last season.

As the dust settles on the Matampi saga, Coastal Union's focus will now shift to their upcoming challenges in both domestic and continental competitions. The club's management and fans will be eager to see their star goalkeeper back in action, fully committed to the team's cause.



Minister for East African Community Affairs, Youth, Sports and Culture of Burundi Gervais Abayeho (C) leads a 5-kilometer walk in the CRDB Bank Marathon Burundi held in Bujumbura yesterday where 120m+ Burundian francs have been collected to help those affected by the floods of Lake Tanganyika. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

St. Patrick Academy wins Champion of Tomorrow's tournament

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

ST. Patrick Academy's football team has emerged victorious in the 'Champion of Tomorrow' tournament after defeating Sombetini Secondary School 4-1 in the final held yesterday at the UWC Arusha International School.

It took St. Patrick Secondary School only six minutes to score the opening goal, courtesy of their formidable striker Ramadhani Juma, who outmanoeuvred the Sombetini Secondary defense.

In the 26th minute of the game, Sombetini Secondary

striker Yusuf Kassim, who received a brilliant pass from Rashid Omari who had dribbled past the St. Patrick defense.

Playing with great pace, St. Patrick Academy, once again through their striker Juma, added a second goal in the 35th minute of the game with a well-taken corner kick that found the back of the Sombetini net.

St. Patrick Academy went into the break leading 2-1 against Sombetini.

Juma was a thorn in Sombetini Secondary's side, scoring his third goal in the 66th minute from a direct kick. Ramad-

hani Abbasi sealed the victory for St. Patrick with a fourth goal in the 79th minute.

Immediately after the match, the organizer, Ashok Mittal, congratulated both teams for their excellent performance throughout the tournament. The tournament kicked off on August 1, when the same two teams had drawn 2-2.

Ashok, accompanied by the special guest, Arusha Member of Parliament, Mrisho Gambo, awarded the second runners-up, Sombetini Secondary school team, seven balls.

At the same time, the champions, St. Patrick Academy, re-

ceived eight balls, a trophy, and medals.

Gambo commended Ashok for his innovative initiative in organizing the tournament. He called on the country's football governing bodies, including Tanzania Football Federation (TFF), to use such tournaments to identify talented players and nurture them for the national teams.

One of the tournament sponsors, the managing director of Mount Meru Petroleum, Atul Mittal, congratulated the players of both teams and urged them to rectify the minor mistakes they had made on the pitch to improve their performance.

"I congratulate you on the very good game you have played in this final, but can you tell me what mistakes have you made? Especially in the first half from the beginning to the 66th minute? If you practice and correct these mistakes, you are very good players and you will go far," said Mittal while addressing the St. Patrick players.

The tournament involved eight teams from government and private secondary schools with an English curriculum, namely St. Patrick Academy, Kilimanjaro Boys Academy, Brains Heroes, Renea, Sombetini, Lemara, Sinon, and Mateves.



Founder of 'Champions of Tomorrow' Ashok Mittal (C in white t-shirt) and Arusha MP Mrisho Gambo hold up the trophy with St. Patrick Academy skipper after the school emerged victorious in the final against Sombetini Secondary School. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

Twelve signings, £243m spent - what is going on at Chelsea?

By Nizar Kinsella

CHELSEA are dominating another transfer window.

This will be the third successive summer transfer window since the 2022 takeover by co-controlling owners Behdad Eghbali and Todd Boehly when Chelsea have outspent rivals, signed the most players and looked to offload those from the former regime.

A flurry of Friday transfer activity, including a £54m deal to sign Wolves forward Neto, means Chelsea look set to make 12 summer signings with an average age of under 21, spending £243m since June 14 and bulking up their squad to more than 50 senior players.

Some of those who have joined will go straight back out on loan and more will be sold before the 30 August transfer window deadline.

But many fans are wondering if this is one of the biggest Premier League squads ever assembled.

Since the Clearlake Capital and Boehly takeover, Chelsea have spent more than £1.5bn on transfers, increasingly with a younger profile aimed at future re-sale value, apparently stockpiling potential.

BBC Sport attempts to break it all down.

Who is in Chelsea's squad?

*Goalkeepers (8)

Filip Jorgensen, 22, signed for £21m; Robert Sanchez, 26, £25m; Djordje Petrovic, 24, £14m (available on loan); Kepa Arrizabalaga, 29, £72m* (for sale); Marcus Bettinelli, 32, free*; Mike Penderson, 19, £17m (on loan) not yet confirmed; Gabriel Slonina, 20, £9m (available on loan); Lucas Bergstrom, 21, undisclosed* (for sale/loan).

*Full-backs (7)

Reece James, right, 24, academy; Marc Cucurella, left, 26, £62m; Ben Chilwell, left, 27, £45m*; Renato Veiga, left, 12, £12m; Malo Gusto, 21, right, £30m; Josh Acheampong, right, 18, academy; Caleb Wiley, left, 19, £9m (on loan).

*Centre-backs (9)

Axel Disasi, 26, £39m; Wesley Fofana, 23, £75m; Levi Colwill, 21, academy; Tosin Adarabioyo, 26, free; Benoit Badiashile, 23, £33m; Trevoh Chalobah, 25, academy (for sale); Aaron Anselmino, 19, £16 (on loan); Alfie Gilchrist, 20, academy (on loan); Bashir Humphreys, 21, academy (for sale/loan).

*Midfielders (15)

Enzo Fernandez, 23, £107m; Moises Caicedo, 22, £115m; Christopher Nkunku, 26, £52m; Omari Kellyman, 19, £19m; Cesare Casadei, 21, £17m; Lesley Ugochukwu, 20, £23m; Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall, 25, £30m; Romeo Lavia, 20, £53m; Carney Chukwuemeka, 20, £20m; Tino Anjorin, 22, academy (available for sale/loan); Andrew Santos, 20, £18m (on loan); Kendry Paez, 17, £17m (on loan); Alex Matos, 19, free; Jimi Tauriainen, 20, undisclosed* (available on loan); Leo Castledine, 18, academy (available on loan).

*Wingers (9)

Mykhailo Mudryk, left, 23, £89m; Raheem Sterling, left, 29, £48m; Pedro Neto, left, 24, £54m (not confirmed); Cole Palmer, right, 22, £43m; Noni Madueke, right, 22, £29m; Estaevo Willian, right, 17, £51m (on loan); Angelo Gabriel, right, 19, £13m (available on loan); Harvey Vale, 20, academy (for sale/loan); Diego Moreira, 20, free.

*Strikers (8)

Romelu Lukaku, 31, £100m*; Nicolas Jackson, 23, £32m; Samu Omorodion, 20, £35m (not confirmed); David Datro Fofana, 21, £11m (for sale); Deivid Washington, 19, £17m; Marc Guiu, 18, £5m; Mason Burstow, 21, £1.5m* (for sale/loan); Armando Broja, 22, academy (for sale).

Total, including loanees: 56

*Players signed under previous owner Roman Abramovich.

What could Chelsea's starting XI be?

Starting XI: Sanchez; James, Tosin, Colwill, Cucurella; Caicedo, Lavia, Fernandez; Palmer, Nkunku, Neto.

Second XI: Jorgensen; Gusto, W Fofana, Badiashile, Veiga; Ugochukwu, Dewsbury-Hall, Chukwuemeka; Madueke, Jackson, Sterling.

Not in either XI: Omorodion, Mudryk, Kellyman, Disasi, Chalobah, Chilwell.

*Is there a Premier League squad size limit?

Chelsea will have to submit a 25-man squad after the summer transfer window which must have a minimum of eight 'homegrown' players - those of any nationality who have spent three years at any English club academy before turning 21.

But a club can also register as many under-21 players as they like on top of that 25-man squad.

*What happens next?

Chelsea had such a bloated squad of more than 40 players under Graham Potter that reports emerged of first-team squad members sitting on the floor during team meetings and changing for training in the corridor.

This summer they will do fewer transfers both in and out than last summer under Mauricio Pochettino - but it remains more than any other club in the Premier League.

At least 14 players will leave Chelsea's group of the 56 listed above, which includes any player who has made his first-team debut for the Blues or his national team.

From the outside, there will be questions about why Chelsea sign so many players and why such young ones? The club insist it does not have a minimum age or wage to acquire players and judges each deal on an individual basis.

BBC

What's next for Thierry Henry after thrilling run at the Paris Olympics?

PARIS

AT the end of an epic Olympic men's soccer final Friday, France coach Thierry Henry was asked what was next after leading his country to the silver medal at the Paris Games.

"My future? My future is to go to eat with the guys later on and their families. That's my future," he said after the 5-3 defeat to Spain.

It didn't come close to answering the question after France's exhilarating run to the final showcased Henry's coaching qualities and possibly put him in the mix for some big jobs in club or international soccer.

The United States, for instance, is on the lookout for a new coach after Gregg Berhalter paid the price for a desperately disappointing exit from the Copa America.

Jurgen Klopp was quickly mentioned in connection with the role, along with Mauricio Pochettino. Perhaps



France's head coach Thierry Henry reacts during a quarter final soccer match between France and Argentina, at Bordeaux Stadium, during the 2024 Summer Olympics, Friday, Aug. 2, 2024, in Bordeaux, France. (AP Photo)

Henry could be a contender, too, as a coach who looks ready to take the next step. He has ties to America through his role as a pundit on CBS and time in MLS with

New York Red Bulls as a player and Montreal Impact as a coach.

Whatever he decides beyond the Olympics, it seems unlikely a return to coaching France's un-

der 21s would satisfy his ambition after playing in front of packed stadiums at the Games and taking part in one of the great finals, even in defeat to Spain.

*Spain's golden generation

If the present already looked bright for Spain, so does the future.

Less than a month after winning the European Championship, Spain took gold at the Olympics. It was also victorious in the under 19s European Championship to complete a golden summer for Spanish soccer.

Spain had to wait to add to its last major trophy - the Euros in 2012 - but it looks set for another period of dominance, with an apparent conveyor belt of talent coming through.

Barcelona midfielder Fermin Lopez was a fringe member of the Euros-winning squad in Germany, but he was his country's leading scorer at the Olympics with six goals. That included

two in the final against France.

Alex Baena also scored in the final and joined Lopez in winning both the Euros and the Olympics. Sergio Camello, meanwhile, came off the bench to score twice in extra time to seal gold and announce himself to a global audience.

*Golden boot

To fans of Asian soccer, Soufiane Rahimi's outstanding performances at the Games will have come as no surprise.

The 28-year-old striker was one of Morocco's overage picks for a tournament that was restricted under 23s with the exception of three players. And he repaid the faith shown in him by Morocco coach Tarik Sektioui, scoring eight goals to seal his position as the leading scorer in the men's competition and help his country take bronze.

Rahimi plays his club soccer for Al Ain in United Arab Emirates and eliminated Cristiano Ronaldo's Al Nassr on the

way to winning the Asian Champions League last season, when he was top scorer with 13 goals.

If that form wasn't enough to grab the attention of top European teams, perhaps his performances at the Olympics will spark interest from overseas.

*U.S. a positive surprise

After the disappointment of the Copa America, when the U.S. was eliminated after the first round on home soil, a positive Olympics was welcome relief.

Expectation wasn't high for coach Marko Mitrovic's team ahead of the tournament and a 3-0 loss to France in its opening game left it with a job to do to advance the knockout phase.

But back-to-back wins against New Zealand and Guinea secured a place in the quarterfinals for the first time since Sydney 2000 before a 4-0 defeat to Morocco brought an end to that run.

AP

Manchester United's missing piece exposed as Manchester City end Community Shield streak

By Richard Jolly

THERE are times in recent years when it has felt that Manchester City have had an annual ritual. Lose the Community Shield, win the Premier League. Their seasons started in disappointment and ended in glory. But, the runners-up three times in a row have finally got their hands on the silverware they value less than most. City came from behind in the game and then the shootout, showing resilience and a determination to beat Manchester United with a weakened team.

There was a redemptive moment for Manuel Akanji, who scored the winning spot kick in a marathon shootout. He had missed from 12 yards when Switzerland exited Euro 2024 to England but, after seven teammates had stepped up, was called upon to apply the final touch. There was a starring role for Ederson who, with City behind in the shootout, palmed Jadon Sancho's effort onto the post and then calmly scored himself. There was a remarkably eventful cameo from Bernardo Silva, who equalised in the 89th minute only to then miss City's first penalty.

Ultimately, however, the decisive error came from Jonny Evans, who skied his spot kick. On the day United agreed a fee with Bayern Munich for Matthijs de Ligt, the veteran may find himself further down the pecking order. He was not signed to take penalties, but then 16 players had to. Besides Akanji and Ederson, Kevin de Bruyne, Erling Haaland, the debutant Savinho, Matheus Nunes and Ruben Dias all scored for City.



Manchester City won the Community Shield, beating Manchester United 7-6 on penalties after the game had ended 1-1 after 90 minutes. (AP)

But it was City with a difference, especially at kick-off. Theirs was a midfield with an unusual look, with Mateo Kovacic the only one of the starting quartet over 22, with a first start for James McAtee, a first appearance of any kind for Nico O'Reilly, an encouraging display from Oscar Bobb. Pep Guardiola's rookies were fearless. They were not outclassed, though they required rescuing by one of their talismanic figures.

It was an uncharacteristic goal from the small Silva, powering in a far-post header from Bobb's cross. Indeed, there was something untypical about the booking he had collected a few minutes earlier for barging into Alejandro Garnacho. If he looked a man on a mission, a game in which two substitutes scored necessitated his intervention.

Garnacho had struck in United's FA Cup final win over City. Briefly, history seemed to be repeating itself. He had been the supplier when Marcus Rashford hit the post. He was soon the scorer, aided by one of Silva's Portugal colleagues.

The indefatigable Bru-

no Fernandes was excellent. It felt unsurprising a Euro 2024 quarter-finalist completed the game. He also contributed much from his role as a false nine. He had a delightful goal disallowed, curling a 20-yard shot into the top corner but then deemed offside. He earned an assist on 82 minutes, poking a pass into the path of Garnacho. The winger, electric in his cameo, cut infield and angled a shot into the near post.

The goals came late. The intrigue began with the teamsheets. If Erik ten Hag's choice of a suit, while Guardiola dressed casually in a T-shirt, sug-

gested United were taking it more seriously, the City manager nevertheless supplied the histrionics on the sidelines. His team showed their talent - Jeremy Doku continued where he left off in the FA Cup final, sparkling with skill again - and resilience by rallying after trailing. But the teamsheet, too, indicated that United viewed it more as a competitive game, City as their final friendly. The Premier League champions were without their four Euro 2024 finalists, who have not resumed training yet, whereas Kobbie Mainoo started for United.

But in the absence

of the rested regulars, McAtee showed a deft touch; almost a scoring touch, too, as he curled a shot against the post after Martinez gave the ball away. The youthful double act of Rico Lewis and Bobb combined well on the right flank and the Norwegian skipped past the Argentinian before skying a shot. It made for an awkward afternoon at left-back for Martinez, who, as a crunching challenge on Matheus Nunes illustrated, looked happier after moving into the middle when Harry Maguire went off.

Further forward, United were without a striker

as Ten Hag reprised the shape he used in the FA Cup final. The down-sides of that shape may have been shown when Amad Diallo scythed City apart courtesy of a one-two with Casemiro and sidefooted a cross to give a centre-forward a tap-in; except there wasn't one and the chance went begging.

Casemiro nevertheless showed his creativity, sliding a pass to Rashford, who placed a shot just wide. It was not his most glaring miss: as Garnacho led a devastating counterattack and centred, Rashford beat Ederson but struck the post with his shot. Factor in a header wide when he met Fernandes's corner and it amounted to a trio of misses. With England's interim manager Lee Carsley watching, Rashford had an added incentive to impress. However, he lacked a clinical touch, which proved telling when the match went to penalties. There were few early indications that Rashford will repeat his 2022-23 tally of 30 goals. But then City, accustomed to losing the curtain-raiser, can testify an early setback need not be terminal.

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Former Barcelona youth coaches praise talent at One Tanzanite Academy

By Correspondent Renatha Msungu

FORMER Barcelona youth players and UEFA-licensed coaches, Xavier Beranuy Gilt and Aitor Bueno Gil, have expressed their admiration for the talent displayed by young players at the One Tanzanite Football Academy during a seven-day training camp at Kunduchi's NDC ground.

The coaches, in collaboration with One Tanzanite Football Academy, trained the youth players in techniques, tactics, possession, recovery, and various other technical aspects of football.

Speaking after the training session, Gilt remarked that they had witnessed talented players who, with continued effort and dedication, could become the backbone of Tanzanian football in the near future.

"For all seven days, I have been busy and happy training with these talented players. They have great potential, not only for clubs but also for national teams, if they continue to make and maintain efforts in the game," said Gilt.

Gil echoed Gilt's sentiments and commended the leadership of the academy for their initiative, which also benefits the community.

One Tanzanite Football Academy managing director, Agapiti Manday, praised the coaches for their exceptional training and extended an invitation for them to return for future sessions.

Manday highlighted that over 95 percent of the enrolled players come from less privileged families, relying on the academy for equipment and transport to and from the training pitches.

He explained that the academy was established with the vision of providing a structured and professional environment for young football enthusiasts in Tanzania. The academy aims to develop the next generation of football stars who can compete on national and international stages.

"With experienced coaches, we are committed to offering high-quality training and mentorship to our young football players. Our objectives include identifying and nurturing young talent across the country, providing them with the necessary skills and opportunities to excel in the sport.

"We also focus on holistic development, combining football training with academic education and character building, while fostering a sense of community and encouraging active participation in outreach programs," said Manday.

He added that the establishment of the academy is expected to have a significant impact on both the sports sector and the broader community by providing a platform for young talent to thrive.

He further explained that the academy's goals include enhancing the quality of football in Tanzania by developing well-trained and skilled players who can compete at higher levels, particularly as the country prepares for Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) finals in 2027.

The academy also promotes healthy living by encouraging physical activity and healthy lifestyles among the youth, contributing to the overall well-being of society.

"We also aim to create economic growth and job opportunities through sports-related activities and events, while instilling values of discipline, teamwork, and perseverance," said Manday.

He expressed full support for the Tanzanian government's efforts, led by President Samia Hassan Suluhu, in investing in sports-related activities as the country prepares to host Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) finals in 2027.

"As expected, players from the academy will also benefit from the facilities that the government is constructing for AFCON 2027 and will help raise the Tanzanian flag high," he added.

He also acknowledged the support of camp sponsors such as Airtel Tanzania, CRDB Foundation, NCBA Bank Tanzania, ASAS Group, and GSM Group in their efforts to support the community and assist families from less privileged backgrounds.

Nigeria finishes third in ICC U-19 Men's CWC Africa Qualifier Division 2



Nigeria's U-19 cricket team. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

By Correspondent Japheth Kazenga

NIGERIA's cricketers have booked a spot in the ICC U-19 Men's Cricket World Cup Africa Qualifier Division 1, following the squad's seven-wicket thrashing of Rwanda in the Division 2 showdown's third-place playoff in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

The two teams met in the ICC U-19 Men's Cricket World Cup Africa Qualifier Division 2 third-place playoff after losing their last four phase clashes versus Sierra Leone and hosts Tanzania on Thursday and Friday.

In yesterday's third-place tie, which turned out to be a low-scoring affair, Rwanda batted first and ended with a paltry 45 runs all out in 23.4 overs.

Opener Chris Namuhoranye was so far the performer that had a significant showing at the crease as the cricketer returned with 23 runs, nailing two fours and a sixer, and fellow opener Jasper Nziza ended three runs short of two digits.

The rest of Rwanda's batting unit could hardly wade off a ferocious bowling attack deployed by Nigeria's bowlers, leaving the crease in quick succession.

Skipper Gafar Kareem (4-8 in 5.4 overs) led the Nigeria bowling attack, leaving no stone unturned in his quest to ensure his squad tames Rwanda's batting unit. He was ably assisted by Joseph Onoshagbe (3-3 in three overs) who made matters worse for Rwanda's batsmen.

Needing just 46 runs to secure victory, Nigeria hardly wasted time, grabbing 46/3 in mere 12.3 overs to, consequently, nail a spot in the ICC U-19 Men's Cricket World Cup Africa Qualifier Division 1.

The batting side was unperturbed by the four early exits of the top-order batsmen, with Peculiar Egamasi (26 runs not out) eventually guiding the West African nation's cricketers to the much-needed triumph.

Yesterday's final, slated to start in the morning, brought together the showdown's best performers, Sierra Leone and Tanzania. The two sides gallantly cruised to the final without losing a game-leading groups A and B.

While Tanzania made short work of Rwanda, grabbing a 64-run win over the latter in the first of the last-four phase games at the Gymkhana venue, Sierra Leone delivered a commanding performance against Nigeria in the other last-four

match. Opting to bowl first after winning the toss, Sierra Leone restricted Nigeria to 116 runs all out in 31.3 overs.

Nigeria managed to handle Sierra Leone's opening pace attack of James Bangura and George Sessay well, scoring 34 runs comfortably.

However, recognizing the comfort with which Nigeria's openers Ali Rahman and Hossana Omokhobio were playing, Sierra Leone captain Raymond Coker introduced a spin attack in the powerplay with him and Mohamed Turay taking turns with the ball.

This strategic move paid off as Coker bowled Omokhobio in the ninth over, shifting the momentum in Sierra Leone's favour.

Peculiar Egamasi fought valiantly for Nigeria, top-scoring with 29 runs, but his efforts failed to steer his team to victory.

Raymond Coker was once again instrumental, taking 3-18 in nine overs and leading his team with a crucial 109-run partnership with Alusine Turay.

Turay top-scored with an unbeaten 65 runs off 52 balls, guiding Sierra Leone to a comfortable chase and finishing at 119/1 in just 19 overs. This partnership was the key to their ninth-wicket victory.

Coker, winning his third

consecutive Player of the Match award and tying with Tanzanian prodigy, Laksh Bakrania, for the top wicket-taker spot with 12 wickets, was delighted with the win.

The skipper noted: "We trust and believe in each other. As a group, we are strong and keeping our focus for the final."

His statement was followed by the team's spirited 'Ala-lo-li-lo-lo' chant, showcasing their unity and determination.

In an intense semi-final clash at the UDSM ground, Tanzania showcased its determination and skill to secure a spot in the final.

Winning the toss, Tanzania elected to bat first. The innings was anchored by a heroic performance from Darpan Jobanputra, who scored a gritty 56 off 132 balls.

His steadfast presence at the crease was crucial in helping Tanzania reach 164/9 in their allotted 50 overs.

Jobanputra's partnerships were key to the innings, with a 37-run stand for the fifth wicket with Sayan Jobanputra and a 41-run partnership for the 6th wicket with Omary Ramadhani.

Despite losing opener Dylan Manish early, and the huge celebration from the Rwandan team when Karim

Kiseto, the tournament's top run-getter, was dismissed, Jobanputra held the innings together.

Jobanputra mentioned after the match: "The instructions were simple: stay on the wicket, runs will come."

Rwanda's chase began steadily, reaching 80/4 after 30 overs, with Yves Cyusa leading the charge.

However, Tanzania's opening bowler, Khalidy Juma, stepped up for his second spell and turned the game in his team's favour.

In the 31st over, Juma took two wickets in two balls, sending the stumps cartwheeling and dismissing Theoneste Hakuzyaremye and Tshiana Mukeba in successive deliveries.

Rwanda's innings went into a shell, with Cyusa left watching wickets fall at the other end.

Eventually, with the required run rate climbing, Cyusa had to go for it, only to be stumped off Azhar Premji's bowling by wicketkeeper Omary Ramadhani.

Despite a valiant effort from Cyusa, who scored 55 runs off 109 balls, Rwanda was bowled out for 105 in 42.5 overs.

Tanzania's disciplined bowling, led by Khalidy Juma (3-30), ensured their victory by 64 runs, securing their place in the final.

George Mpole resurfaces at newly promoted Pamba Jiji

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

FORMER NBC Premier League top scorers George Mpole has resurfaced at a newly promoted Pamba Jiji FC ahead of the 2024/25 campaign.

Pamba Jiji FC will compete in the NBC Premier League for the 2024/25 campaign after finishing second in the championship last season.

The Mwanza-based club have made some new acquisitions to strengthen their side for the upcoming season.

The former second tier side coached by Goran Kopunovic signed 16 new players after a massive overhaul of the squad that helped them gain promotion.

Among the new signings is Mpole, who pipped Fiston Mayele to the 2021/22 NBC Premier League top scorer award.

Mpole was officially unveiled as part of the Pamba

squad in a colourful event on Saturday.

Mpole joins the club as an experienced player in the NBC Premier League having last played for Congolese side Lupopo.

Besides Geita Gold and Lupopo, he has also turned out for Mbeya City and Polisi Tanzania.

He left Lupopo in June this year having spent two seasons with the Congolese giants who he joined from the now relegated Geita Gold.

Having joined the newly promoted side, the 16 new signings will have to help the club stay in the top flight and potentially challenge for a top four finish which has been changing hands every season.

Other new recruits are defender Ally Ramadhan from Mashujaa, striker Eric Okutu from Tabora United, defender Kenneth Kunambi from Ihefu, midfielder

lin Kasindi from Coastal Union, centre back Samson Madeleke from Mashujaa and defender Justine Omary from Dodoma Jiji.

Ayinde Yusuf, Christopher Oruchum, Emmanuel

Boateng, Saleh Masoud, John Nakibinge, Ibrahim Abdallah, Alain Mukeya and Frank Ng'amba are also on the list of the new signings with former Tanzania Prisons first choice goalkeeper Yona Amos also

making the list of new recruits.

Pamba open proceedings on Friday afternoon, hosting Tanzania Prisons at CCM Kiburumba Stadium, Mwanza in the first game of the 2024/25 NBC Premier League season.



Simba midfielder Saleh Karabaka (R) scores his side's winning goal during the Community Shield's third-place tie against Coastal Union at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Simba won 1-0. Photo: Courtesy of SSC

Flexibles by David Chikoko

