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Freeman Mbowe free man - again

By Guardian Reporter

YESTERDAY'S decision by the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) to drop terrorism charges against opposition ChadeMa national chairman Freeman Aikaeli Mbowe (60) and three co-accused persons was greeted with chants, songs and dances across the country, turning a new page in Tanzania's political history.

ChadeMa supporters who thronged the Corruption and Economic Crimes Division of the High Court in Dar es Salaam on what was supposedly the day for the accused persons to start defending themselves broke into spontaneous songs and dances soon after the DPP's decision was read out.

A nolle prosequi was submitted before the court where charges of terrorism and financing acts of terror as well as conspiracy to commit terrorism were dropped.

Human rights activists, diplomats, lawyers, politicians and ordinary people from all walks of life soon went to social media to react to the news, applauding the decision as 'better late than never'.

The DPP informed the court that he would not prosecute Freeman Mbowe and the others, namely Halfan Bwire, Adam Kasekwa and Mohamed Lingwenya, any further.

"We have no intention of continuing with the case," state prosecutor Robert Kidando told the court.

The US Ambassador to Tanzania, Dr Donald Wright, meanwhile said that the "dismissal of the case against Freeman Mbowe is a welcome opportunity for Tanzania to turn the page and focus on the future".

"Now let's work together to seize the immense opportunities that exist and



Bishop Emmaus Bandekile Mwamakula of Uamsho Moravian Church addresses journalists yesterday outside the Chama cha Demokrasia na Maendeleo (ChadeMa) headquarters along Ufipa Street in Kinondoni Municipality, Dar es Salaam. It was shortly after the Director of Public Prosecution dropped terrorism charges against the party's national Chairman, Freeman Aikaeli Mbowe, and three co-accused persons at the Corruption and Economic Crimes Division of the High Court of Tanzania. Below: Presumed members and supporters of the opposition party celebrate. More photos on Page 4. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma



Mbowe in court during his many appearances there in connection with the various charges he was facing. File photo



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build a future of peace, prosperity and freedom for all," he said.

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UNFPA hands 5bn/- for 2022 census preparations

By Correspondent Christina Mwakangale

THE United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has contributed \$2.1m (over 5bn/-) out of the total budget of \$272.2m the government requires for the forthcoming 2022 Population and Housing Census scheduled for August.

Dr Wilfred Ochan, the UNFPA deputy country representative, told media practitioners attending a training session on the forthcoming International Women's Day (IWD) on March 8th 2022 and preparations for the population and housing census in Tanzania.

"Census is around the corner. Gender differences and inequalities have often been overlooked in statistical production even though it is now widely acknowledged that access and control over resources as well as various dimensions of wellbeing is gendered. Women and men have different needs and interests," the representative affirmed.

A gender responsive census can contribute in making the national statistics base more relevant and comprehensive, thus improve decision making for development planning and

“The scarcity of relevant, reliable and correctly analysed data on those who are further behind like people with disability, women

sector programmes, he stated.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically goal number five which speaks on gender equality, seek to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls by recognizing and valuing unpaid care and domestic work through the provision of public services and infrastructure, he stated.

He commended the government's commitment and efforts to increase women's economic empowerment by transforming the care economy action through law, policies and data.

"The scarcity of relevant, reliable and correctly analysed data on those who are further behind like people with disability, women and other special groups is a challenge most development planners and policy makers have come up against," he stated, noting that this is one reason Tanzanians need to participate in the forthcoming census.

As for the International Women's Day, marked each year on March 8, he

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Mwinyi: Fund women in blue economy drive

By Guardian Correspondent

ZANZIBAR President Hussein Mwinyi has called on local lenders to support his government's efforts to increase the participation of women in the blue economy value chain by financing their engagement in the emerging industry. Dr Mwinyi called for the banks' support on Thursday when hosting officials of the

Tanzania Commercial Bank (TCB) at the State House where he also invited other stakeholders to partner with his administration to empower women economically. No stone will be left unturned in the endeavour to capitalise on the potential of the blue economy to propel the growth and development of the Spice Islands, he stated.

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"The vision of my government is to transform the economy of Zanzibar," he said, elaborating that this requires building partnerships and working with stakeholders in uplifting the economic status of women. He remarked to the TCB team led by chief executive officer Sabasaba Moshingi that supporting women financially was critical for Zanzibar, as

women comprise the majority of general entrepreneurs, especially in seaweed farming. He commended TCB for its readiness to finance the participation of women entrepreneurs in the development of the blue economy and growth of the whole of Zanzibar. The bank needs to extend more

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authorities to set Mbowe free.

Kabwe, who is also leader of the opposition Alliance for Change and Transparency (ACT Wazalendo), said: "He is free and for all of us who have been pushing and working for his release, in one way or another, this is a great day. And for Mbowe and his family and loved ones, this day will never be forgotten."

Tanganyika Law Society immediate past president Dr Rugemeleza Nshala hailed the DPP's decision, saying that the accusations were without substantive incriminating evidence.

"The case had no basis and the evidence presented was weak, and many people asked President Samia Suluhu Hassan to release him (Mbowe) but without knowing that the president has no authority to directly release the accused," he said.

"So the DPP decided to release him considering that many people from various quarters were pushing for Mbowe's release," the leading advocate noted.

Dr Nshala said it was unfortunate that Mbowe and the three others cannot claim compensation for long detention, as there was no verdict of being guilty or not guilty.

The scores of Chadema members who were in the court's grounds were visibly thrilled upon learning that their chairman was free.

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"We are happy for the decision because the case had no evidence. We were aware that Mbowe and his co-accused would later win the case, but what hurts the most is the time which has been lost on the matter. The accused have lost their time while the government has lost its resources in serving them in remand," she noted.

Henga called on the government to ensure that intensive investigations were conducted into the circumstances of all court cases before suspects were arrested so as to avoid unnecessary costs.

Upon his father's release, Mbowe's son James commended the DPP's decision and called on President Samia to release all other political leaders still in custody.

"There are many other political party members who are still in remand while others have been sentenced in cases arising from the 2020 General Election," he said, adding: "Our appeal to the president is that we should forget the past and focus on the future."

Mbowe was arrested in Mwanza city in July last year alongside a number of Chadema officials just hours before they were to hold a public forum to demand constitutional reforms.

The case was ruled upon by Judge Joachim Tiganga on February 18, after reviewing the evidence of 13 state witnesses and finding that all the accused had a case to answer. They were required to start defending themselves yesterday.

Mbowe and his co-accused were facing six counts of conspiracy to commit acts of terrorism, while Mbowe faced a separate charge of financing acts of terrorism in Economic Sabotage Case Number 16 of 2021.

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'TASAF beneficiaries must spend well their subsidies'

By Guardian Reporter, Manyoni

Deputy Minister in the President's Office (Public Service Management), Deogratius Ndejemi has called on beneficiaries of Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) to spend well the subsidy they receive to improve their lives.

The Deputy Minister said in doing so they will be supporting efforts of President Samia Suluhu Hassan to look for funds from various development partners for TASAF programme.

Ndejemi made the call here early this week when addressing TASAF beneficiaries and residents of Solya Village in Manyoni District during

the inspection visit to inspect TASAF activities.

"President Samia is working hard to improve Tanzanians' lives hence we should not squander the money she obtains from development partners.

"Hence the money she provides to members of poor households through TASAF should be spent well, to improve their economic wellbeing," he added.

Sarah Mangwaya, one of TASAF beneficiaries from Solya Village in the district thanked the government for enabling her to receive subsidy through TASAF that has enabled her in the upbringing of her grandchild including his education and essential school items.

Climate Alliance: Risks of conflicts, insecurity from drought on the rise

By Guardian Reporter

AFRICAN countries face increased migration and displacement, heightened political tensions within and between countries, as well as the risk of violent conflicts due to climate change, climate campaigners coalescing under the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance have said.

Speaking in Kigali, Rwanda on the sidelines of the eighth African Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, Mithika Mwenda, the Executive Director of the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA)

noted that climate change has exasperated conflicts and that women, youth and elderly bear the brunt of these conflicts and displacements.

He gave examples in Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Malawi have shown when climate change is unchecked, human suffer. They lose livelihood, or get displaced or simply turn to the neighbours they consider as competitors to reducing resources.

Mwenda urged governments to act quickly and tackle climate change or risk rising instability due to climate-related conflicts

and migration.

Dr Nicholas Orago, Senior Lecturer, University of Nairobi's School of Law, all regions are experiencing one form of climate-related displacement or migration due to flooding, droughts or conflicts due to dwindling resources.

He noted that climate-related security risks increase the challenges for conflict prevention and resolution.

Dr Orago said due to resource-based nature of our economies and livelihoods, their degradation by climate change leads to resource scarcity and

generates competition for available resources is bound to create tensions that may break out into conflicts due to contestation on access, use and ownership of natural resources. According to the World Bank, over 200 million people are likely to migrate or displaced within their own countries due to climate change.

"The worst part of this is that 50 per cent of the losses people suffer due to climate change go unaccounted for, and neither victims nor survivors ever get compensated," said Dr Orago.



Vice President Dr Philip Mpango (in glasses) pictured yesterday inspecting a plot in the Upper Hill suburb of the Kenyan capital, Nairobi, which the Tanzanian government has earmarked for the construction of its 23-storey diplomatic mission and investment building. Photo: VPO

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remarked that it is a festival that commemorates the social, cultural, economic, and political achievements of women across the globe.

UN agencies, the government and gender development stakeholders commemorate the day whose theme this year is "Generation Equality for sustainable development," and the local theme is "Generation Equality

for Sustainable Development: Participate in the Forthcoming Census," he explained.

As the world commemorates this day, Tanzania must ensure that data from the census and all other key

sources will lead to visioning reality in a way that promotes equal rights and opportunities, he stated.

Data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) show that more than three million women and men in Tan-

zania, approximately nine per cent of the population have disability, hence the need for every Tanzanian including those with disabilities to participate in the census exercise, he added.



Health minister Umyy Mwalimu briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the progress made in the country's health sector since Samia Suluhu Hassan assumed the presidency on March 19, 2021. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

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loans to women in the Isles as the three billion shillings credit extended to the section of society had shown positive impacts in their lives and productive activities, the president underlined.

President Mwinyi affirmed that the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar was ready to partner with TCB in addressing pertinent issues that limit ready availability of credit, notably high interest rates and loan guarantees.

In support of the blue economy initiative, TCB will today organise its Business Forum for Women in Zanzibar, which Dr Mwinyi said was an ideal platform for economic empowerment and that ensuring women entrepreneurs participate fully in the ocean economy potential.

The pivotal role women can play to boost the fortunes of the blue economy and participation in sustainable development will be the focus of discussions in the conference set to be opened by President Mwinyi. Moshingi said the Zanzibar forum was the fourth to be held since TCB embarked on making banking work for women, with Dodoma hosting the inaugural roundtable, while the second and third events were held in Mbeya and Mwanza respectively. Committing the oldest lender in the country to fully participate in the blue economy, Moshingi applauded Dr Mwinyi's vision of how to optimally harness marine and coastal resources for sustainable development. The ocean economy has all it takes to uplift Zanzibar to new economic growth heights and development levels, the bank executive intoned. Having been around for 97 years and boasting one of the widest branch networks in the country, TCB has the requisite financial muscle and operational history to back Zanzibar's blue economy ambitions and its development agenda, he added.



Enrica Hofer, UNFPA-Tanzania programme analyst on gender, speaks at a media workshop on the women rights held in Dar es Salaam yesterday as part of the run-up to celebrations to mark International Women's Day (March 8). She is flanked by UNFPA gender equality specialist Sizarina Hamis (R) and journalist David Mayunga. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

Zitto hails DPP for Mbowe case closure

By Mary Kadoke

THE Tanzania Centre for Democracy (TCD) has expressed satisfaction over the decision by the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) to drop terrorism charges against Chadema national chairman, Freeman Mbowe.

Speaking at a press conference yesterday, TCD Chairman Zitto Kabwe said "the decision by the DPP was a good gesture coming at the right time when the country was working on promoting unity."

Zitto used the opportunity to announce preparations of a conference on justice, peace and reconciliation that will be graced by President Samia Suluhu Hassan and President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi, slated for Dodoma at the end of this month.

"I'm delighted. If you clearly remember some of the recommendations we gave President Samia Hassan as we met her in Dodoma we requested that she drops this case we are thankful that this has come to pass," he declared.

Last December the president attended a democracy stakeholders' meeting that discussed the state of multiparty democracy in Tanzania, convened at the Jakaya Kikwete Convention Centre in the capital.

The scheduled conference aims at reflecting on the various challenges of promoting democracy, and will propose ways to improve democratic space and people's rights as well as building national unity through reconciliation, the TCD leader intoned.

Zitto who leads ACT Wazalendo affirmed that the conference targets to come up with

recommendations for two bills that include writing a new electoral law and new legislation for political parties.

The aim is to use the bills to entice changes that would make our elections free, fair and trustworthy as well as creating an enabling environment for political activities without unnecessary interference from law enforcement organs, he asserted.

The Conference on Justice, Peace and Reconciliation will be supported by various democracy stakeholders including civil organisations such as Twaweza, the Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC), the Legal Service Facility (LSF), the Foundation for Civil Society, the Hans Seidel Foundation and some development partners.

Other notable figures include prominent and veteran political figures in the country, among them Judge (rtD) Joseph Warioba, former CCM secretary general Abdurahman Kinana, Civic United Front (CUF) chairman Prof. Ibrahim Lipumba and the Open Society for Eastern Africa managing director George Kegoro, who is based in Nairobi.

"We are very grateful to President Samia for personally agreeing to officiate the opening of this conference and have an audience with leaders of political parties to create a thriving political environment for our nation," he further stated.

Mbowe and co-accused Halfan Bwire, Adam Kasekwa and Mohammed Ling'wenya were facing six counts including conspiracy to commit acts of terrorism, while Mbowe faced a separate charge of financing acts of terrorism in the Economic Sabotage case number 16 of 2021.

TOAM embarks on training for desert locusts control measures

By Guardian Reporter, Monduli

THE Tanzania Organic Agriculture Movement (TOAM) has started educating farmers and other stakeholders in the sector in six districts of Kilimanjaro, Arusha and Manyara regions, on the identification and control of desert locusts.

The decision to follow farmers and stakeholders to educate them about desert locusts, aims to help them know how to identify locust characteristics and behaviour, should they emerge in the near future along with other migratory insects.

Paul Chilewa, training coordinator for Knowledge Hub for Organic Agriculture in Eastern Africa (KHEA) said yesterday that while there are currently no signs of the occurrence of the locusts even with the close monitoring being exercised, preparing the community to take appropriate action when they occur is still vital.

"We have six districts that were invaded by locusts last year, in January and February, namely Mwanza, Moshi, Siha (Kilimanjaro), Simanjiro (Manyara), Monduli and Longido (Arusha)," he said.

"Now what we want to make sure is

that the community is fully prepared to fight the locusts, in the sense that the community, with an understanding of the locusts, their breeding grounds, how they walk, what they eat, all the basics, will report on time and instruments, which needs to be coordinated so that they can take action," he asserted. "We've major stakeholders including agricultural officers from all areas affected by desert locusts, community development officers, representatives of civil society organizations especially those doing agriculture, religious leaders, farmers and village chairmen.

"What we're doing is providing lo-

cust education to these leaders as we believe they will pass that knowledge on to farmers, as well as passing leaflets that can be posted on billboards, churches, mosques and directly to farmers' groups. When extension officers provide education to farmers they will use leaflets to build awareness," he elaborated.

Didas Moshi, the manager for the Desert Locust Control Organization for Eastern Africa (DLCO-EA), said the locusts fly in large groups, with one adult locust swarm estimated to have 40 to 80 million locusts per square kilometers. "Locusts eat the same amount of

food per day, and on average one large locust weighs about two ounces [2 g]. Thus 500,000 locusts are capable of eating one ton. Locusts are able to fly and travel 100 to 200 kilometers a day, aided by the wind," he said.

Juma Mwinymkuu, coordinator of the Plant Health Center, for the northern zone, said the biggest problem that farmers had before the training was inability to identify the locusts from common grasshoppers.

Monduli District administrative secretary, Robert Siyantemi, said East African Community (EAC) member states need to come up with a joint strategy

for a compensation fund for farmers losing their crops due to swarms of desert locusts. Despite the good governance of the locust swarm conducted last year between Tanzania and the African Wildcats Association, it was important for farmers to start looking for friendly fall back systems in the event of a pest infestation.

"In the context of the locust invasion, our farmers should start looking for formal, friendly systems, so that in the event of a crop being eaten by desert locusts or other migratory insects, we should look at the possibility of finding empowerment funds," he said.



Temeke district commissioner Jokate Mwegelo (2nd-R, seated - front row) has a quick word in Dar es Salaam yesterday with Temeke Municipal mayor Abdallah Mtinika shortly after handing over 120 computers for use by the district's Karibuni Secondary School. Others (seated, from L): BRAC-Maendeleo director Suzan Bipa and Tanzania Education Authority director general Bahati Geuzye. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

Direct equipment purchase to halve cost of dialysis diagnosis, treatment

By Correspondent James Kandoya

DIRECT procurement of medical supplies introduced a year ago is set to cut dialysis diagnosis and treatment costs by half countrywide, with instalment of the crucial machines already on-going.

Dr Linda Ezekiel, a top nephrologist at the Ministry of Health said in Dar es Salaam yesterday that 271 dialysis machines have already been procured out of the planned 340.

"We expect that in the coming 2022/23 financial year all district and regional hospitals will have installed the equipment and new diagnosis and treatment charge announced," she said. Currently, a dialysis treatment in public health facilities costs 300,000/- per session and a patient has to undergo three sessions per week. This will now fall to 100,000/-, she said. "Diagnosis costs will also go down by at least 50 per cent, bringing huge relief to patients and their families," she said.

The nephrologists noted that all successes were achieved due to huge investment of over 1bn invested by the government in the period of one year.

She said the disease is caused by high blood pressure and diabetes and can also become damaged from physical injury, diseases, or other disorders.

Currently, there are 1000 people suffering from chronic renal failure while between 5800 and 8400 people need dialysis and only 2750 people access the services.

She said globally, 1.2 million people in 2015 suffered from kidney problems while 7.1 million did not access dialysis services. Dr Ezekiel stated that preparations have been conducted by the Medical Stores Department (MSD) to procure equipment directly from the manufacturers, elaborating that the MSD focus was to see the diagnosis and dialysis cost drop to enable people access the services across the country.

Ministry pursuing search for more power sources

By Christina Haule, Morogoro

THE government has said it was investing much in searching for other sources of energy so as to enable the country to have enough power that will stimulate establishment of more economic projects.

Commissioner for electricity and renewable energy from the Ministry of Energy, Edward Ishengoma said this yesterday during the launch of the "energy efficiency project" implemented by the ministry in collaboration with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the European Union (EU) in Morogoro region.

He said, research findings have shown and helped them realize that electricity is mostly used during night hours because there are many consumers of electricity including factories.

He said the project is important for the country as it will add more energy and reduce the use of the already existing energy sources. If used properly it can boost the economy and people to have easy access to electricity.

Engineer Ishengoma highlighted that efficient use of energy sources can act as another source of the same energy being used thus allowing high energy users to only consume half of it.

He said the project has commenced in line with the 2015 Energy Policy after making preparations including conducting feasibility studies in factories, large government buildings, water infrastructures to see what areas and how much energy is used.

UNDP project expert, Abasi Kitogo said the project worth 22.9bn/- will help the country attain its goals in acquiring quality and affordable energy.



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Freedom for Mbowe: Some scenes in Dar



ECSTASY, DELIGHT, CELEBRATION: Presumed members, supporters and enthusiasts of the opposition Chama cha Demokrasia na Maendeleo (Chadema) in celebratory mood in Dar es Salaam yesterday - some outside the party's headquarters in the Kinondoni suburb and others on the city's streets. This was shortly after it was learned that the Director of Public Prosecutions had dropped terrorism charges facing the party's national Chairman, Freeman Aikaeli Mbowe (60), and his three co-accused at the Corruption and Economic Crimes Division of the High Court of Tanzania. Photos: Correspondents Jumanne Juma and Miraji Msala



Govt Chemist trains students on safe handling of chemicals

By Guardian Reporter

THE Chief Government Chemist Laboratory Agency (GCLA) has embarked on a campaign to train secondary school students on the safe use of chemicals in an initiative aimed at promoting laboratory knowledge.

To begin with the agency has offered training to form five and six students pursuing science subjects at Mtwara Ufundi secondary school in Mtwara region.

The training conducted yesterday was aimed informing students who study science to be trained on how best to handle chemicals which are the things which they use for learning.

Speaking when training the students, the Zonal Manager for GCLA in the Southern Zone, Eliamini Mkenga explained to the students the roles of the agency saying it was the only responsible entity on all issues related to chemical science and DNA.

"You all need to know the safe use of chemicals because you are upcoming scientists who will be carrying research and investigations on all issues related to chemicals," he said.

For his part, the coordinator for industrial and home chemical inspection in Mtwara Magdalena Mtenga explained to the students on how to dispose chemicals after use in laboratories.

She added if not well disposed chemicals can cause serious effects to human, animals and plants saying it were the role of everyone to follow procedures in disposing them.

The Headmaster for Mtwara Ufundi secondary school Riyadh Kadhi hailed the agency for the training saying it was going a long into improving the student's understanding on chemicals when in laboratories.

On their part the students expressed their satisfaction with the training adding that this should be a beginning of more such trainings going forward.

The GCLA has put in place a strategy to provide training n safety of chemicals to various stakeholders to create awareness on safe use of chemicals.



You all need to know the safe use of chemicals because you are upcoming scientists who will be carrying research and investigations on all issues related to chemical



Legal and Human Rights Centre executive director Anna Henga (R) has a word with Mkono kwa Mkono Centre coordinator Asia Mkini during a visit to the centre at Mwananyamala Regional Referral Hospital in Dar es Salaam on Thursday. The centre usually extends assistance to survivors of sexual violence. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



Nigerians facing measles outbreak in eight states

ABUJA

THE Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) has registered the outbreak of measles in eight states of the federation.

The NCDC via its official website on Friday said that the eight states affected are; Jigawa, Anambra, Katsina, Rivers, Enugu, Delta, Osun and Sokoto in which 908 suspected cases had

been reported so far.

Measles is a very contagious infection caused by a virus, and it is common among children.

The main symptoms of measles are red-brown blotchy rashes and cold-like symptoms.

Measles is spread through coughs and sneezes and is usually contacted before the symptoms fully develop.

The Public Health Agency

also stated that there was an ongoing outbreak of measles in Zamfara, which had not been confirmed due to a lack of testing reagents.

It said that 58.7 per cent of confirmed cases were those that had not been vaccinated, adding that as of 2021, a total of 15,792 suspected cases were reported across 683 local government areas (LGAs) across the

country.

"So far this year, a total of 908 suspected cases have been reported in 29 states and the Federal Capital Territory.

"Thirteen LGAs across eight states have recorded an outbreak of measles in 2022. The states are Jigawa, Katsina, Rivers, Enugu, Anambra, Delta, Osun and Sokoto.

"There is an ongoing outbreak

of suspected measles cases in Zamfara, but this is awaiting confirmation due to lack of its testing kits in the country.

"Borno, Jigawa, Katsina, Kebbi, Kwara, and Anambra accounted for 55.2 per cent of the 908 suspected cases reported so far. Up to 58.7 per cent of the confirmed cases have not received a dose of measles vaccine," it explained.

The NCDC stated that 100 per cent of cases recorded in Jigawa, Sokoto, Enugu and Katsina were not vaccinated.

The agency also said that 54.4 per cent were not vaccinated in Borno; 50 per cent in Akwa Ibom; 66.7 per cent in Delta; 50 per cent in Ekiti; 25 per cent in Lagos; 83.3 per cent in Osun; 8.3 per cent in Oyo; and 50 per cent in Rivers.

"Of the 908 suspected cases reported, 88 were laboratory confirmed, 166 clinically compatible, 148 were discarded and 506 are pending classification," it added.

NAN reports that between January and August 2021, there were 67,000 cases of measles across the country.

In the previous year, the number of measles cases reached



Chemba district administrative secretary Rhoibi Stephano (C) plants a seedling in Swagaswaga Game Reserve on Thursday in commemorating World Wildlife Day (March 3) at regional level. Those witnessing the event include the reserve's acting commander, Ramadhani Abdi (L, foreground). Photo: Correspondent Peter Mkwavila

EAC scholarship covers 63 students this academic year

By Guardian Reporter

THE Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) has awarded scholarships to 63 applicants from all the six East African Community (EAC) partner states.

The call for the 3rd cohort attracted more than 1,450 applicants from Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda who went through a rigorous selection process involving pre-admission into the university and scholarship assessment.

Twenty two of the 63 awarded recipients are female, accounting for 35 per cent of the awardees.

The awarded students from all the EAC partner states will pursue their master's studies in selected thematic areas of Mathematics, Informatics, Engineering, Science, Technology and Business Science in any other EAC country.

The eligibility to the scholarship included being a citizen of an EAC partner state, being below thirty-five and a holder of a relevant bachelor's degree at the level of at least upper second-class Honours or 'distinction'.

Since the inception of the Programme in April 2018, IUCEA has awarded 180 scholarships.

The awards are made possible through funds granted by the Federal Republic of Germany through KfW, the German Development Bank.

The EAC Scholarship is fully funded and covers travel costs to and from the host country, entry visa fees where applicable, an arrival allowance, the university tuition fees, a monthly stipend, allowances for study materials and research and medical insurance.

The programme further provides opportunities to students for trainings on regional integration topics and networking through extracurricular activities to increase and deepen their knowledge to enhance the regional integration process.

TAWA: Stop killing any 'threatening' wild animals

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

TANZANIA Wildlife Authority (TAWA) management has called on the community to stop killing every animal they think are dangerous, instead "they should protect and defend, especially those in the endangered species category."

The call was made here yesterday by

TAWA Senior Acting Public Relations Commissioner, Twaha Twaibu as he addressing reporters in the commemoration of World Wildlife Day marked on every March 3.

Twaibu said many animals in the country are in danger of extinction, hence they are supposed to be protected as well as to ensure the eradication of wildlife poaching.

He said it should be understood that 25

per cent of the country's foreign exchange is earned from tourism activities.

He named some of the wildlife that are in danger of extinction as including elephants, wild dogs, hyenas and others.

"When you meet an animal, report to us and we shall come to take it away, this will help in their protection for the nation's interest," he said.

He added that through wildlife poaching control, TAWA has attained big achievements, they have controlled wildlife poaching by 90 per cent through frequent patrols.

"The numbers of the jumbos were now increasing but so are the people's population, different as it was in the past, thereby increasing human-wildlife conflicts.

He however stressed upon the commu-

nity to make sure they protect themselves against elephants by abiding to the education on the ways provided for their protection.

He named the ways as using bees by erecting beehives in their areas, using ropes doused in pepper around their farms and pouring spent up engine oil around the farms.

'Shinyanga has shortage of more than 6,000 teachers'

By Guardian Correspondent, Shinyanga

SHINYANGA Region is facing a shortage of 6,033 primary and secondary school teachers, a situation that affects students' performance in national examinations.

Regional education officer Dafroza Ndalichako made the revelation on Thursday when presenting the region's report during the education stakeholders conference held in Shinyanga town.

Ndalichako told delegates that Shinyanga faces a serious shortage of teachers for both primary and secondary schools. She said the region needs 5,447 primary school teachers to meet the demand which is 11,522.

For secondary schools, she said the region needs 2,898 teachers. She said the available 2,312 teachers are not enough to cover all the secondary schools.

According to her, Shinyanga Region has a total of 662 primary schools with a total of 551,545 pupils and 170 secondary schools with a total of 91,604 students.

"We need more teachers to facilitate teaching of our students," she said, calling upon the available teachers to work hard to cover the available gap as the government works to address the shortage.

She said that apart from the shortage of teachers, the education

sector in Shinyanga faces various challenges including absenteeism and early pregnancies which results in most students failing to complete their primary and secondary education.

She linked the increased student's absenteeism with lack of school feeding programmes. She said most of the students stay far from the schools, thus providing food at school would encourage them to come to school.

"Most of the schools here do not provide food to students; only 22 per cent of primary schools and 46 per cent of secondary schools provide food to students," she said.

Shinyanga Regional Commissioner, Sophia Mjema urged teachers to continue putting efforts in teaching students to enable them to achieve their educational goals. She said the government is aware of the shortage is working to address the problem.

Mjema directed District Commissioner and the schools' management boards to collaboratively work on introduction of school feeding programmes in all the schools across the region.

"I am directing all the DCs to come up with strategies to ensure provision of food to students while at school. This will not only control absenteeism, but enhance academic performance," said the Regional Commissioner.



Martin Pius (L), coordinator of Manyara Region Farmers' Network, speaks at a meeting of the region's environmental council forum on Thursday. With him are Babati district commissioner Lazaro Twange (C) and Manyara regional agricultural officer Samwel Dahaye. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

UNHCR convenes high-level dialogue on refugee removals

By Guardian Reporter

THE government and the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) have agreed on further efforts to improve access to territory and international protection, enhance the asylum adjudication systems and structures as well as reinvestigate the voluntary repatriation programme to Burundi.

This was reached during the high-level dialogue held in Dar es Salaam from March 1 to 2 bringing together key officials from both

In a statement availed to the media yesterday, Gillian Triggs, UNHCR's assistant High Commissioner for Protection stated that both parties also agreed to continue bolstering livelihood opportunities for refugees.

"Acknowledging the Tanzania's long-standing commitment to hosting refugees and in line with the Global Compact on Refugees, the two-day high-level dialogue meant to discuss refugee protection and solutions, support to host communities and increase their partnership," she said.

She added: "For decades, Tanzania has generously opened its doors and become a safe haven for thousands of people who were forced to flee due to conflict. This Dialogue was an excellent opportunity for the Tanzanian government and UNHCR to recognize the many achievements so far and agree on ways to improve refugees' living conditions, continue to search long-lasting solutions as well as increase support to the communities that are hosting them."

The Dialogue further strengthened the close collaboration be-

tween the government and UNHCR.

In her remarks, Ambassador Liberata Mulamula, Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation said: "The dialogue has demonstrated the importance the government attaches to the partnership between Tanzania and UNHCR, which is underpinned by mutual trust, a sense of responsibility and shared values."

The Dialogue also noted the critical role played by the international community in supporting the refugee operations and encouraged

additional support to be provided in maintaining the level of services for the refugees and increasing the support to host communities, in line with the Global Compact on Refugees and burden sharing principles.

"Serving refugees is an international responsibility that has never been easy and that the host country cannot do on its own," said Eng Hamad Masauni, Tanzania's Minister of Home Affairs.

"It is a partnership activity which requires efforts by multiple stakeholders. Therefore, we appeal

to donor countries to match the Government's efforts and step-up financial support to the response." UNHCR's Assistant High Commissioner for Operation, Raouf Mazou said: "Providing support to refugees year upon year is extremely challenging, and we at UNHCR remain committed to support the United Republic of Tanzania so that refugees and the communities that host them are able to have access to basic services and be supported with livelihood opportunities." S

He added that financial support

from the international community was much needed.

Of the US\$14.5 million needed to assist refugees and host communities in Tanzania this year, only 33 percent has been made available so far. Upon the conclusion of the dialogue, a set of key recommendations were jointly adopted by the government and UNHCR in a joint communiqué.

As of 31 January 2022, Tanzania hosted over 247,000 refugees and asylum-seekers mainly from Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).



Vodacom Tanzania Foundation staff Walbarga Genes Massawe pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday showing students of the city's Azania Secondary School how to use E-Fahamu service that enables students to access education digitally. The demonstration was organised by the foundation in partnership with the African Child Projects, the idea being to connect 50 public schools in ten regions in the country through an initiative known as School Connectivity Project. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

DAWASA CEO says water delivery is 'sacred' service

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

DAR ESALAAM Water and Sewerage Authority (DAWASA) employees have been urged to be smart in serving their customers and find a lasting solution to water leakage problems at various areas across the city.

The call was made yesterday by DAWASA Chief Executive Officer Cyprian Luhemeja during a meeting with the authority's staff where they discussed a number of issues regarding the provision of water services in the city of Dar es Salaam and Coast Region.

He said water is a sacred service which has special attention to the people. He said since water is the most precious liquid, DAWASA staff must ensure better services to customers.

He urged the staff to work hard to make sure that Dar es Salaam citizens enjoy reliable water services and ensure there are no more complaints from customers as it was the case in the past.

"We all need to understand that we are not working in water sector by accident; it is because we are trusted so every one of us have numerous contribution in creating good image of our institutions," said Eng Luhemeja, adding that it is important to make sure that customers enjoy their service.

He stated that every member of staff must be aware that he/she has obligation to create attractive environment to Dar es Salaam city and Coast Region residents through water services provision.

He said each staff should ensure that no single water drop is lost during the supply of water to customers and that any water leakage should be reported and attended immediately to avoid water loss.

Eng Luhemeja added that water loss deny the authority revenues that could be collected and used to improve water infrastructure the situation which he said will maximize the water supply to the authority's customers.

The DAWASA staffs meeting with management is the first since 2022 aiming to evaluate the performances of the authority for the past year.

Ministry gives TanRoads four months to complete work on Songwe airport

By Guardian Correspondent, Rungwe

THE government has issued four months ultimatum to the Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS) to complete the construction of a passenger terminal as well as installation of plane runway lights at Songwe International Airport (SIA).

Deputy Minister for Works and Transport Atuplele Mwakibete made the directive here when he inspected the construction progress and expressed dissatisfaction with the pace of the con-

tractor. The deputy minister said he had noticed that the fence of the airport has not been built as per the required standards and therefore urged them to rebuild in areas where there are gaps.

He was also not satisfied with the pace of construction of the passengers' building as well as the installation of runway lights where he ordered the work to be done quickly and completed before July.

"In your reports, it is seen that you have completed the construction of the fence by digging one metre down but as per what I have seen the

fence is not strong and was hanging," he said.

He said in the case of the building, it was supposed to be already completed but the work is yet to be done and every time TANROADS who are the ones who were given the contract to, are asking for an extension.

Mwakibete also instructed TANROADS to contact the Urban and Rural Roads Agency (TARURA) to build a road surrounding the airport for residents in the Iwejere area who currently do not have road communication.

He said the road will also benefit students

from the area who are studying at Ikumbi primary school and are currently required to travel more than 10 kilometers every day to reach the school.

Earlier, TANROADS representative, Eng Abdallah Mziray said they were late to complete the project due to delay of construction materials from abroad which is caused by challenges brought by Covid-19 pandemic.

He also said that they have not been given funds to implement the project and so they were waiting to get them so as to continue with

the remaining work which is expected to be completed in July.

Mbeya District Commissioner, Dr Rashid Chuachua said following the delay in the construction of the airport's infrastructure, he intends to send his investigative bodies to further identify the problem.

Dr Chuachua said it was better that the infrastructures be completed on time as the airport was important for the development of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries.



Faustine Urassa (R, in wheelchair), founder and CEO of Moshi-based Songambe Initiative Organisation, poses for a photo in Moshi municipality earlier this week shortly after a meeting with KCMC Referral Hospital physiotherapists. The thrust of the talks was on ways to enhance cooperation in conducting hospital visits to patients with spinal cord injury, imparting to them life management skills and providing them with support to help them lead normal lives upon being discharged. Photo: Correspondent James Lanka

US picks Tanzania for surge of cash in global access to vaccines

By Guardian Reporter

The US government through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Initiative for Global Vaccine Access (Global VAX) will provide a surge of resources to Tanzania in support of government effort to turn COVID-19 vaccines in vials into vaccinations in arms.

The funding will support activities to increase vaccination rates, including addressing vaccine confidence and demand and increasing the accessibility of vaccination sites.

USAID Administrator Samantha Power shared Tanzania's selection as a Global VAX surge country yesterday during a meeting with Tanzania President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

USAID plans to program an additional \$25 million in Tanzania.

All the interventions will be programmed by the government in line with Tanzania's existing vaccination plans, and will help get vaccines to people quickly and equitably.

This additional support builds on more than \$42.1 million that USAID, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the US Department of Defense, and Peace Corps has provided in Tanzania to respond to COVID-19.

These investments help prevent, treat, and learn about the disease.

Global VAX is a US government effort to help meet the global goal to vaccinate 70 percent of the world population against COVID-19 in 2022.

Global VAX will surge support and resources to increase access to COVID-19 vaccines in an initial group of countries in sub-Saharan Africa, including Tanzania.

Global VAX builds on President Biden's commitment to donate more than 1.2 billion vaccine doses around the world by the end of 2022 and intensifies efforts to get shots in arms. As the largest vaccine donor to Tanzania, the U.S. government has already donated nearly five million vaccine doses, with additional doses to be delivered in the coming months.

As of February 24, 2022, over seven percent of eligible Tanzanians are fully vaccinated. This new investment aims to rapidly accelerate vaccination rates, helping Tanzania to reach its goal of 60 percent of the eligible populations vaccinated by the end of June 2022.

Global VAX will also increase assistance and strengthen international coordination to identify and rapidly overcome vaccine access barriers.

To date, the United States has already committed \$1.7 billion to support vaccine readiness work.

On the call, US Ambassador to Tanzania Donald Wright highlighted this investment as a further indication of the U.S. government's long partnership with Tanzania.

He stated, "This surge of new funds is possible in Tanzania because it builds upon our decades of investment in the health sector, utilizing our existing partnership and structures to rapidly reach Tanzanians with vaccines."

The additional resources from Global VAX will be invested strategically to align with Tanzania's ongoing efforts and help accelerate the national COVID-19 vaccination plan.

USAID and its partners will work with Tanzania to bolster local health systems and help increase vaccine access among vulnerable and difficult-to-reach populations.

Women entrepreneurs pushing innovation for online markets

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

WITH smartphones in their hands, a growing number of innovative women entrepreneurs in the East African country of Tanzania are using their strong social media presence to streamline their enterprises, market their products, and reap profits.

As the internet becomes the key societal fabric now, at least in urban areas, tech-savvy entrepreneurs use Facebook and Instagram to market their products and expand their consumer base.

However, some digital-savvy women entrepreneurs have realized they do not need to be there to make a living.

A smartphone and a social media account to post pictures of the products they want to sell are all they need.

According to these entrepreneurs, all the customer has to do is to open the catalog, select an item, and send a message to the seller.

For Lilian Shayo, a tech-savvy entrepreneur in Mwenge, the click of a camera shutter is a good start.

She photographs shoes and apparel she has purchased from

other countries with a professional camera and posts them on Facebook and Instagram for her customers to browse through.

"It is much easier to search on Instagram than to move from one shop to another looking for a product, which takes a lot of time," she told Anadolu Agency.

Shayo has been managing her retail business without a store for the past two years. She keeps her inventory at home and delivers it to consumers directly.

"For me, social media works well as owning a shop is too expensive," she explained.

Her customers can shop online without having to sign up for a website or use a credit card, which is a rare luxury for most Tanzanians.

The adoption of social media platforms has revolutionized the way women entrepreneurs operate their enterprises.

According to a 2021 survey conducted by the Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship Development, nearly half of Dar es Salaam consumers would likely spend more in the future because of a brand's presence on social media.

"Women entrepreneurs are fast to see the value of social

media for branding and marketing their products," said Donatus Olomi, CEO of the Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship Development.

According to him, the use of social media as a marketing tool has created a favourable environment for business and has been a boon to women entrepreneurs who have struggled to promote their businesses.

"Women have not always had the easiest path to enter the realm of entrepreneurship and gain financial independence," Olomi explained.

"However, with the help of online tools,

they see a glimmer of hope."

In the bustling metropolis of Dar es Salaam, women who have traditionally been discouraged from starting their own enterprises are now establishing micro-businesses that rely on online tools.

With a population of 60 million, Tanzania has 15.15 million internet users by 2021, with approximately 5.4 million using various social media platforms.

Social media is a key tool for women entrepreneurs who take advantage of its affordability to reach their target audiences.

The entrepreneurs are also leveraging social media as a

promotional tool, posting and sharing photos of their products on regularly.

"They are incredibly creative. They know how to build trust and customers' loyalty without the need for expensive advertising campaigns," she added.

Lydia Charles, who leads the local charity Her Initiative, which helps women become financially independent, believes that the digital space is critical for aspiring women entrepreneurs to succeed in business.

"If you want to grab the market as an entrepreneur, you must have a strong social media presence," she said.

Truancy, pregnancy removes 27 pupils in primary school, 57 in secondary school

By Guardian Correspondent, Shinyanga

EIGHTY-FOUR students in Shinyanga region have been reported pregnant and suspended from school due to various breaches including truancy.

Out of the number, 27 are from primary schools and 57 from secondary schools, on the basis of a regional situation report handed to various education stakeholders here yesterday.

The region has been experiencing challenges involving students who fail to finish their studies due to truancy and pregnancies, with data on students who passed their final primary education last year showing that 38,694 students passed.

But those enrolled for Standard One in 2015 were 48,298 in which case 9,604 students did not finish primary education due to truancy and child pregnancies, the report noted.

As for secondary schools 19,213 students were enrolled for Form I in 2018 but those who sat for Form IV examinations were 13,989 and 5,224 could not make it.

Regional Commissioner Sophia Mjema instructed that strict legal measures be taken on the preg-

nancy offenders to teach a lesson to others.

She similarly directed that officials at all levels of local governments bring up strategies to start providing meals at schools to reduce truancy and improve school outcomes.

She also warned on the habit where some people mislead the public that education is paid for, stressing that it is still provided freely, so parents must continue enrolling their children in school.

This year's enrolment for elementary schools is 88 per cent and 83 per cent for secondary education and the exercise continues up to March 31, she added.

“She similarly directed that officials at all levels of local governments bring up strategies to start providing meals at schools to reduce truancy and improve school outcomes



Ushetu District Council staff and residents of Kalama village in Kahama District, Shinyanga Region, march in Uyogo ward yesterday while brandishing a placard with a message underlining the importance of justice and equality in the struggle for sustainable development. It was all part of the countdown to the climax of International Women's Day (March 8). Photo: Correspondent Shaban Njia

Trade facilitation scheme registers success in eastern, southern Africa

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tripartite Transport and Trade Facilitation Programme (TTTFP) has recorded successes in the initiation and progress towards the domestication of some of the provisions of the Tripartite Multilateral Cross-Border Road Transport Agreement (MCBRTA) and Vehicle Load Management Agreement (VLMA) model laws and regulations.

The MCBRTA and VLMA provide a harmonised framework

for introducing quality regulation of operators, vehicles and drivers within the Southern African Development Community (SADC)-Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)-East African Community (EAC) Tripartite region.

Countries involved in the harmonised framework are Tanzania, Angola, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Namibia, Rwanda, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

TTTFP is a €21.6 million programme funded by the Euro-

pean Union to develop and implement harmonised road transport policies, laws, regulations and standards for efficient cross border road transport, transit and logistics services, systems and procedures with a view to reduce transport costs across the SADC-COMESA-EAC tripartite region and facilitate trade.

The programme was launched after a realisation that lack of an integrated and liberalised road transport market in the Eastern and Southern African region

poses numerous obstacles to trade by causing severe delays and increased transport costs, as well as challenges to road safety and durability, the latter caused by excessive loading of vehicles.

TTTFP addresses these challenges through the implementation of harmonised road transport policies, laws, regulations, systems and standards that affect the cross-border operations of drivers, loads, vehicles and protects road infrastructure in the countries of Eastern and

Southern Africa.

To give effect to the provisions of the MCBRTA, Member/Partner States of the tripartite region are expected to proceed with the procurement of compliant systems and driving licences.

Uganda and Namibia have already started issuing a new tripartite compliant driving licence, while Angola, Djibouti, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Lesotho, South Africa and Zimbabwe are in the process

of developing and introducing a Tripartite compliant driving licence and components of a compliant National Transport Information System.

Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Rwanda, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe have started the process to adopt and implement the African road standards developed through TTTFP.

The implementation of the programme is coordinated and led by SADC, on behalf of the three RECs COMESA, EAC and SADC.

TTTFP seeks to attain the above overall goals through achieving four key result areas, namely implementing Vehicle Load Management Strategy in the Tripartite Region, harmonising vehicle regulations and standards in the Tripartite Region; implementing an Integrated Transport Registers and Information Platforms and System to facilitate exchange of traffic related information among the Tripartite Member and Partner States; and improving efficiency of regional transport corridors.

Bravo, Dr Laltaika, for citation in global environmental award

ENVIRONMENTAL activists across Tanzania, and indeed the nation as a whole, have reason for a broad smile this week.

This is in that Tanzanian environmental scholar Dr Elifuraha Laltaika of Tumaini University's Makumira Campus has been nominated for a prestigious global environmental rights award.

Chroniclers say Laltaika is the first African scholar to be picked for the prize, thus hoisting the continent's profile high.

Additionally, to a breadth of media and environment watchers in the country, this comes as no surprise. The reason is clear: Dr Laltaika, a senior lecturer in human rights law and policy, is widely recognized for his academic activism and leadership on those issues.

The nomination committee substantively observed that Dr Laltaika's work has had an outstanding impact in law, as he has painstakingly worked to support local communities, particularly indigenous and marginalised groups.

The Svitlana Kravchenko environmental rights award is given to scholars from anywhere in the world with "exquisite qualities of both head and heart, mixing academic rigour with spirited activism, and speaking truth to power, while exhibiting kindness towards all".

There is no doubt whatsoever that the Arusha-based scholar meets those criteria.

In an observation that is in tandem with what is happening in Europe, the award is named after a late Ukrainian law professor "who became a citizen of the United States and the entire world".

The award is meant to recognize distinguished individuals who exemplify the ideals and works of Professor Kravchenko.

The scholar died in 2012, having enormously impacted the world but left unfinished work that needs

continuity - and those nominated for the annual award are supposed to show how environmental rights and human rights are indivisible.

There is no doubt that the Tanzanian academic's energies will also be needed in helping our country to solve both conservation and various other development issues.

One such matter is right at the front door of his research work, the state of conservation at the Ngorongoro heritage site and long-running differences of opinion over ways to "ensure peace is maintained" between herders and their livestock on the one hand and natural ecosystems on the other.

The challenge for environmental activists is to get out of the short-hand that what is indigenous also bodes well for conservation, as even within such communities a measure of economic gain operates.

Dr Laltaika and his colleagues at PINGOS (working for a scatter of indigenous peoples in the northern zone) have plenty to celebrate about in this award.

So far there have been seven recipients since the award was issued for the first time in 2012, with Dr Laltaika having guest-lectured in several universities on the link between human rights and the environment.

The good Tanzanian academic was due to receive the award while participating in a public interest environmental law conference at Eugene University in the US state of Oregon this week.

We salute him although it is ahead of really hard work, as there will be even greater expectations on what he can do - or what PINGOS can achieve with him as an integral part of all that.

Most telling, though, may be that his colleagues here and abroad will take it for granted that all his advice will be accepted - and it surely won't be that easy.

So, what should be done if climate change solutions cannot end crisis?

PESSIMISM is beginning to engulf far-sighted watchers of global climate trends, with a leading UN panel raising doubts on the world's ability to contain the perils of climate change in reasonably safe time.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) says in its latest report released at the end of last month that climate change is endangering the health of the planet and humanity.

It warns that the ecosystems that anchor life on earth are all being put in danger along with humanity itself. It is a disheartening affirmation that what the world is doing right now is not equal to the task at hand.

UN Secretary General António Guterres has commented on the report, saying that the stakes for the planet have never been higher.

He sees the report as a dire warning about the consequences of inaction that shows that climate change is a grave and mounting threat to our well-being and a healthy planet.

There are measures that UN experts suggest fail to work, like trying to curtail the use of coal - with the result that petroleum prices rising and conflicts are ignited to raise the price of gas.

The IPCC is usually recognised as the key experts' body in the United Nations system on climate change and, to most observers, what it contains was already visible by the time COP26 was being held in November-December last year.

Yardsticks usable even in the middle of the past decade are obsolete, chiefly owing to the melting of glaciers that raise sea levels, making gravitation effects on tides more phenomenal.

When Guterres asserts that the current perils are largely a result of inaction, what is implied is the global green outlook for reducing carbon emissions, which constantly fail owing to harsh political realities.

Telling people to change their ways of living and abandon meat consumption, that doesn't always lead to cheers among voters, even if radical activists see this as common sense.

Similarly, appealing to countries boasting vast forest land to keep the resource intact as the 'lungs of the earth' cuts no ice with voters.

There is one item that isn't being discussed - and for no clear reason - as the panel and UN member states constantly examine the charming 1.5 degrees Celsius (temperature rise) objective as a magic number.

And it appears that the only way to arrive there is to reduce carbon emissions, whereas there are things like greening the deserts by a systematic inter-governmental plan.

It would require having vast tracts of land in many countries brought under a United Nations agency tasked with desalinating sea water sufficiently to use it to create large numbers of vast ponds, lakes.

When deserts around the world become carbon dioxide absorbers, and taking up sea water for desalination using existing nuclear power stations instead of closing them down as activists want, current threats will be diminished.

However, it all calls for global governance consensus - and this doesn't as yet exist. The current crisis ought to bring it about soon.

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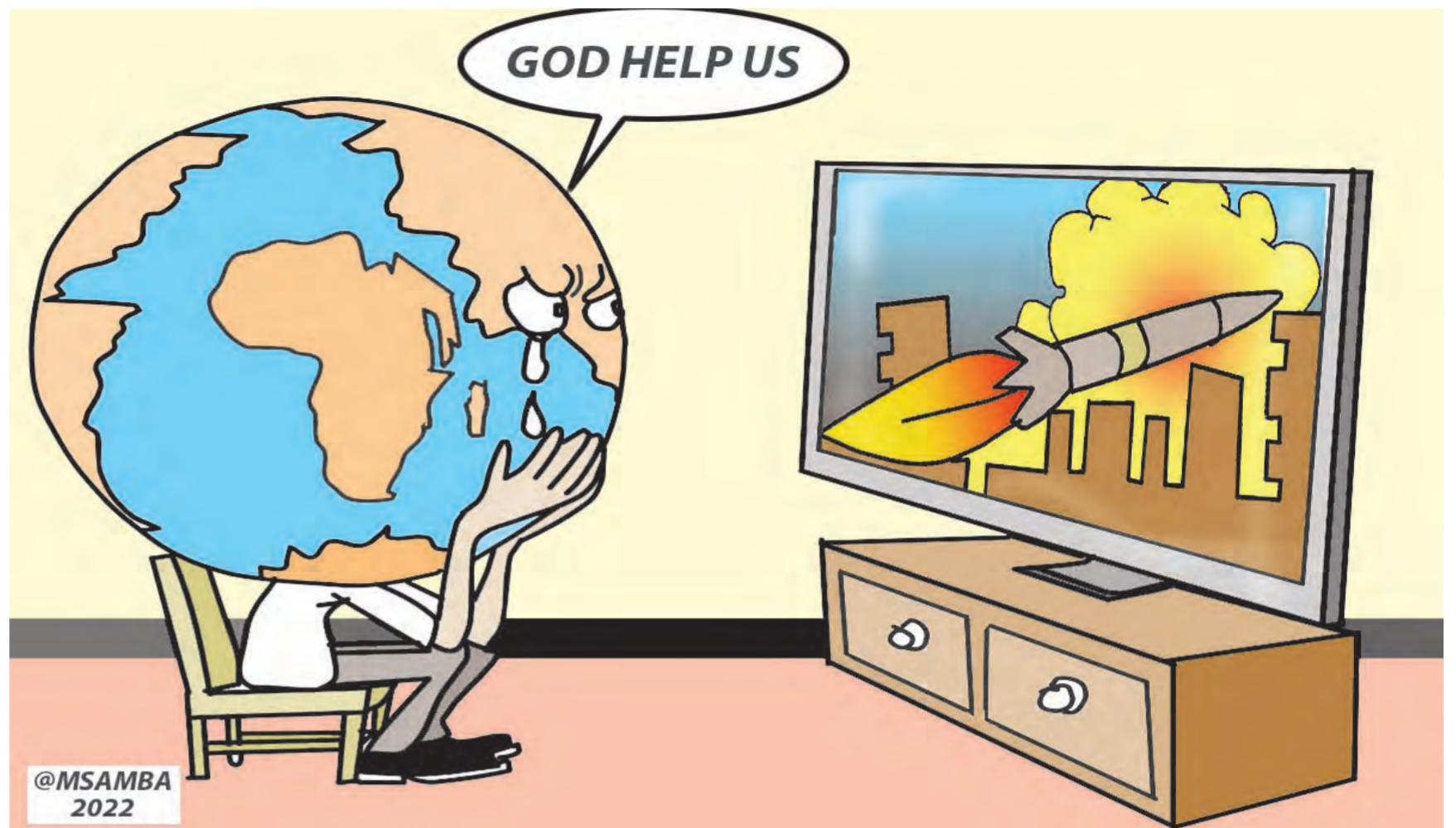
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Reasons for optimism: Journalists and media organisations around the world

By Special Correspondent

WHY write about "reasons for optimism" when so much is going wrong in our politics, economy and environment? Optimism gives us confidence that we can make things better. As I like to say, it's another day of opportunity.

Quality journalism takes time - and is expensive. It requires a subsidy. The advertising subsidy is gone, so we have to look elsewhere.

In the world of journalism business models, where there is extreme uncertainty, we have to embrace experimentation and innovation. We need to make incremental improvements rather than looking for big major solutions. We have to keep plugging away.

That's why I am inspired by what journalists are doing around the world. Joyce Barnathan, the outgoing president of the Washington-based International Centre for Journalists (ICFJ), captured this spirit in her recent farewell message.

She acknowledged that things are bleak, that journalists and media organisations are under attack around the world, and that misinformation campaigns flood our news feeds.

However, she added: "I have never been one for gloom or doom. I urge us all not to give in to dark scenarios. When I look back, I also see tremendous progress."

She elaborated: "In a pandemic with rampant disinformation, often perpetuated by top leaders, many people came to appreciate trustworthy journalism, which is needed to keep us informed, to help us make smart decisions, to hold our officials to account..."

"When I look at the work of journalists in our global network, I feel optimistic. I see that investigative journalism is strong, despite dire predictions of its collapse when I first started at ICFJ in 2006.

"In the US we have seen the rise of distinguished nonprofit journalism groups such as ProPublica and the Marshall Project.

"Witness, too, the phenomenal investigations by our international partners, the Organised Crime and Corruption Reporting Project in Eastern Europe and Connectas in Latin America, among others."

Rebuilding journalism, from the ground up

Let me add my own note of optimism. Small media startups are filling the gaps left by large media organisations that cut staff, coverage and quality to protect profit margins.

Much of the innovation in journalism has come from the bottom up. True, some established media brands have found new ways to produce quality journalism that are less dependent on advertising. But many bold innovations are percolating up from below.

I have been tracking media startups for the past decade. In May I presented a paper entitled: 'Collaboration, not competition: the new global business model for public-service journalism'.

The paper identifies a dozen collaborative projects among 5,000 media organisations in more than 100 countries. In various ways, all of them are focused on finding new ways to achieve sustainable models for producing quality journalism.



The members of these organisations share resources for training, news production, distribution and administration. This reduces costs and accelerates innovation.

Some of the best-known of these collaborations are the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, which produced the Pandora Papers; the Institute for Nonprofit News, with 350 media members; the European Journalism Centre, with training materials in 15 languages; and the Solutions Journalism Network, with 177 members in 13 countries.

The biggest need: investment

Rasmus Kleis Nielsen is director of the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism, which produces the annual Digital News Report on more than 40 countries. He would be more optimistic if he saw more cash investment from the publishing industry.

In his 2022 forecast written for Nieman Lab, he pointed out that the publishing and broadcasting industries in OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) member countries made pitifully small investments in research and development compared to other industries.

Invest in tools and talent, he urged, adding: "If the global newspaper industry alone invested just 5 per cent of revenues in R&D and 2 per cent in formal training, which are the industry averages for the global policy forum, that would be billions of dollars dedicated to figuring out the future."

Incidentally, 20 countries originally - on December 14, 1960 -

signed the OECD Convention but 18 more have since become members of the organisation.

Realistically, the journalism industry fell so far so fast that it will take a long time for it to bounce back. The Poynter Institute's Kristen Hare has reported on hundreds of newspaper closings in the past two years. Balanced against that, she found more than 50 local newsrooms that launched during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Another nonprofit optimist

In another Nieman Lab forecast, Lenfest Institute for Journalism CEO Jim Friedlich saw signs that nonprofit journalism was "finally building scale". He cited examples of media initiatives designed to replace local coverage lost in Baltimore, Chicago, Pennsylvania and Texas.

He wrote: "In 2022 and beyond we will see more serious business funding for nonprofit news, more M&A activity, and greater use of commercial business models.

"We will see deep-pocketed funding for nonprofits - including women and enterprises led by BI-POC, meaning Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour. There will be acquisitions and alliances by nimble public radio stations. Commercial local news properties will convert to nonprofit control or will seek more significant philanthropic support."

I tend to share Friedlich's optimism. Most of the grass-roots efforts get little coverage, while we see plenty written about the vulture capitalism ruining the quality of local journalism.

On the positive side, we have some recent news items, one being that the Solutions Journalism Network has launched the Advancing Democracy Project with eight reporting projects in ten newsrooms across the United States.

The Nieman Lab (thanks again) has meanwhile alerted us to how the Salt Lake Tribune went from hedge fund ownership to nonprofit status and financial stability.

Publishers have been having success in their transition to digital subscriptions and away from advertising, as reported in What's New in Publishing.

American Journalism Project and Google News Initiative announced a partnership to develop an incubation program out to support news startups.

And the tireless Damian Radcliffe studied revenue streams for media and found "50 ways to make media pay".

I confess to being optimistic, cautiously so. If we become pessimistic, we might see any of our own efforts as pointless, futile and a waste of time and energy.

So I keep looking for examples of people who are producing quality news products, in spite of all the forces deployed against them. Some people call optimists "cock-eyed", but I like to think of them as visionary. I see them as future friends and collaborators.

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THE LAW & YOU

There's need to bring more fairness into criminal justice system

By Telesphor Magobe

WE are born, grow up and live in a society in which people harbour grudges against each other and sometimes those in authority tend to show their power. Some people may want to show that they are above other members of the society and above the law, while Article 13(1) of the Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania (1977) provides for equality before the law.

How many times have you heard some people say, "I can do anything bad to you and you cannot take me anywhere - neither to the police nor to court." Sometimes they may intimidate you, saying they can call a police van to come and take you to the police station, where you will be interrogated for being involved in a criminal offence they may frame and you may get into big trouble for nothing. There are people who think or behave in this way. Yes, they are people like that!

May we give in just because we are threatened to be charged with what we haven't done? Well! What I can say is that we shouldn't let other people think for us or let them decide what they want to do to us. What we must do though is to remain law-abiding citizens and seek justice when we understandably feel aggrieved by the actions of such people.

You might have come across stories of other people who have been arrested, prosecuted, convicted of criminal offences and sentenced for the criminal offences they never committed and are perhaps still serving their jail terms. Those who framed those criminal charges, some of them have been promoted for the 'job well-done'!

Others after serving so many years and reaching the statutory retirement age are now spending their pension and may still remember how they were promoted to the detriment of innocent people. If they are believers they may be sitting on front benches or rows in houses of worship because they believe they did their best during their public



service. Did they?

They may no longer remember to have fabricated charges against innocent people or if they remember they may think of something else because what they did still haunts them and they might have also forgotten if those they had silenced are still serving in jail or not.

So, stories or cases in which the innocent are made guilty and the guilty innocent are not new in our ears.

I still recall an incident in which I narrowly escaped an arrest many years ago. I was still a secondary school student and would pass via Dar es Salaam to my paternal uncle and rest a

bit before going to school, which was in Moshi.

One day at about 7pm my paternal uncle, who was residing in Temeke District asked his younger brother and I to accompany his sister-in-law to the place she was living about 500 metres from his house.

So, we took off and as we were still walking we met a line of young people with their shirts tied against each other and were in the hands of several policemen. We were stopped and asked for identity cards and on that day I happened to take mine.

I showed them and they let me go, but the younger brother of my pater-

nal uncle had none because he had just finished Standard Seven and at that time primary school pupils were not provided with identity cards. As for my paternal uncle's sister-in-law, being a girl, the police let her go as well.

The younger brother of my paternal uncle was ordered to join the other young people who had been arrested. The sister-in-law and I ran back home to tell my paternal uncle what had happened. He went to a police station, but was told to go again the following morning.

In the morning he couldn't succeed either to bail his younger brother out. The group of young people were then taken to court and were all charged with planning to commit a criminal offence in a residential area at about 10 at night. I was really dumb folded to hear such a charge! The paternal uncle had apparently to bribe to take him out. I don't know what happened to the others.

After that his younger brother vowed never to travel to Dar es Salaam again and since then he hasn't. When we happen to meet, sometimes we remind each other of such an ugly incident and he shakes his head to show his disapproval and how we failed to help him out until he was detained in police custody for that night without any legal ground.

You may have a similar story to tell, but the bottom line is that there are people who perhaps are serving in

prison, but who might not have committed any criminal offence, but they just happened to fall victim to an injustice.

There is another story I heard on radio, a relative explaining in an emotional way how his elder brother who had a love affair with the wife of a businessman happened to be arrested the day he had planned to meet the businessman's wife at a certain hotel.

During the arrest, according to the narrator, a police officer allegedly placed a pistol under the mattress and then pretended to remove it and show it to the man who was later arraigned and charged with possessing an illegal pistol with intent to commit a criminal offence.

According to his younger brother, he was convicted and jailed 30 years, while he had not possessed any illegal pistol, let alone he didn't know even how to use any. It is a sad story, isn't it?

By the time I heard this story, he was perhaps still serving the prison term, but on a cooked charge. Just think of people who are imprisoned because of cooked cases and think of those farmers, some of who have been promoted for being thought of doing a good job, while in the actual sense they were not.

So, there are people who bend the law and cause adversities to innocent people, who sometimes may not be able to hire an advocate to represent them in court and for that matter they may not defend themselves sufficiently to convince the court that they are innocent for lack of legal knowledge or for not being familiar with court proceedings.

Such people could be wrongfully found guilty of the offences they have never committed. This means that there is a need to bring more fairness and reasonableness into our criminal justice system to minimise cases of wrongful prosecution and imprisonment.

Today's proverb: "A man of words and not of deeds is like a garden full of weeds."

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Making our youth asset, not liability, is our collective responsibility

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

TANZANIA has one of the world's fastest growing young populations, with over 50 per cent of the estimated 60 million being under 18, and over 70 per cent under 30. With adolescents accounting for over 12 million of the overall population, this group is either an asset or a liability depending on how it is treated.

In Africa and the rest of developing world, the biggest headache is how to empower and engage this group of energetic young people that can explode like a bomb if not properly handled.

Against this backdrop, a call is being made for the government and development partners to come up with programmes to equip young people with not only skills for employability but also change perception about them from that of a problem group to a productive one.

Facilitating a one-day seminar under the theme 'Resources and tools for working with young leaders' in Dar es Salaam recently, Monica John, Communication Officer at TGNP-Mtandao, urged parents and society as a whole to use all means to ensure that upbringing of the youth make them good citizens with positive thinking and motivated to work hard for the betterment of their own lives and country.

She said that apart from shaping their lives and communities, parents and guardians need to promote their rights as human beings and eliminate all forms of bias and negativities.

"This is quite necessary for instilling the right mindset and skills in our youth," she said.

This way, many skilled youth will feel comfortable to be innovative hence work hard and widen tax base in the national economy by turning the massive informal sector into a formal one.

According to John, to make this possible, there is a need to develop frameworks that encompass different categories focusing on external structures, relationships and activities that create positive environment for young people. The categories include support, empowerment, boundaries and expectations as well as constructive use of time.

Other categories which reflect on internal values, skills and beliefs that young people also need to fully engage with and function in the world around them are commitment to learning, positive values, social competencies and positive identity.

She said in order for young people to be current and future good leaders and productive people, they need to be surrounded by people who love, care, appreciate and accept them. They need to feel valued and valuable. This can happen only when youth feel safe and respected.

Young people need clear rules, consistent consequences for breaking rules and encouragement to do their best, John said, adding that young people need skills to interact effectively with others to make difficult decisions and to cope with new situations. Young



TGNP communication officer Monica John facilitates at a seminar on resources and tools for use in working with young leaders in Dar es Salaam recently. Photo courtesy of TGNP

people also need to believe in their own self-worth and feel that they have control over the things that happen to them.

Joseph Gassaya from Kivule Ward, Ilala District in Dar es Salaam who was a participant described the seminar as an eye opener to him, saying it made him aware of what he did know before regarding how to deal with the youth as a parent and guardian.

He said he learnt that it is not necessary to beat a misbehaving child as a way of correcting them but guidance is enough to help them become good and productive citizens.

Hancy Obote, another participant, commended TGNP and COADY for organizing such seminars saying they are resourceful because they help community members

to make better decisions on challenges facing them.

Elizabeth Rite from Mabwepande Ward said that the seminar enlightened on most parenting challenges emerging in her community and how she can better offer a helping hand to address them.

"Let us put into practice all what we learnt so that we support and address parenting challenges in our communities," she said.

Erick Underson, a participant from Kivule Ward said that the seminar empowered him with skills on how to defend women's rights on economic and social issues.

"The youth need to be heard and thoroughly informed on how to address challenges facing them," he said.

"The society should be close to young people so as to understand their problems and challenges for timely solution."

Zainab Fadhil from Kivule said through the seminar, she has learnt how to defend herself and fight for her rights, noting that both boys and girls have equal rights and there is no gender that is more important than the other.

Farida Seif, another participant called upon social welfare officers to work collaboratively with Mtaa and Ward Executive Officers to sensitize communities about these gender issues.

Flora Ndaba, Programme Officer and Acting Head of Activism Department at TGNP said the introduction of resources and use of assets to support grooming of young leaders aims at driving

a different kind of change so that communities not only see potentials of their youth but also opportunities for sustainable, decent work.

She said the seminar brought together participants from Kivule and Majohe Knowledge Centres in Ilala District as well as those from Mabwepande and Saranga Knowledge Centres in Ubungu District.

Ndaba noted that the launch of such community based initiatives at the centres were ongoing activities since their establishments were informed by different programmes to support communities.

She has urged community members who have benefited from the training programmes to apply the knowledge attained by putting the same into practice by training others.

According to the International Labour Organization ILO, Africa is the world's youngest continent. By 2030, one fifth of the global labour force - and nearly one third of the global youth labour force - will be from this region.

What to expect at China's annual 'two sessions'

BEIJING

THE annual sessions of China's top legislature and political advisory body will open this week to chart the course for a key year in the country's new journey toward national rejuvenation.

The fifth session of the 13th National People's Congress is scheduled to be opened today, a day after the opening of the fifth session of the 13th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.

The following are some of the topics expected to be high on the agenda of the "two sessions."

Economic goals

At the "two sessions" each year, the annual economic development goals of the world's second-largest economy are among the most-watched topics.

The development goals for 2022 is expected to be unveiled today in the government work report, which usually includes the country's targets on gross domestic product growth, inflation, the ratio of deficit to GDP, employment, consumption and foreign trade, among others.

Last year, China's economy saw a strong rebound despite sporadic epidemic resurgences and a complicated external environment, with its GDP expanding 8.1 percent year-on-year to 114.37 trillion yuan (about 18 trillion US dollars).

The government work report is also expected to outline key tasks for this year in areas including the promotion of high-quality development, advancing higher-level opening-up, boosting rural vitality, and improving people's wellbeing.

The country's fiscal and monetary policies will also be prominent on the agenda, as major global organizations have downgraded forecasts for this year's global growth and warned of rising inflation risks.

Law on local legislatures, governments

As the highest state organ of power, the NPC exercises various functions and powers, including enacting and amending laws.

The upcoming legislative assembly will see lawmakers re-



Aerial photo taken on Oct 31, 2021 shows the National Exhibition and Convention Center in east China's Shanghai. XINHUA

view a draft amendment to the Organic Law of the Local People's Congresses and Local People's Governments.

Adopted in 1979, the law will go through its sixth amendment, in which a people-centered philosophy of development and whole-process people's democracy are highlighted.

Electoral rules for 14th NPC

According to a suggested agenda unveiled in December, Chinese lawmakers at the NPC session will deliberate a draft decision on the number of deputies to the 14th NPC and their election.

The electoral rules are likely to stipulate the number of lawmakers in the next-term legislature, and the proportion of ethnic, grassroots, military and female lawmakers.

The NPC session will also review two draft methods for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Macao SAR to elect their deputies to the 14th NPC.

Sci-tech innovation

National legislators and political advisors, especially those from the sci-tech sectors, are expected to discuss ways to reinforce China's strength in the sci-tech field and its innova-

tion capability, which will contribute to the country's high-quality development.

In 2021, the total R&D investment in China reached 2.79 trillion yuan, up 14.2 percent year-on-year, according to the Ministry of Science and Technology.

Meanwhile, China's overall innovation capacity ranking rose to 12th in the world, making a good start to the 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-2025).

Liu Feixiang, a national lawmaker and chairman of China Railway Construction Heavy Industry Co, Ltd, said the company will unswervingly promote self-reliance in innovation and further increase R&D investment to tackle technological challenges. Green pursuit

The relations between development and emission reductions will continue to be properly handled, as China is on course to fulfilling its carbon peaking and neutrality goals.

According to the country's plan, before 2030, China's carbon emissions will peak, and before 2060, China will achieve carbon neutrality.

While bringing down carbon emissions, efforts will be made to safeguard energy security, industrial and supply-chain security, and food security, as well as to ensure people's normal daily lives.

The proportion of the Chinese economy taken up by the green and low-carbon sector will also be increased, as high-quality growth gains momentum through expanding the

high-tech sector and promoting the digital and smart transformation of industry, among other factors.

Tax, fee cuts

China will take more precise and sustainable measures to cut fees and taxes this year to support market entities so as to improve the business environment.

On the basis of 7.6 trillion yuan of tax and fee cuts over the 13th Five-Year Plan period (2016-2020), China cut another 1 trillion yuan in taxes and fees in 2021, which helped mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on market entities.

At a press conference earlier this year, Xu Hongcai, vice-minister of finance, said that China will continue to implement 11 preferential tax and fee policies this year, including those for science and technology, employment and business startups, medical care and education.

"This year, we will also focus on coordinating tax and fee cuts with other fiscal, monetary and industrial policies," Xu added.

Hu Jianwen, an NPC deputy and president of Linwu Shunhua Duck Industrial Development Co, Ltd, a leading food company based in central China's Hunan province, said that companies have benefited greatly from the tax and fee cuts, which effectively reduced costs, increased cash flow and enhanced their confidence in future development.

Xinhua

US sanctions four alleged ISIS ringleaders in South Africa

By Peter Fabricius

WAS the US Treasury's announcement that it was imposing sanctions on four alleged organisers and financiers in South Africa of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) a wake-up call for South Africa?

The capacity of the country's State Security Agency and the South African Police Service has been so weakened, including by State Capture, that their ability to detect and warn of ISIS threats has been severely compromised. And some are prone to downplay such a threat for ideological reasons. So it seems to have been left to the US to sound the alarm.

The US designated four "Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and ISIS-Mozambique (ISIS-M) financial facilitators based in South Africa". Financial sanctions were slapped on Farhad Hooper, Sirajj Miller and Abdella Hussein Abadigga for "playing an increasingly central role in facilitating the transfer of funds from the top of the ISIS hierarchy to branches across Africa" or serving as leaders of ISIS cells in South Africa.

Meanwhile, it said one Peter Charles Mbaga had helped transfer funds and equipment from South Africa to ISIS-M and sought to procure weapons from Mozambique.

"Treasury is taking this action to disrupt and expose key ISIS sup-

porters who exploit South Africa's financial system to facilitate funding for ISIS branches and networks across Africa," said undersecretary of the Treasury Brian Nelson. "The United States is working with our African partners, including South Africa, to dismantle ISIS financial support networks on the continent."

He said ISIS had recently tried to expand its influence in Africa through large-scale operations in areas where government control was limited. "ISIS branches in Africa rely on local fundraising schemes such as theft, extortion of local populations, and kidnapping for ransom, as well as financial support from the ISIS hierarchy."

Of the four targeted men, only one name is slightly familiar in South Africa - Hooper. In 2018, he and 10 other members of a Durban ISIS cell he led were indicted for attacking the Imam Hussain Shi'a mosque in Verulam, murdering a congregant, injuring others, and planting incendiary devices. The cell's modus operandi was kidnapping for ransom and extortion. The case was struck off the roll in 2020, apparently because of inept prosecution.

Hooper was arrested again in July 2021 with five other men in Durban and charged with unlawful possession of firearms, ammunition and suspected stolen property after a house in the city was raided. That case was also withdrawn

about a week later, supposedly for lack of evidence.

Hooper's name has also cropped up in media reports as the possible financier of the legal defence in two other ISIS-linked cases. One was that of twin brothers Brandon-Lee and Tony-Lee Thulsie. They were sentenced to prison last month on terrorism charges for trying to leave South Africa in 2015 to join ISIS in Syria and for conspiring to attack Jewish and foreign interests in South Africa.

Hooper is also rumoured to be financing the defence of three alleged ISIS members charged with



Mozambique army soldiers on patrol in Palma, Cabo Delgado, Mozambique, on 12 April 2021. ISIS-Mozambique threatened in 2020 to retaliate against South Africa if it sent troops into Cabo Delgado to eliminate the insurgency. (Photo: Joao Relvas)

the kidnapping, armed robbery and murder of two British botanists in the KwaZulu-Natal countryside in 2018. The case is pending.

Government officials say one of the members of Hooper's cell was among five men arrested in Johannesburg in July 2020 and charged with running a kidnapping syndicate. This was also presumed to be an operation to extort ransoms to fund ISIS.

The US Treasury statement added that Hooper claimed to have recruited and trained cell members and was in contact with ISIS-Democratic Republic of the

Congo members and ISIS supporters throughout South Africa.

"Hooper raised funds through kidnap-for-ransom operations and extortion of major businesses, which provided more than [R1-million] in revenue for his cell," Treasury said. Hooper condemned the sanctions against him on Wednesday, saying they were unjustified as he hadn't been convicted of anything.

The Treasury's information about the other three men sanctioned was a revelation. It said Miller led a Cape Town-based group of ISIS supporters and "has provided

financial assistance to ISIS by training members to conduct robberies to raise funds for ISIS. In 2018, Miller also aided in acquiring temporary safe houses for ISIS."

Abadigga had recruited young men in South Africa and sent them to a weapons training camp, the Treasury said. He allegedly controlled two mosques in South Africa, using his position to extort money from members. He sent these funds to ISIS supporters elsewhere in Africa, and helped ISIS organise and recruit members in South Africa, it said.

The Treasury statement reinforced existing evidence or suspicion of links between Islamic State in South Africa and Mozambique. Several South African ISIS sympathisers are believed to have joined ISIS-Mozambique as combatants. ISIS-M threatened in 2020 to retaliate against South Africa if it sent troops into Mozambique's Cabo Delgado province to eliminate the insurgency. A year later, South Africa did send soldiers as part of the Southern African Development Community intervention force.

Presumably then, the links between ISIS-M and ISIS in South Africa revealed in the Treasury indictment - such as Mbaga trying to procure weapons from Mozambique - could suggest avenues for such retaliation.

The Treasury said it was cooperating with local authorities, and South Africa's finance and justice

ministries confirmed that. But the fact that the US seems to be ahead of South Africa in this investigation raises some questions and potential problems.

Martin Ewi, a senior researcher at the Institute for Security Studies (ISS), fears that by going public before South African authorities had arrested the suspects, the US might have compromised local investigations. "The financing of terrorism is a serious criminal offence under South African law. It is better for the US government to share information or evidence with the South African government with a view to bringing suspects to justice."

"Blacklisting is not a democratic tool and should only be used once such individuals are found guilty or don't cooperate with law enforcement agencies," Ewi says. He cautions against simply taking the US Treasury at its word about the guilt of these four men, noting previous tensions in 2007 over US moves to sanction South Africans allegedly linked to al-Qaeda.

He is also concerned about a backlash from the South African Muslim community, which might feel aggrieved that fellow Muslims are being targeted by the US based on uncertain evidence.

However, Justice Department spokesperson Chrispin Phiri told ISS Today that South African authorities weren't motivated by religious affiliation or nationality but simply by the alleged activities. He

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Dubai desert conservation efforts restoring truly fragile ecosystems

DUBAI

FOR almost 20 years, Emirates Airlines has helped support a sustainable and balanced ecosystem at the Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve (DDCR) through an ongoing investment of over USD \$7.6million. The funding has helped to preserve Dubai's unique desert environment that is teeming with indigenous flora and fauna of all shapes and sizes, and has helped to raise awareness about the abundant natural beauty found in the UAE's terrestrial ecosystems.

DDCR is a 225 square kilometre conservation reserve, and represents close to 5 per cent of Dubai's total land area - the biggest piece of land which Dubai has dedicated to a single project. The reserve protects the incredible wildlife and resilient vegetation within the vibrant UAE ecosystem, and today houses over 560 different species and 31,000 native trees. Over 29,000 of those trees are now sustainable without irrigation, like the native Ghaf tree (*Prosopis cineraria*), which has roots that can go down to 30 metres, enabling it to reach the water table in the DDCR.

While many may think that the desert's harsh, ever-changing habitat is barren of wildlife or vegetation, the collective efforts of Emirates and the DDCR have enabled many species to survive and thrive, and the reserve has become a showcase to some of the most important desert conservation accomplish-

ments over recent years. Here are just some of the animals that have benefited from these conservation efforts:

Over 1,300 Sand gazelles, Arabian gazelles and Arabian Oryx are thriving. Starting from just 230 vulnerable ungulates, these species have steadily grown since DDCR's reintroduction and breeding programme started, contributing to the objective of natural, sustainable development of free-roaming mammal populations that contribute to the health of the overall eco-system. Another 171 Arabian Oryx have been relocated to other protected areas in the UAE.

Birdlife is flourishing: Over 2,800 Houbara, or Macqueen's Bustard, have been reintroduced into the DDCR since 2010, with the birds freely moving in and out of the reserve. A healthy population of the Pharaoh eagle-owl also resides in the DDCR, and natural breeding at the south of the reserve will soon see owlets flying out and about. The reserve has also been an important feeding site for the endangered lapped-face vulture, and numerous visits have been recorded for the Cinerous Vulture, a rare visitor to the UAE.

The diversity of species at DDCR has more than doubled. Careful protected area management, along with promoting natural processes have helped to rewild the desert habitat. In 2003, DDCR's list of species consisted of approximately 150. Today, the conservation reserve boasts over 560 species of plants and



trees, birds, mammals, reptiles and arthropods.

DDCR has also become a centre for sustainable tourism, with authentic desert experiences in store and a careful selection of activities that do not undermine the natural habitats of the local flora and fauna. DDCR runs a strict 'Approved Excursion' accreditation process for tour operators, who undergo special-

ised training to get acquainted with the reserve's flora, fauna and sustainable practices to protect the desert's ecosystem.

More than 125,000 visitors made their way to the DDCR in 2021, and plans are underway for a Visitor's Centre at the reserve to enhance the visitor experience and will also be used as a platform to develop educational programmes for

schools and higher educational institutions. Emirates also support the protection of Australia's wilderness and bush through the conservation based Emirates One & Only Wolgan Valley, located in the World Heritage-listed Greater Blue Mountains region.

The airline is also actively involved in the fight against illegal wildlife trafficking and exploitation, and is a member of the

United for Wildlife Transport Taskforce, and is also a partner of ROUTES (Reducing Opportunities for Unlawful Transport of Endangered Species). Its freight arm, Emirates SkyCargo, has adopted a zero tolerance policy on illegal wildlife trade which includes big cats, elephants, rhinos and pangolins, among other types of wildlife, and has implemented a complete ban on hunting trophies.

Urban growth damages medieval Zanzibar environment, study says

By A Special Correspondent

UNGUJA Ukuu, an archaeological settlement located on the Zanzibar Archipelago in Tanzania, was a key port of trade in the Indian Ocean by the first millennium when the island was populated by farming societies establishing trade links toward the Indian Ocean, China and beyond.

New research published in the *Journal of Island and Coastal Archaeology* describes how human activities modified the shoreline at Unguja Ukuu.

Urban growth at the coastal

settlements and trade ports on the island, and associated trade, activities may have silted up the lagoon hindering the sea traffic and ultimately impacted fish numbers and played part in the community's decline.

For millennia, the Indian Ocean was the maritime setting for a budding form of globalization, with extensive trade and exchange networks operating between eastern Africa, Southern Arabia, and Southeast Asia which foreshadowed modern global shipping networks.

"The islands of the Zanzibar Archipelago witnessed numer-

ous environmental and cultural changes as the region became a hub of maritime trade, cross-cultural interaction, and global exchange," says Dr Ania Kotarba-Morley, the study's lead author and Senior Lecturer in Archaeology at Flinders University.

These changes resulted in the dumping of food remains, general waste and increased agricultural activity and land use, all of which negatively impacted sediment build up along the island.

"Whilst discussion about human impacts on the planet

and its natural environments is ever present in our current discourse, they almost always refer to the modern impacts and are focused on agricultural or urban areas such as large cities," adds Mike Morley, Associate Professor at Flinders University. "Our study outlines clearly how human interference in a natural environment impacted coastal landforms and sediments on a remote East African island already over 1000 years ago and directly changed the fortunes of the coastal inhabitants in the area as a result."

The archaeologists applied a variety of standard and cutting-edge techniques to find new patterns which improve our understanding about the changes in the makeup of the sediment along the coastline of local creeks and the bay on the island, directly impacted by human activity.

Dr Kotarba-Morley explains, "To help understand how and why these ancient ports thrived or declined, it is important to know how the coastal landscape influenced the way traders undertook their commercial activities,

or drove decisions, including mooring locations and investments of labour and capital by local communities and any central authorities. From an environmental standpoint, it is crucial to know whether this commercialization had a physical effect on the coastline, anthropogenically modifying the landscape morphology or causing change."

The researchers say these processes might be implicated in the decline, and eventual abandonment of Unguja Ukuu at the turn of the

second millennium AD—a period of regional socio-political and economic transformation of coastal African societies that marked the emergence of maritime Swahili culture.

The article, "Coastal landscape changes at Unguja Ukuu, Zanzibar: Contextualizing the archaeology of an early Islamic port of trade," by Ania M. Kotarba-Morley, Nikos Kourampas, Mike W. Morley, Conor MacAdams, Alison Crowther, Patrick Faulkner, Mark Horton and Nicole Boivin, is published in the *Journal of Island and Coastal Archaeology*.

Rwandan farmers urge crop insurance review

By Emmanuel Ntirenanya

FARMERS have argued that the current crop insurance policy which only covers investments such as seeds and fertilisers is not enough, calling for its review so that it also extends to expected farm output - based on the production trend of a given crop per hectare.

Rwanda launched the National Agriculture Insurance Scheme in April 2019, a move that was considered by stakeholders as a milestone for the country's agriculture sector as it aims to cushion farmers against losses stemming from disasters such as floods or drought.

The scheme, which is subsidised at 40 per cent by the Government, is also intended to enable farmers to easily access funding from financial institutions and ensure the flow of credit to the agricultural sector.

Unlike livestock insurance which covers the entire value of the cow and pays a farmer all the money their cow is worth in case of death from disease or unpredictable natural disasters, crop insurance covers the investment alone.

In February 2020, the Senatorial Standing Committee on Economic Development and Finance expressed concern that insuring inputs alone was inadequate as that could not be enough to repay both the farmers' bank loan and the accrued interest.

Apollinaire Gahiza, a rice farmer, said that there was a need to have a crop insurance policy that has options to cover investments or the expected output.

Citing rice which takes about six months to give yield, Gahiza said that if a farmer invests in rice plantation, but the crop is destroyed by floods just one month before harvesting, they will incur losses in case only investment is considered for insurance.

"A farmer invests in order to get profit from their farm yield. When insurance covers investment alone, they are unable to generate income," he said.

"The insurance should have two options: One covering investments, the other covering the expected output so that the farmer can choose which one to opt for, depending on their financial means," he said, indicating that normally, premiums are charged based on the requirements to purchase a given type of the insurance.

Evariste Tugirishuti, the president of the National Federation of Maize Farmers' Cooperatives said that the insurance premiums that a farmer pays for crop investments were relatively affordable and helps farmers to get the money they invested in case of disasters.

However, he also supported the idea to give farmers a choice - either to ensure their investments or the expected crop production.

"The insurance on investment and that on expected yield should be determined and the farmer will choose what type of insurance they need depending on their means. That can be better," he said.

According to the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources, this insurance product was initiated through a human-centered approach that determined



which risks farmers wish to be covered as well capacity to pay the premiums.

The Ministry said that it will continue to work closely with financial institutions, insurance companies and farmers to adjust the products to make sure that the scheme is responding to farmers' needs.

Joseph Museruka, National Agriculture Insurance Scheme Program Manager at the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources told *The New Times* that the investment is calculated based on the cost of inputs - including seeds, fertilisers, pesticides or fungicides to be used, and the labour. This is what the determination

of insurance premiums to be paid by the farmer factors in. For instance, for rice, the investment considered per hectare is estimated at Rwf590, 320, according to data from the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources. The insurance premium is 708 per cent of that investment - or Rwf41, 795. The farmer has to pay Rwf25, 077 equivalents to 60 per cent of the premiums, while the Government contributes 40 per cent (Rwf16, 718).

Given that the costs of fertilisers have gone up, Museruka said that the investment-based insurance premiums are expected to rise.

If insurance covers production, he said that the pre-

miums will be higher.

"In some cases, rice production per hectare is about five tonnes, which can be valued at about Rwf1.5 million. Insurance premiums for that can be about Rwf150,000 as risk increases. That has budget implications including raising the Government contribution and the cost to be covered by the farmer," he said, indicating that insurance works with numbers [as the high uptake is critical to its success and suitability].

Museruka said that in case of total loss, a farmer is compensated with all the money they invested.

However, when the loss is partial, he said, the extent of damage is established and the farmer gets due compensation, but which cannot exceed 85 per cent of the invested amount. So far, the Government has spent over Rwf591 million as a Government subsidy to farmers since the inception of the insurance scheme in 2019, show statistics from the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources.

More than 48,600 hectares have been insured since the scheme started, while crop farmers have got a pay out of over Rwf672 million.

In addition, agriculture credits amounting to Rwf2 billion have been unlocked through the scheme.

By Guardian Reporter

2.4bn women globally lacking socially equal economic rights

ABOUT 2.4 billion women of working age are not afforded equal economic opportunity and 178 countries maintain legal barriers that prevent their full economic participation, according to the World Bank's Women, Business and the Law 2022 report.

In 86 countries, women face some form of job restriction and 95 countries do not guarantee equal pay for equal work.

Globally, women still have only three quarters of the legal rights afforded to men, an aggregate score of 76.5 out of a possible 100,

which denotes complete legal parity.

Despite the disproportionate effect on women's lives and livelihood from the global pandemic, 23 countries reformed their laws in 2021 to take much-needed steps towards advancing women's economic inclusion, the report said.

"While progress has been made, the gap between men's and women's expected lifetime earnings globally is \$172 trillion - nearly two times the world's an-

nual GDP," said Mari Pangestu, World Bank Managing Director of Development Policy and Partnerships.

She added: "As we move forward to achieve green, resilient and inclusive development, governments need to accelerate the pace of legal reforms so that women can realize their full potential and benefit fully and equally."

The report measures laws and regulations across 190 countries in eight areas impacting women's

economic participation - mobility, workplace, pay, marriage, parenthood, entrepreneurship, assets, and pensions.

The data offer objective and measurable benchmarks for global progress toward gender equality. Just 12 countries, all part of the OECD, have legal gender parity.

New this year is a 95-country pilot survey of laws governing childcare—a critical area where support is needed for women to succeed in paid employment.

A pilot analysis of how laws affecting women's economic empowerment are actually implemented is also included, highlighting the difference between laws on the books and the reality experienced by women.

The Middle East and North Africa and Sub-Saharan Africa regions showed the largest improvements in the WBL Index in 2021, though they continue to lag behind other parts of the world overall.

Gabon stands out with compre-

hensive reforms to its civil code and the enactment of a law on the elimination of violence against women. Gabon's score rose from 57.5 in 2020 to 82.5 in 2021.

Globally, the highest numbers of reforms were made in the Parenthood, Pay, and Workplace indicators. Many reforms focused on protecting against sexual harassment in employment, prohibiting gender discrimination, increasing paid leave for new parents, and removing job restrictions for women.

The Pay and Parenthood indicators have the lowest average scores in the index, but they have increased in the last year, rising 0.9 and 0.7 points, respectively, with average scores of 68.7 and 55.6. The gains in the Parenthood indicator have largely been around paternity leave and shared parental leave, but the low score highlights the need to accelerate reforms in this area.

"Women cannot achieve equality in the workplace if they are on an unequal footing at home," said Carmen Reinhart, Senior Vice President and Chief Economist of the World Bank Group.

Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Leadership School holds inauguration ceremony

By Bai Ziwei and Shi Yuanhao

THE inauguration ceremony of the Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Leadership School in Tanzania, co-funded by six parties in southern Africa, was recently held both online and offline. Over 2,000 people from the six parties and representatives from all walks of life in Tanzania attended the event.

The six parties include Tanzania's Chama Cha Mapinduzi party, the African National Congress of South Africa, the Mozambique Liberation Front Party, the People's Movement for the Liberation of Angola, the SWAPO party of Namibia and the Zimbabwe African National Union-Patriotic Front.

As an important outcome of China-Africa exchanges on national governance, the Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Leadership School aims at enhancing party construction and improving governance capabilities of the six parties through exchanges and communication.

At the ceremony, leaders of the six parties expressed their heartfelt thanks to the Communist Party of China (CPC) for the latter's support for the construction of the School, hoping they can learn more successful experiences from the CPC at the School and constantly explore the path to Africa's development and vitalization.

They said the six parties will enhance their cooperation with China on poverty alleviation, COVID-19 response and the Belt and Road Initiative, so as to build a closer China-Africa community with a shared future.

President of Chama Cha Mapinduzi Party and Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan called the Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Leadership School a bridge between the six parties and the CPC.

He introduced the long-term cooperation between the six parties and the CPC, and the support provided by the Chinese side during the construction of the School. He believes that upon the operation of the School, the two sides will continue deepening their cooperation, which will keep benefiting his country.

The practice of the CPC indicates that poverty and other challenges can be defeated by fostering capable officials, said Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the African National Congress of South Africa and South African President.

He noted that the inauguration of the Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Leadership School came right on time, which will help Africa train its officials and make important contributions to the bright future of the continent.

Filipe Nyusi, Leader of the Mozambique Liberation Front Party and Mozambican President said the inauguration of the Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Leadership School marked a new milestone of the friendship and solidarity among the six parties. He said the six parties are willing to enhance friendly cooperation in each field with the CPC.

Joao Lourenco, President of the People's Movement for the Liberation of Angola and Angolan President introduced that the CPC showed valuable support for the six parties when the leaders of the lat-



China's Ambassador to Tanzania, Chen Mingjian, CCM national Chairperson President Samia Suluhu Hassan, as well as general secretaries and high-level representatives of five other parties cut the ribbon at the inauguration ceremony of the Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Leadership School. File photo

ter proposed to nurture young talents a few years ago. He said the six parties are willing to continue participating in the construction of the School, so as to make it fully operational.

Hage Geingob, President of SWAPO Party of Namibia and Namibian President expressed his gratitude to the CPC for the latter's support for the construction of the School, hoping the School can advance the coopera-

tion between the six parties and the CPC, so that they can work together to respond to challenges, achieve economic development, equity and justice.

The Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Leadership School will play a key role and gather intelligent resources to promote think tank exchanges between the region and other regions, and help coordinate the work of leadership and political institutions in relevant countries, said Emmerson Mnangagwa, Chairman of the Zimbabwe African National Union-Patriotic Front and Zimbabwean President.

Extending sympathy and working together as they unite and lead their respective people to strive for independence, promote national construction and pursue development, the six parties and the CPC have developed an unbreakable friendship.

The inauguration of the Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Leadership School is another piece of evidence showing the firm mutual support between China and Africa. It has set a new example for and injected new vitality into China-Africa cooperation in a new era.

According to a Chinese representative attending the inauguration ceremony, the CPC is willing to implement the important consensus reached between CPC general secretary Xi Jinping and the top leadership of the six parties, and keep enhancing exchanges of experience in national governance, especially issues of common concerns such as party construction and poverty alleviation, so as to jointly safeguard the interests of developing countries.

People's Daily



As an important outcome of China-Africa exchanges on national governance, the Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Leadership School aims at enhancing party construction and improving governance capabilities of the six parties through exchanges and communication

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In this puzzle you have no clues, only a list of words that all fit into the grid. The Guardian have given you a head start

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CLUES: Across

Down:

1 Urodelia is their scientific name

2 an amount of, not all

3 a large number of people

4 the end, final

5 a ring-shaped reef or chain of Islands formed of coral

6 an observation stuck in the mind

7 the subject on which one writes

8 to sign up

9 to utilize

10 a covering for the foot

11 calm, tranquil

12 amoeboid

13 the connective tissue of the nervous system

14 a maize plant in South Africa

15 out of the way

16 Mexico city is her mother city

17 follow a winding course

18 a record of the events of one year

19 largest continent

20 a rush, a flow

21 the lowest layer of ionosphere, able to reflect low frequency radio waves.

22 a diagrammatic representation of an area showing features

23 help or support

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BUSINESS

Sido opens office in Songwe for lending to SMEs

By Beatrice Philemon

SMALL and medium enterprises (SMEs) in Songwe Region will now access loans at the nearby door step, after Small Industries Development Organization (SIDO) opened a regional office.

Before the new opened office, small entrepreneurs in Songwe were traveling all the way to Mbeya to access the various financial and technical services.

SIDO-Mbeya Regional Manager, Henrik Mdede, said the opening of the new office will enable to cater services for all SMEs engaged in livestock keeping sub sector, business, food processing and farming.

To start with, SIDO Headquarter has offered a total of 150m/- to Songwe to help entrepreneurs to access loan services.

The loans will be disbursed by SIDO through the National Entrepreneurship Development Fund (NEDF), which started its operations in 1994 aiming at providing loans to small entrepreneurs.

The main objective of the Fund is to provide credits to small industries and small and medium enterprises to help in eradicating poverty through designing and implementation of projects in different economic sectors.

"While we are waiting to build our office at Zelezeta ward in Mbozi District, the Songwe Regional Commissioner has allocated an office to us at his office premises so that we can disburse loans to SMEs," he said.

SIDO loans facility are issued in groups or individual categories, with group loans are extended through soli-

arity membership.

"For individual loans, the applicants must have two guarantors and collateral of 125% of the value of the loan," he said.

He said through group loans, the applicants must be ready to form groups and co-guarantee members within each group.

According to him, SMEs get loan facilities for investment and working capital through both groups and individuals.

SIDO has been working with SMEs for over four decades now and it has been practically proved to stimulate growth and competitiveness.

This is mainly done through facilitation to impact skills, attitude and knowledge by providing among others training, business management, and consultancy and extension services.

Small Industries Development Organization (SIDO) is a parastatal organization which was established under the Act of Parliament No. 28 of 1973.

The organization is mandated to plan, coordinate, promote and offer every form of services to SMEs.



While we are waiting to build our office at Zelezeta ward in Mbozi District, the Songwe Regional Commissioner has allocated an office to us at his office premises so that we can disburse ...

Dar knowledge centre out to start producing alternative charcoal

By Sabbath Kasika

THE Kipunguni Information and Knowledge Center, which advocates for the fight against gender-based violence, has received a donation of an alternative charcoal making machine worth 26mn/- capable of producing one to two tons of charcoal per day.

The machine specialist, Juma Rashid, said the facility was handed over by AMREF in January this year, and that it would be their economic project where they have started testing it.

"The machine makes charcoal using insulated, coconut shells, tree leaves, grass and even wood dust which we collectively burn in the furnace and then extract and store a little water," said Rashid.

He explained that later they mix it with cassava porridge or potter's clay and then put it in the machine and it starts to process and get the mixture, which is charcoal.

"After producing the mixture, we mold it to get pieces of charcoal that are dried in the sun for three to four days and then ready to be sold. We sell



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one kilogram of charcoal for 500 shillings," he said.

Rashid says, he is one of the people who received entrepreneurship training at the Gender and Development seminars held every Wednesday by the Tanzania Gender Network (TGNP).

"These seminars have a wide range of topics including entrepreneurship, so we, Kipunguni Information and Knowledge Center, benefited and started educating various groups here about entrepreneurship," he said.

He said, AMREF saw the effort and provided them with the machine to develop their entrepreneurship, grow economically, and that when they have enough raw materials they can produce more charcoal.

"AMREF has promised to bring us Toyo motorcycles to collect garbage from the streets and will be used to distribute charcoal. I believe the facility will grow our project financially, and contribute to environmental protection by promoting renewable energy," he said.

The chairperson of the center, also known as Sauti ya Jamii, Fatma Talib, said it had other projects, including a women's salon and a tailoring workshop, for girls fleeing sexual violence.

"In the beginning we used to take only girls who ran away from FGM, but now we are taking even those whose parents are not able to develop them academically, they are all coming here to learn sewing," said Fatma.

He explained that in 2014 they started providing entrepreneurship training to five women who have left the profession and provided them with nurseries for growing various leafy vegetables.

Equity market turnover for Q1, 2022 outshines Q1, 2021

By Guardian Reporter

INVESTORS' appetite on equity market has continued to increase during the current quarter of this year when compared with similar period of last year, signaling the shift from lowered yields government debt instruments.

The DSE market report shows a total turnover of 30.18bn/- has so far been recorded during the first two months of the current quarter to March 3, compared with 23.29bn/- recorded during the three months of Q1, 2021.

Analysts say the increase of DSE activities was due to shift of focus among investors, both locals and foreigners, to equity market, as the securities market, which is the main target, being crowded by increased demands.

They say an ongoing recovery of the economy, which translated into good performances of listed companies and "expected" dividends announcement for 2022, have increased investors eyeing the equities market.

"Our view of the market remains bullish as we forecast the Domestic listed stocks index (TSI) to continue on a positive momentum, reflecting a "glass half full" outlook based on still-strong corporate sales and profit growth resulting from acute economic growth, measured inflation and low interest rates, said Raphael Masumbuko, an analyst from Zan Securities Limited in his weekly analysis.

"These factors suggest a favourable backdrop for stocks, with the potential for more subdued gains when we enter second quarter of 2022 as companies prepare to release their 2021

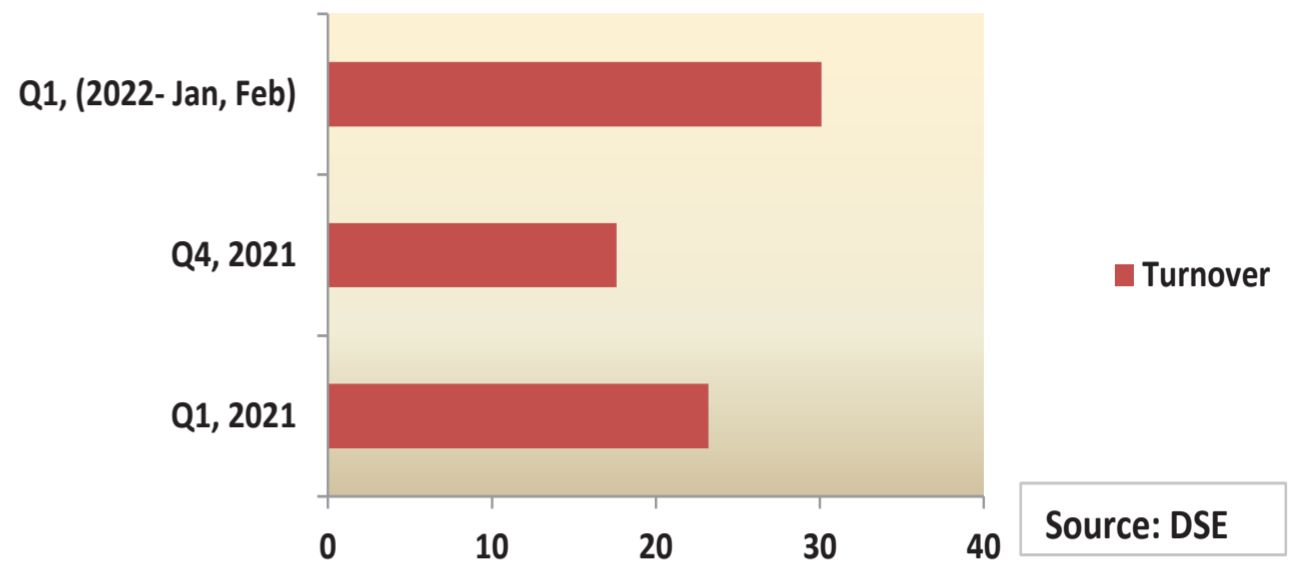
audited financials."

He commented that performance of the equity market will continue to be vibrant with more positive price appreciation on some stocks which will drive the domestic index higher.

The DSE market report shows during the current quarter foreign investors have so far injected a total of 22.08bn/- through buying shares, which is nearly three times of the amount injected during the first quarter of last year and fourth quarter.

Foreign investors injected 73.16 percent of the value of bought shares, while local investors bought 26.84 percent of the value of buying activity.

DSE quarterly Equity market turnovers in Billion shillings



According to the report, foreign investors have also injected 16.69bn/- through selling shares, which is 55.29 percent from 11.2bn/or 48.34 percent in Q1, 2021 and 8.3bn/- or 51.26 percent during the fourth quarter of last year.

The share of the value of turnover injected by local investors through shares selling dropped to 44.71 percent from 51.26 percent during the fourth quarter of last year and 51.66 percent during the first quarter of 2021.

Meanwhile, the DSE reports have shown an increased involvement of local investors in the market activities during the first three days of this

week.

The report shows local investors dominated the market during four days in both buying and selling activities.

On Monday, the reports show a total turnover of 282m/- recorded whereby foreign investors injected 133.3m/- through buying shares, which was 47.16 percent of the value, while local investors injected 52.84 percent of the value.

On the selling side, foreign investors sold shares valued 52.27mn/-, which was 18.48 percent of total value, while local investors share on selling activity was 81.52 percent.

On Tuesday, a total turnover of 237.96m/- were re-

corded but foreign investors bought shares valued 4.17 million, accounting for 1.75 percent and 1.84m/- through shares selling which was 0.77 percent of the value of daily market transactions.

The daily report shows local investors share on buying side was 98.25 percent, while on selling side they injected 99.23 percent of total value.

On Wednesday, the market was dominated by only local investors who injected 100 percent of all shares bought and 99.96 percent of the value of sold shares.

On Thursday, only 24.60m/- were recorded of which buying and selling activities dominated by local investors.

Grain markets set for supply shock of a lifetime, warns US agro-economist

New York

RUSSIA'S invasion of Ukraine could devastate global grain markets so deeply that it's likely to be the biggest supply shock in living memory.

That's according to Scott Irwin, an agricultural economist at the University of Illinois. Tens of millions of acres of grain production are at stake, he said Wednesday on Twitter.

"I am convinced it is going to be the biggest supply shock to global grain markets in my lifetime," Irwin said.

The world "desperately" needs farmers to plant more acres in 2022, he said, but "basically nothing can be done in the short-run except to run up the price of grain high enough to ration demand."

Ukraine and Russia together account for more than a quarter of the global trade in wheat, as well as a fifth of corn sales. Prices for those staple crops are soaring on concerns over supply disruptions at a time when global food prices had already reached record highs.

Even before Russia's war with Ukraine, food inflation was already plaguing global consumers. Extreme weather has made it harder to grow crops, while a shortage of workers and higher shipping costs snarled supply chains.

The world's grain inventories are also very tight, so any prolonged disruptions to supplies from Russia or Ukraine has the potential to dislocate markets for years to come.

Meanwhile, the crisis between Russia and Ukraine has overshadowed the wheat market since the start of 2022, with many global buyers and sellers reacting to uncertainty with a wait-and-see attitude. The market is supported



by tightness in old crop supplies.

Marc Zribi, head of unit for grains and sugar at the French agrifood industry body FranceAgriMer, told journalists at a press briefing on the markets that the price of fuel has jumped to historic highs, while freight costs had swung higher.

He also noted volatility in the currency of both Russia, despite its high gold reserves, and Ukraine.

The French expert also noted that the price of farm inputs, notably fertilizer, has risen sharply, with a correlation

with the price of natural gas.

European Union Agriculture Commissioner Janusz Wojciechowski told a meeting of the block's farm ministers on Feb. 21 that "we see this issue affecting the markets and farmers' incomes, driven by a more general energy price increase."

He put the rise in fertilizer prices at 142% over the past year.

"With higher input costs, farmers' rational decisions are likely to result in less fertilizers used, potentially resulting in lower yields," he said.

Zribi also focused on the extreme uncertainty of the situation between Russia and Ukraine, pointing out that exporter were moving everything they could out of the region, with both countries accelerating the export program.

The two countries are responsible for 30% of the world's exports of wheat and barley, he reminded meeting participants. The ports used for grain exports by Ukraine, in particular, were at risk from conflict.

Mobile telecoms international tariffs jump 300pc in one decade

By Guardian Reporter

MOBILE telecoms subscribers are paying three to four times of what they were paying to make East Africa and international calls per minute compared with ten years ago, the Guardian has learnt.

According to Tanzania Communication Regulatory Authority (TCRA), an average tariff to call East Africa for one minute has jumped to 1173/- as at December last year from 318/- charged as at December 2011.

The report shows an average tariff for calling international calls also jumped to 1908/- per minute last year from 479/- charged in 2011.

However, Halotel Tanzania which was not operational ten years ago seems to have the lowest tariff against all telecoms companies.

The report shows Halotel tariff for EA calls in 2021 was at 875/- per minute, lower than the industrial average tariff of 1173/- while calling international, the company is charging 1565/- per minute against industrial average of 1908/- per minute. Halotel has also the lowest SMS tariff compared with all other networks as it charges 5/- per local short message against industrial average of 12/- per SMS.

For international SMS, Halotel Tanzania is also the cheapest as it charged 95/- against industrial average of 204/- . Vodacom is most expensive as it charges 300/- per international SMS.

The historical increase recorded by all telecoms with Airtel and TTCL showing sharp rise compared with their peers.

TTCL voice tariff for East Africa calls has increased to 1035/- per minute in 2021 from 194/- recorded in 2011 while



President Samia Suluhu Hassan making a phone call

the international calls tariff increased to 2871/- per minutes from 450/- recorded a decade before, making it the most expensive among all networks.

The report shows during 2011 TTCL tariff for EA was above industrial average of 318/- per minute at 330/-, but

was below international calls industrial average of 479/- at 450/- per minute.

Airtel voice tariff for international calls jumped to 2098/- last year from 478/- recorded in 2011 while the tariff for calling East Africa went up to 1035/- per minute from 194/- charged in 2011. Howev-

er, all tariffs were below the average industrial tariffs.

Vodacom Tanzania also recorded a sharp increase of voice tariff as the reports shows during 2011, the telecoms was charging 333/- per minute for EAC calls against industrial average of 318/-.

The company tariff for in-

ternational calls also went up to 1998/- per minute last year from 507/- in 2011 and all tariffs are beyond the industrial average of 479/- in 2011 and 1908/- in 2021.

Tigo Tanzania tariff for EAC calls increased to 1020/- per minute in 2021 from 310/- recorded in 2011 while those

charged for international calls jumped to 1887/- last year from 467/- recorded a decade before.

The report has shown that tariff for Zantel on EA voice calls increased to 1020/- from 354/- while the tariff for international calls increased to 1450/- from 428 respectively.

NMB Bank Mastabata campaign winners set to receive 10 million

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

ONE hundred people are set to receive 10m/- after emerging lucky winners during the 9th NMB Bank Mastabata draw held in Dar es Salaam mid-this week bringing the amount awarded by the bank to 140m/- so far out of the 240m/- earmarked by the bank.

The NMB Mastabata - Kivyako Vyako campaign seeks to sensitize the public on embracing digital payment solutions through card usage instead of the traditional cash system and will run for ten weeks where luck NMB customers will be awarded cash prizes worth 240m/- during the entire campaign.

Speaking shortly after the draw held at the bank's headquarters in Dar es Salaam mid-this week, the NMB Card Business Officer Lightness Zablon said the campaign has so far recorded tremendous success in promoting digital payments using Mastercards, MasterCard QR payments, Point of Sales (PoS) and online banking system.

Zablon said 850 people have so far won cash prizes during the past eight weeks of the campaign during draws held earlier in January and February adding that the number of winners has increased by 100 people after the 9th draw as the draw gets close to the grand finale that will be held at the end of this month.

"Our campaign has been a success as it has increased digital transactions and we are happy to say that the response has been so positive. People have been sensitized on embracing digital payment systems which is a safer way of payment as compared to the traditional cash system," Lightness said.

The draw was held under the guidance of the Gaming Board of Tanzania (GBT), Officer Elibariki Sengasenga who assured the public that the draw is in line with the gaming board's set procedures adding that the draw is very transparent.

As 100 lucky winners walk away with a cash prize of 100,000/- each every week, 25 lucky winners bag 1m/- each during the end of month draw while 30 lucky winners will pocket 3m/- each during the campaign's grand finale.



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Commodities soar as war increases anxiety over supply shortages

NEW YORK

COMMODITIES extended their massive rally as Russia's invasion of Ukraine continues to roil global markets and fuel fears of supply crunches.

Prices from crude to aluminum and wheat soared, as raw materials stage their most stunning weekly surge since 1974 and the days of the oil crisis.

Russia's growing isolation is choking a major source of energy, metals and crops, sparking fears of prolonged shortages and sharper global inflation. Traders, banks and shipowners are increasingly avoiding business with Russia because of the difficulty in securing payments, while shipping lines are canceling or not taking bookings from the region.

Tensions rose early Friday after Russia attacked a Ukrainian nuclear plant, the biggest in Europe, according to Ukrainian officials. The fire at the Zaporizhzhia facility in eastern Ukraine is contained, local emergency services said.

West Texas Intermediate oil jumped almost 5% before paring gains as traders assessed the severity of the nuclear plant attack.

Prices are still up 20% this week as global buyers are shunning Russian crude and fuels, sparking a race for alternative supplies.

The International Energy Agency



warned that global energy security is under threat, and a planned release of emergency oil reserves by the U.S. and other major economies has failed to quell supply concerns. JPMorgan Chase & Co. said global benchmark

Brent crude could end the year at \$185 a barrel if Russian supply continues to be disrupted. Prices were at about \$112 on Friday.

Wheat soared to the highest level since 2008 on deepening fears of a global

shortage as the Ukraine war cuts off about a quarter of the world's exports of the staple used in everything from bread to cookies and noodles. Futures jumped by the exchange limit in Chicago, rising 6.6% to \$12.09 a bushel.

Base metals also rallied further after the LME Metals Index, which tracks six major contracts, surged to a record on Thursday. Soaring energy prices have added to the momentum by pushing up costs.

Aluminum, one of the most energy-thirsty metals, rose as much as 3.6% to \$3,850 a ton on the London Metal Exchange, a fresh record. Copper is also closing in on its all-time high.

Euro tumbles further after news of fire at Ukrainian nuclear plant

HONG KONG

THE euro was set for its worst week versus the dollar in nine months, as the war in Ukraine and the prospect of sustained high commodity prices continued to drag on expectations of European economic growth.

Adding to worries in early Asian trade was news Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, the largest of its kind in Europe, was on fire early on Friday after an attack by Russian troops.

Reuters could not immediately verify the information, including the potential seriousness of any fire.

That sent the euro down a further 0.48% to \$1.1009 its lowest since May 2020. It has lost 1.84% this week, which would be the euro's worst week since June 2021.

The dollar in turn slipped 0.15% on the safe haven yen on Friday morning, following reports of the fire, though with gains elsewhere, the dollar index, which measures the currency against six peers rose 0.3%.

Russian forces were continuing to surround and attack Ukrainian cities, on the eighth day of their invasion, including Mariupol, the main port in the east which has been under heavy bombardment.

"This war will be devastating for Ukraine. As for Russia, the short and longer-term implications will definitely hurt the economy. But EU countries will also be among those which will be hit the most by these sanctions," said analysts at ING.

They said the effects of surging energy and gas prices could undermine the industrial and private consumption rebound that had been expected following the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, and was also likely to slow European Central Bank policy normalisation.

"At next week's ECB meeting, any hints of rate hikes are out of the question," they

said.

In contrast, the U.S. Federal Reserve is all but certain hike interest rates at its March 15-16 meeting for the first time since the pandemic.

Fed chair Jerome Powell, overnight repeated his comments from Wednesday that he would back an initial quarter percentage point increase in the Fed's benchmark rate.

Elsewhere, sterling was on the back foot at \$1.3326, while the Australian dollar edged off its four month top on news of the fire.

Higher commodity prices resulting from the war have caused the Aussie to climb steadily in recent weeks.



ESG class action lawsuits are a growing trend in mining, oil and gas

JOHANNESBURG

There is a growing global trend in terms of class action lawsuits surrounding the production of misleading information or fraudulent information in securities disclosures, which law firm Webber Wentzel partner Garyn Rapson said was dominating the environmental, social and governance (ESG) class action space, followed closely by climate-related class action lawsuits.

Speaking at a webinar on March 3, Rapson said that, to date, more than 1 800 class action lawsuits had been brought against countries and companies for failures to have appropriate climate change policies, procedures and strategies in place.

He warned that, although the oil and gas industry was at the forefront of class action lawsuits, the South African mining industry should be more aware that they face a similar risk.

"We'll see more climate action against mining companies in the near future," he added.

Another growing trend noted by Rapson was in terms of legacy environmental and health and safety-related class action lawsuits, particularly in Africa, creating a relatively high risk for mining companies and other industrial companies.

"Nigeria has had at least three class action lawsuits lodged against oil and gas companies for historic oil spills," he said, noting that South Africa too has seen several class action lawsuits in relation to silicosis and pneumoconiosis.

Rapson expected that, as ESG relevance and importance continued to grow, more diverse and varied class action lawsuits could be expected in future.

One of these was "modern slavery", in which lawsuits could be brought over excessively long hours for too-low pay, a lack of diversity, harassment, discrimination in the workplace, abuse and potentially even failures of corporate governance.



"This is a growing area. The litigators are becoming more robust and we are definitely seeing a variety of different ESG-related class action lawsuits," he noted.

Webber Wentzel partner Merlita Kennedy noted that there was a general trend of "tumultuous relationships between mining houses and surrounding communities, which

often finds its way into court." In a 2021 report by political party ActionSA, 94% of surveyed community members living in affected mining areas said they had never been consulted by the

mining companies. Moreover, the report stated that 98% of the surveyed community members did not know what a social and labour plan (SLP) was.

In 2018, the South African Police Service estimated that about 35 protests took place across South Africa's mining communities every month.

"This makes for a very volatile situation," Kennedy noted.

Moreover, industry body the Minerals Council South Africa noted in a publication released last year that "communities themselves say they are being excluded from the benefits of their own resources".

In February, nongovernmental organisation Amnesty International, together with human rights organisation the Centre for Applied Legal Studies, released a report in which mining communities were surveyed, and their "lived experience" was discussed.

"The efficacy of the SLPs once again came into question, and the finding was that SLPs are

generally badly drafted," Kennedy said.

She noted that communities were increasingly mobilising themselves to bring class action lawsuits against mining, oil and gas companies. Since 1994, there have been 18 class action lawsuits brought in South Africa.

Kennedy said none of these class action lawsuits proceeded to final determination in court. Class actions, by their nature, are costly, financially risky and often more publicised than regular litigation because of the number of individuals involved, which means the risk for reputational fallout is much greater.

"South Africa is becoming the centre of class action lawsuits in Africa," she said.

With South African communities increasingly protesting against mining companies, Webber Wentzel noted that the focus was often centred on ESG concerns, with not only negative results for the neighbouring mining companies and other businesses in the area, but also for the communities.

Citigroup could lose billions in Russia, helping staff leave Ukraine - executives

NEW YORK

CITIGROUP Inc could face billions of dollars of losses at its Russian business and is helping some of its 200 staff in Ukraine leave the country following Russia's invasion, executives said mid this week.

The bank's total exposure to Russia amounted to nearly \$10 billion at the end of last year, it said on Monday, far higher than previously communicated.

Asked at the bank's investor day about potential losses in Russia, Chief Financial Officer Mark Mason said it had run health checks to determine how much of that exposure could be lost under different potential outcomes.

"We've been working very closely with our risk management to run various scenarios as to what that exposure could mean under different stress scenarios," he said. "Looking at a severe stress scenario that number, on the high end, could be a little less than half of that exposure but it could also be a lot less than that depending on how the situation evolves."

The bank is looking to reduce its exposure to Russian assets using hedging and other strategies, Mason said.

"We've been managing that exposure very proactively to bring that number down," Mason said.

The bank is attempting to sell its Russian consumer business. Chief Executive Officer Jane Fraser said it was "too early to tell" how that sale process will be affected. The only publicly named buyer had been Russian state bank VTB Bank, which is the subject of U.S. sanctions.

The bank also said it had been helping those among its 200 staff in Ukraine who want to leave that country to do so, sending pay in advance and providing other assistance.

"We've been helping those that want to get across the border into Poland, giving them safe accommodation there, we've given them advances on their payroll, emergency supplies, medical availability and as much support as we possibly can," she said.

The bank is also supporting staff that want to stick it out in Ukraine, Fraser said. She commended them for continuing to serve the bank's clients, including multi-national companies.

"Every single day through this war they have been operating our bank and making sure that we are operating on the ground so that we are able to serve our clients there, the multi-nationals," she said. "They are quite exceptional in their drive, what they are wanting to do for the country, for the bank and for our clients."



Ghana mining fund to invest \$60m in 2022 expansion drive

ACCRA

THE fund responsible for managing Ghana's mining royalties plans to invest up to \$60-million this year in companies both within and outside the gold-producing West African nation, its chief executive told Reuters.

The Minerals Income Investment Fund (MIIF) bought about \$20-million worth of shares last week in the Toronto- and Frankfurt-listed Asante Gold Corporation, which operates Ghana's Bibiani Gold Mine.

Ghana, which is Africa's top gold producer, now holds about 3.5% of Asante's total equity. It was MIIF's first major buy since a 2019 parliamentary vote entrusted it with managing and investing the entirety of the country's mining royalties.

Edward Koranteng (pictured), the fund's

chief executive, told Reuters in an interview on Wednesday that the Asante purchase was only the first step in a wider push for positions in high-yielding mines in Ghana and abroad.

"We're looking to cover every class of mineral other than bauxite, which the government is working on in a different way," he said. "We want to go into an accelerated program where we have assets of over \$500-million by 2025."

MIIF has a war chest of \$200-million with which it plans to expand its portfolio, Koranteng said.

By investing in firms with high growth potential and reviewing the strategies of collecting royalties from smaller firms, Koranteng said MIIF hoped to "widen (Ghana's) royalty net" and keep the fund growing.



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13:00 Business edition rpt
13:30 Korean Drama rpt: The Sling Shot
14:30 Telenovela rpt: Laws Of love 17:15 Tanzania Yetu rpt
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18:15 Capchat rpt
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WORLD

Marking continental Environment Day, Africa eyes ending climate change-induced hazards

ADDIS ABABA

MARKING African Environment Day, African experts and pan-African organizations on Thursday emphasized the need to tackle the continent's continuing climate change-induced disasters.

Africa Environment Day, celebrated annually on March 3, was established in 2002 by the Organization of African Unity (OAU), the predecessor of the African Union, as a way of raising awareness of the pressing environmental challenges facing the continent.

Since 2012, the Africa Environment Day has been celebrated in conjunction with Wangari Maathai Day in honor of the late Nobel laureate's legacy in nature conservancy.

The African continent, in a bid to address the twin effects of climate change and desertification, is in recent years bracing itself to devote undiluted attention to integrating sustainable environmental management into the mainstream development policies at both continental and national levels.

Experts, however, argued that albeit the commendable efforts underway to counter the impact of climate change, the continent is in urgent need to exert strong efforts to end the scourge.

Adefris Worku, a senior forestry expert at the Environment, Forest and Climate Change Commission (EFCCC) of Ethiopia, said the extent of climate change in Africa is growing due to various causes, including the expansion of

the agricultural sector.

Agriculture, which is the backbone of African economies, is said to be one of the major drivers of desertification in Africa. With a growing population, an increasing forest area is being harvested across Africa.

"Desertification is becoming a very significant threat to Africa. African countries have to do strategic interventions and approach to combat desertification because desertification has become overwhelming, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa," Worku told Xinhua in a recent interview.

The AU, in its call for action issued Thursday in relation to this year's Africa Environment Day, stressed that Africa continues to endure serious environmental challenges, saying the unfolding phenomena of climate change, biodiversity depletion, desertification, land degradation and unsustainable use of finite natural resources remain a serious risk for Africa as they pose real impediments to achieving the sustainable development goals envisioned in Africa's Agenda 2063.

While saying environmental deterioration has exacerbated crises such as droughts, armed conflicts, or other natural disasters on the continent, the AU emphasized that sustainable environmental management is fundamental to the pursuit of food security, peace, security, and stability in Africa.

"To address the twin effects of climate change and desertification, Africa



Climate-smart agriculture and rainwater harvesting in Machakos county, Kenya.

is bracing itself to devote undiluted attention to integrating sustainable environmental management into the mainstream development policies at both regional and national levels," the pan-African bloc said.

According to the latest figures from the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), despite representing just 17 percent of the world's population and emitting just 4 percent of global pollution, Africa stands as the most affected continent in terms of climate change.

"African economies are losing on average 5 percent of GDP because of climate change, increasing up to 15 percent in some countries," said Linus Mofor, a senior environmental expert from the ECA, Wednesday.

Mofor, speaking during a virtual meeting on partnerships for tools and capacities to integrate climate resilience in investments for sustainable development, said in the absence of global concerted action on keeping warming at below 1.5 degrees Celsius, African countries must be supported with the tools and capacities needed to integrate climate resilience in the huge investments needed to close development gaps.

Mofor insisted that African countries have shown "great leadership" on climate action, stating "all but two African countries have ratified the Paris Agreement with ambitious nationally determined contributions requiring up to 3 trillion U.S. dollars for implementation."

Despite the daunting challenges, however,

African countries have been introducing a number of ambitious initiatives to contain the rapid expansion of desertification in the continent, thereby mitigating the impacts of climate change on communities' livelihood.

The Great Green Wall or Great Green Wall of the Sahara and the Sahel Initiative, which was launched by the African Union (AU) in 2007 with an overarching aim of planting a wall of trees across Africa at the southern edge of the Sahara desert, is one of the African-led initiatives aiming to restore Africa's degraded landscapes.

According to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), the Great Green Wall initiative will be the largest living structure on the planet once realized, covering 8,000 km of land stretching across the entire width of the continent from Senegal in West Africa to Djibouti in the east.

According to Worku, Ethiopia, one of the signatory countries of the initiative, considers the ambitious project as "a very important and relevant strategy to combat desertification and ensure sustainable development in the country."

More than 20 countries across Africa have been implementing the initiative in hopes of restoring 100 million hectares of currently degraded land and sequestering 250 million metric tons of carbon by 2030.

Agencies

UN decries hostilities in Southwest Somalia after more than 17,000 people are displaced

MOGADISHU

THE United Nations' top relief official in Somalia on Thursday expressed concern about the recent hostilities in the Diinsoor region in Southwest Somalia forcing more than 17,400 people mostly women and children to flee their homes.

UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia Adam Abdelmoula said most of the displaced people, who are also affected by the ongoing drought emergency, arrived in several locations, including

Baidoa, Bay region, Baardheere of Gedo region, and Banadir region.

"Parties to the conflict must ensure that humanitarian workers have unfettered access to all people in need of assistance," Abdelmoula said in a statement issued in Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia.

The UN official said he was extremely concerned about the impact on civilians of the recent hostilities in Diinsoor, noting that humanitarian actors on the ground report that those affected are in urgent need of humanitarian and protection as-

sistance.

He said almost 136,000 people are facing emergency levels of food insecurity in South West State but scaling up response is impeded by access and funding challenges.

"I wish to remind all parties of their obligations under international humanitarian law and the principles of distinction, precaution, and proportionality in the use of force. I urge them to uphold these obligations including the protection of civilians," Abdelmoula said.

Rwanda's Akagera park embarks on conservation drive to protect wildlife, boost tourism

KIGALI

THE Akagera National Park located in Rwanda's eastern province has embarked on improving conservation efforts to protect wildlife, natural habitat and increase tourism revenues.

The park which is Rwanda's only protected savannah region with a wide range of animals has intensified efforts to ensure that it is run for the public benefit.

"In order to boost wildlife conservation at Akagera National Park, in 2010, the government of Rwanda entered into public-private partnership with African Parks to effectively manage the park," said Jean Paul Karinganire,

assistant tourism and marketing manager of Akagera Management Company in an interview with Xinhua at the park.

He said that along with wildlife conservation and community engagement, the park has evolved in the last decade. "We have put in much efforts in engaging the communities surrounding the national park to participate in activities of the park which has boosted wildlife conservation efforts and reduced poaching in the park," said Karinganire.

According to him, the park has seen re-introduction of lions in 2015, black rhinos in 2017 and white rhinos in 2021 as part of the efforts

to ensure wildlife conservation and increased tourism revenues. "Akagera National Park reintroduced seven lions 2015 and now the number has grown to around 40. We introduced black rhinos in 2017 and they have had calves.

Last year, we received white rhinos and they have now adapted to the park conditions," explained Karinganire. In order to secure the park, Karinganire said that the park has ensured effective law enforcement, good working team of rangers and collaboration with the communities around the park.

"Our efforts to ensure animals to thrive in the park



will lead to increased tourism activities and revenues. We are doing all these in line with the government of Rwanda's policy of becoming a conservation destination having a national park which is well protected and benefiting the people surrounding the national park," he said.

According to Karinganire, following the lion and rhino reintroductions, Akagera officially became a "Big Five" park in 2017. In order to en-

sure security and safety of the wildlife in the Akagera, the park also introduced K9 unit, which is used for rapid deployment in conjunction with law enforcement patrols on the ground.

K9 unit is tasked to combat poaching and human-wildlife conflict, which continue to represent a threat to Akagera's people and wildlife.

"Everyday at K9, we work with dogs in patrol and also train them the knowledge of obstacle crossing, obedience exercise and human scent tracking and detection," William Habimana, deputy head of K9 unit told Xinhua in the interview.

He added that K9 is a law

enforcement unit in Akagera National Park which has been effective in apprehending people doing illegal activities in the park.

In January this year, the Akagera park launched the first hot air balloon as part of the efforts to boost wildlife conservation and tourism promotion at the park.

In 2010, the Rwanda Development Board (RDB) and African Parks signed a joint management agreement establishing the Akagera Management Company to manage Akagera, transforming the park into one of the most coveted wildlife destinations in Africa and a sustainable revenue source for the region's communities.

Morocco clarifies diplomatic position on Russia-Ukraine conflict

RABAT

MOROCCO'S Foreign Affairs Ministry has announced it is following the conflict in Ukraine "with concern" as it emphasized the need for a peaceful solution that takes into account considerations of territorial integrity.

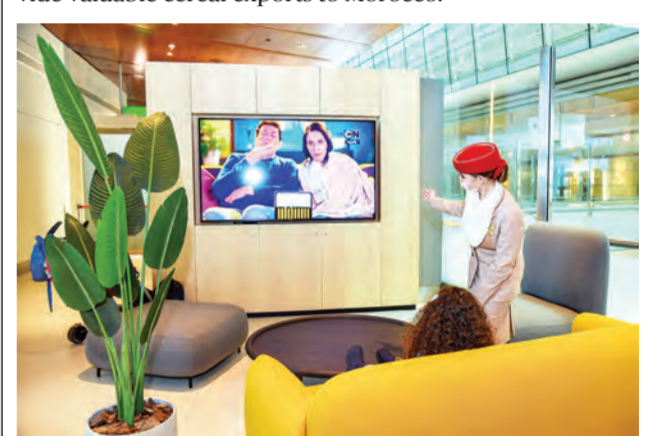
"The Kingdom of Morocco is following with concern the evolution of the situation between the Russian Federation and Ukraine," announced a statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates.

The communique attempts to clarify Morocco's diplomatic position amid the ongoing military clashes that have re-emerged in the eight-year long conflict between Ukraine and Russia. While not explicitly backing or blaming either of the two involved countries, Morocco "reiterates its support for the territorial integrity and national unity of all member States of the United Nations."

The message in support of the concept of territorial sovereignty was paired with a call for a non-violent resolution to the crisis which is set to have far-reaching consequences on Morocco.

"The Kingdom of Morocco also recalls its commitment to the principle of non-use of force for the settlement of disputes between States," the communique emphasizes. Morocco's foreign ministry added that the kingdom "encourages all initiatives and actions promoting a peaceful settlement of conflicts."

Morocco finds itself in a difficult diplomatic position, as both warring parties in the conflict are important partners in trade and diplomacy. Both Ukraine and Russia have strengthened ties with Rabat in recent years and both provide valuable cereal exports to Morocco.



Recently opened children's lounge at the Dubai International Airport.

Japan administers 1m COVID booster shots per day

TOKYO

JAPAN'S minister in charge of vaccinations said yesterday that the government's goal of administering 1 million COVID-19 booster shots per day was achieved in mid-February as efforts to speed up the previously sluggish inoculation drive proved effective.

The minister in charge of vaccinations, Noriko Horiuchi, told a press briefing that on Feb 18 and Feb 26 the number of booster shots administered on a daily basis exceeded 1 million.

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida had vowed to speed up the previously slow vaccination campaign, pledging that 1 million booster shots per day would be administered in the second half of February.

The government's push to expedite its vaccination campaign came amid harsh criticism over the booster shots' slow rollout by the government, as the highly-contagious Omicron variant of the coronavirus ran rampant in the country, forcing numerous prefectures to be placed under emergency virus measures.

While the campaign has gained some traction, the government's figures showed that as of Thursday, the third jabs had only been administered to 22.9 percent of Japan's population of 125 million.

Meanwhile, Kishida announced on Thursday that he will further relax its COVID-19 border controls from March 14, increasing the daily cap on overseas entrants to 7,000 from the current 5,000.

Kishida revealed a new scheme at a press conference to give entry priority to foreign students, as business travel demand is not high.

The decision was made as phased easing of the entry restrictions have been the target of criticism at home and abroad for being too strict, and the demand for Japan to allow more entries was high, especially from foreign students ahead of the April start of the Asian country's school year.

"We will help students come to Japan by giving them (use of) vacant seats, especially on weekdays when there are not many business travelers," Kishida said, calling such students a "treasure" for the country.

Agencies

Added value of China's industrial enterprises above designated size grows 9.6 percent in 2021

IN 2021, the added value of industrial enterprises above designated size in China increased by 9.6 percent over the previous year, 6.8 percentage points higher than that in 2020, said an official with China's Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) at a press conference on Feb. 28.

The two-year average growth of the added value of such enterprises stood at 6.1 percent, according to the official.

"China's industrial economy has witnessed continuous recovery and development. Last year, the value-added of the manufacturing sector saw a year-on-year growth of 9.8 percent and a two-year average increase of 6.6 percent. It reached

31.4 trillion yuan (\$4.97 trillion), ranking first in the world for the 12th consecutive year and accounting for 27.4 percent of China's gross domestic product (GDP)," noted Xiao Yaqing, minister of industry and information technology.

The resilience of China's industrial and supply chains were improved. The country has strived to remove blocks to the industrial and supply chains and keep key industrial chains safe and stable. Its industrial chains of photovoltaic, wind power, shipbuilding and other industries have further enhanced their competitive advantages in the world.

In 2021, the export delivery value of industrial enterprises above designated

size logged a year-on-year increase of 17.7 percent, representing a high level in recent years.

China's industrial structure was further improved and upgraded. High-tech manufacturing and equipment manufacturing has played a greater role in driving the development of other industries, with their added value climbing 18.2 percent and 12.9 percent, respectively.

Manufacturing gathered pace in digital and green transformation; cluster development made continuous progress; and the numerical control rate of key processes and the penetration rate of digital R&D and design tools of industrial enterprises above designated size in key areas

reached 55.3 percent and 74.7 percent respectively.

China saw new achievements in innovation and development in key areas. New breakthroughs have been made in major scientific and technological innovations, including China's Tianwen-1 mission that achieved orbiting, landing, and roving on Mars and the successful launch of the Shenzhou-12 and Shenzhou-13 manned spacecraft. New display, machine tools, new materials and other fields also secured technological advances.

The information and communications technology sector achieved new results in high-quality development. As China

intensified efforts to promote new information infrastructure construction, a total of about 1.43 million 5G base stations had been set up across the country as of the end of 2021, with the number of 5G mobile terminal connections reaching 520 million.

The application of 5G networks in industry, energy, transportation and other fields has accelerated and deepened, leading to remarkable results in vitalizing various industries.

The digital transformation of China's manufacturing industry has picked up speed and innovation activities have gained momentum, according to Tian Yulong, chief engineer and spokesperson

of the MIIT.

By implementing an industrial Internet innovation and development project, China has cultivated more than 150 large-scale industrial Internet platforms, which have served over 1.6 million industrial enterprises.

The new generation of information technology, including 5G, big data, cloud computing, and artificial intelligence (AI), has been increasingly integrated into the manufacturing industry, especially in steel, automobile, equipment, electronics, petrochemical and other fields of the industrial sector, with integrated innovation and cross-industry innovation being constantly furthered. *People's Daily*

Russian forces seize huge Ukrainian nuclear plant, fire extinguished



Lavrov expects solution to Ukraine issue to be found, West to get over hysteria

MOSCOW

A SOLUTION to the situation around Ukraine will certainly be found and the West will get over its hysteria, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in an interview with Russian and foreign media outlets on Thursday.

He emphasized that Moscow was confident it was doing the right thing in Ukraine, pointed out that the current developments weren't a Hollywood action movie "where there is an absolute evil and an absolute good," and stressed that thoughts of a nuclear war "are circling in the heads" of Western politicians but not Russian ones.

TASS has put together the key statements that Lavrov made.

On Ukraine

Russia is confident that the situation around Ukraine will be resolved. "A solution will certainly be found. I have no doubt about it. The conditions that we view as a minimum are no secret," Lavrov said.

Moscow is ready to hold talks with Kiev but will continue the military operation because it can't "let Ukraine keep infrastructure facilities that threaten Russia." "Demilitarization in this sense will be completed, even if we sign a peace agreement. This agreement will certainly include such a paragraph," the top diplomat noted.

It is too early to assess the Russian operation and Russian-Ukrainian talks but Moscow is confident that it is "doing the right thing."

Foreign media covering the situation around Ukraine should be guided by facts instead of emotions. "I urge you to assess facts rather than pretend that it is some Hollywood action movie where there is an absolute evil and an absolute good."

On relations with West

"I am sure that this hysteria will fade away and our Western partners will get over it. We are always prepared for dialogue on the condition that it is based on equality and respect for each other's interests."

The current sanctions "are some kind of a tax on independence" and the countries that barred their companies from working in Russia made the move under "huge pressure."

"If they expect Russia to crawl under the bench and give in to someone's dictatorship, their expectations are wrong. In fact, they should remember our history, we have never made agreements under pressure."

The collective West cannot decide what Russia needs to ensure security. "They tell us: the NATO accession of Ukraine or any other country, which is not part of the alliance now, won't pose any threat to Russia's security. Why on earth should the West decide what we need to ensure our security?"

The US now dominates Europe like Napoleon and Hitler tried to do in their time. "You know, I have comparisons to make: at some point, Napoleon and Hitler tried to subjugate Europe. Now it is dominated by the US," Lavrov noted. "It is clear that NATO has no questions about it, and the EU knows its place."

The US openly blackmails other states in order to achieve the results it needs in a UN vote. "We are well aware of the methods that our Western colleagues use to achieve these results: these include straight-up blackmail, and arm-twisting."

On nuclear war

"It's clear to everyone that World War III can only be a nuclear one. However, I would like to point out that thoughts of a nuclear war are circling in the heads of Western politicians but not in the heads of Russians."

It is the West and not Moscow that is talking about deploying and using nuclear weapons. Such statements have particularly been made by NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg and French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian.

Russia does not seek "an escalation for the sake of an escalation" as conditions for the use of nuclear weapons are clarified in the national military doctrine (according to the document, Moscow reserves the right to use nuclear weapons if it faces an attack involving weapons of mass destruction or in case foreign aggression involving conventional arms jeopardizes "the very existence of the state").

KYIV

RUSSIAN forces seized the largest nuclear power plant in Europe after a building at the complex was set ablaze during intense fighting with Ukrainian defenders, Ukrainian authorities said yesterday.

Fears of a potential nuclear disaster at the Zaporizhzhia plant had spread alarm across world capitals, before authorities said the fire in a building identified as a training centre, had been extinguished.

US Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm said there was no indication of elevated radiation levels at the plant, which provides more than a fifth of Ukraine's total electricity generation.

An official at the state enterprise that runs Ukraine's four nuclear plants said there was no further fighting, the fire was out and Zaporizhzhia was operating normally.

"(Nuclear power plant) personnel are on their working places providing normal operation of the station."

Earlier, a video from the plant verified by Reuters showed one building aflame, and a volley of incoming shells, before a large incandescent ball lit up the sky, exploding beside a car park and sending smoke billowing across the compound.

"Europeans, please wake up. Tell your politicians - Russian troops are shooting at a nuclear power plant in Ukraine," Ukrainian leader Volodymyr Zelenskyy



Surveillance camera footage shows a flare landing at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant during shelling in Enerhodar, Zaporizhzhia Oblast, Ukraine yesterday. REUTERS

said in a video address.

Zelenskyy said Russian tanks had shot at the nuclear reactor plants, though there was no evidence cited that they had been hit.

The mayor of the nearby town of Energodar about 550km south-east of Kyiv said fierce fighting and "continuous enemy shelling" had caused casualties in the area, without providing details.

Thousands of people are believed to have been killed or wounded and more than 1 million refugees have fled Ukraine since Feb 24, when Russian President Vladimir Putin launched the biggest attack on a European state since World War Two.

Early reports of the fire and fighting at the power plant sent financial markets in Asia spiralling, with stocks tumbling and oil prices surging further.

"Markets are worried about nuclear fallout. The risk is that there is a miscalculation or over-reaction and the war prolongs," said Vasu Menon, executive director of investment strategy at OCBC Bank.

Russia had already captured the defunct Chernobyl plant north of Kyiv, which spewed radioactive waste over much of Europe when it melted down in 1986. The Zaporizhzhia plant is a different and safer type, analysts said.

Earlier, US President Joe Biden and UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson both spoke with Zelenskyy to get an update on the situation at the plant.

"President Biden joined President Zelenskyy in urging Russia to cease its military activities in the area and

allow firefighters and emergency responders to access the site," the White House said.

Johnson said Russian forces must immediately quit their attack and agreed with Zelenskyy that a ceasefire was crucial.

"The prime minister said the reckless actions of President Putin could now directly threaten the safety of all of Europe," Downing Street said.

Japan's top government spokesman described the Russian attack on the plant as "barbaric and unacceptable", and a Chinese foreign ministry spokesman said his government called "on all sides to exercise restraint, avoid escalation and ensure the safety of relevant nuclear facilities."

The head of the International Atomic Energy Agency said he was "deeply concerned" by the situation at the nuclear plant, and that Ukrainian authorities had assured the IAEA that "essential" equipment were unaffected.

FIGHTING RAGES, SANCTIONS MOUNT

On Thursday, Russia and Ukraine negotiators agreed to the need for humanitarian corridors to help civilians escape and to deliver medicines and food to the areas where fighting was the fiercest.

Ukrainian presidential adviser Mykhailo Podolyak said a temporary halt to fighting in select locations was also possible.

The negotiators will meet again next week, the Belarusian state news agency Belta quoted Podolyak as saying.

Only one Ukrainian city, the southern port of Kherson, has fallen to Russian forces since the invasion was launched

on Feb 24, but Russian forces continue to surround and attack other cities.

The southeastern port city of Mariupol has been encircled by Russian forces and subjected to intense strikes, Britain said in an intelligence update yesterday.

"Mariupol remains under Ukrainian control but has likely been encircled by Russian forces," the Ministry of Defence said. "The city's civilian infrastructure has been subjected to intense Russian strikes."

The north-eastern city of Kharkiv has been under attack since the start of the invasion, but defenders are holding out in the heavily shelled city. Putin called Russia's actions in Ukraine a "special operation" that is not designed to occupy territory but to topple the democratically elected government, destroy its neighbour's military capabilities and capture what it regards as dangerous nationalists.

Russia has denied targeting civilians. UN human rights office said on Thursday that it had confirmed 249 civilians have been killed and 553 wounded during the first week of the conflict.

While no major assault has been launched on Kyiv, the capital has been shelled, and Russian forces unleashed devastating firepower to break resistance in the outlying town of Borodyanka.

In Washington, a US defence official said Russian troops were still 25km from Kyiv city centre.

The United States and Britain announced sanctions on more Russian oligarchs on Thursday, following on from EU measures, as they ratcheted up the pressure on the Kremlin.

Tension in Ukraine harms airline industry

INCREASING fuel costs and airspace closures due to the Ukraine conflict are expected to deal another blow to the global airline industry, which has yet to recover from huge losses resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, analysts said.

A number of airlines that operate between Europe and Asia have had to reroute flights to bypass the airspaces of Ukraine and Russia, leading to increased flying times and higher fuel costs.

"The airspace of Russia serves as part of the shortest North Pole flight route between Asia and Europe," said Zou Jianjun, a professor at the Civil Aviation Management Institute of China. "The closure of the airspace is expected to cause longer flying time and increase flying costs of airlines, and is likely to result in higher flight ticket prices."

On Monday, it took 11 hours and 11 minutes for a plane operated by German carrier Condor Flugdienst to fly from Frankfurt to Jinan, Shandong province. The flight was two hours longer than usual as the aircraft had to bypass Russian and Ukrainian airspace, according to VariFlight, a China-based civil aviation data service provider.

Air France suspended services to Russia and flights over Russian airspace on Sunday and has changed its flight plans for China, South Korea and Japan. On Monday, Air France flights from Paris to Beijing and Shanghai traveled via Seoul.

Finland's largest airline, Finnair, said it is evaluating alternative routes for some flights to Japan, South Korea and China. It has canceled flights to those destinations until Sunday, and canceled all flights to Russia until May 28.

Before the airspace restrictions, about 600 daily flights that departed from or arrived in Europe flew over Russian air-



Passengers wait in a lounge as Air France planes are seen at Paris-Orly airport. (PHOTO / AFP)

space. Many carriers have rerouted their aircraft. For example, the number of flights over Kazakhstan airspace on Monday was double the usual figure, according to travel data provider Cirium.

Last year, amid the pandemic, the global aviation industry suffered a loss of \$51.8 billion, according to the International Air Transport Association.

"Chinese airlines are relatively less affected by airspace closures at the moment compared with their European counterparts," said Qi Qi, an aviation industry analyst and writer for Carnoc, a major civil aviation website in China.

"Currently, flights operated by Chinese carriers can fly to Europe over Russian airspace. Besides, the frequency and density of flights between China and Europe are not that high due to the pandemic, and no serious impact is expected for

the moment," Qi said.

Meanwhile, the closure of airspace and cancellation of flights have also had an impact on cargo transportation, adding more pressure on the global supply chain.

On Wednesday, xLobo Express, the cross-border logistics arm of Shanghai-based e-commerce platform Ymatou, said that the geopolitical tension is expected to cause an air transportation price increase. The cross-border e-commerce sector is sensitive to fluctuations in exchange rates and the losses caused by wars can be huge, it said in a reply to China Daily.

For Chinese e-commerce retailers involved in cross-border businesses, the situation is expected to cause temporary suspension of logistics or lengthen the time of shipping, which will lead to an increase in product returns by customers, xLobo Express said. **Agencies**

Foreign mercenaries in Ukraine will not have POW status – Russian military

MOSCOW

NONE of the mercenaries the West is sending to Ukraine to fight for the nationalist regime will enjoy the right of combatants under international humanitarian law, Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov said.

"I wish to make an official statement that none of the mercenaries the West is sending to Ukraine to fight for the nationalist regime in Kiev can be considered as combatants in accordance with international humanitarian law or enjoy the status of prisoners of war," Konashenkov stressed.

He stated that all acts of sabotage



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Which foreign companies, brands suspended activities, supplies to Russia

MOSCOW

FOREIGN companies are terminating their activities or suspending the sale of their products in Russia due to Western sanctions imposed in connection with the military operation to protect the Donbass in Ukraine.

Companies from various segments - aviation, gaming, industrial and others - announced their decision to freeze exports.

Here is the list of the foreign companies that decided to leave the Russian market or temporarily stop their activities in the country, made by TASS.

Aviation and car industries

Boeing, Airbus and Embraer have suspended supplies of spare parts for their aircraft to Russian airlines, their maintenance and technical support. The Boeing training center in Moscow's Skolkovo has also temporarily stopped working.

- Automakers Mercedes-Benz, BMW, Volvo, and MAN decided to temporarily stop exports, as well as freeze local production in Russia. The Ford Corporation also suspended its activities.

- Suzuki, Honda, Mazda will not supply cars and motorcycles to the country. General Motors and Scania are suspending vehicle deliveries, while Nissan is suspending supplies of the Pathfinder crossover.

- Volkswagen Group Rus has temporarily halted shipments of cars that are already in the Russian Federation to Russian dealerships. The production of Volkswagen Group cars in the country was stopped until further notice.

- Toyota is suspending production in St. Petersburg from March 4 due to interruptions in the supply of components. Hyundai and Renault are suspending the assembly of cars at their Russian plants in St. Petersburg and Moscow, respectively, from March 5. Skoda is cutting production due to lack of parts.

- Daimler Truck has frozen cooperation with Russia's KamAZ - the company will no longer produce trucks and supply components as part of the DK RUS joint venture.

Electronics and industry

- Apple has stopped exports and online trading as well as limited the operation of services. The re: Store outlets that sell the company's equipment did not work for a day, but on March 3 they reopened.

- Electronics manufacturer Dell has temporarily stopped selling products.

- The German software maker SAP ceases to introduce activities in Russia, and has also suspended the sale of all its services and products.

- One of the world's largest software developers Oracle has suspended all operations in the country.

- Ericsson, a manufacturer of telecommunications equipment, has suspended delivery of goods to customers in Russia.

- Russia won't be able to receive the products of the world's largest semiconductor manufacturer TSMC, neither it will be able to produce semiconductors under the Elbrus brand, that were developed in the country.

- Russian buyers will temporarily not be able to receive products from the largest bearing manufacturer SKF.

- The Munich-based Siemens Group, which builds trains, maintains factories and supplies software, has so far stopped operations and deliveries to Russia. The company continues to fulfill its maintenance and repair in obligations in the country.

Entertainment, clothing and furniture

- The Walt Disney Company, Warner Bros. and Paramount Pictures have suspended screenings of their films.

- Clothing brand Karl Lagerfeld has stopped deliveries to Russia and switched off the option to buy its products online. Sales have been suspended by H&M. Clothing and accessories retailer ASOS froze shipping, making it impossible to place an order on the site and sports goods manufacturer Nike did the same.

- The company iHerb, which sells dietary supplements, vitamins and food products, will only deliver to already processed orders to Russia, currently it does not accept new orders.

- Deliveries of products by the Lego toy manufacturer have been temporarily suspended.

- The world's largest alcohol producer Diageo will not supply its products for the time being. The company produces drinks under famous brands, such as Guinness, Baileys and others.

- The Megogo media service has ceased operations in Russia.

- The furniture concern IKEA has suspended its sales in Russia, as well as all exports and imports to and from the country and local production. Danish furniture retailer JYSK has temporarily closed its stores.

Agencies



Prominent female singer Judith Wambura, nicknamed 'Lady Jay Dee'.

Dar musician Judith enjoys remarkable rise to prominence

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

MUSICIAN Judith Wambura, alias 'Lady Jaydee', has already cemented her status as an icon in Tanzania's music industry.

With a career that spans over two decades in the industry, most of which have been enjoyed at the top of her game, there is little doubt that she has paved the way for other women to also engage in music.

Unlike other artists who have fallen into oblivion after gaining fame, Lady Jaydee has maintained her status by forging a unique consistent path in the entertainment industry, and through it all, she has had to battle some roadblocks cast her way.

There are 10 common issues that music lovers might have failed to know about Lady Jaydee who has recorded more than 170 songs, performing more than 100 collaborations.

1. Lady Jaydee's first song was recorded at MJ Records by producer Joachim Kimario, nicknamed 'Master J', which was titled 'Sema Unachotaka' which was later added to her album titled 'Asubuhi' released in 2000 with various collaborations.

She got a chance to record at MJ Records after winning a singing competition hosted by Radio One's DJ Show program, the songs that helped her emerge the winner were MC Lyte's 'Keep On', Lutricia McNeal's 'Stranded' and Foxy Brown's 'Gotta Get You Home'.

2. Lady Jaydee has written songs for several artists. Artists Nakaya Sumari, Khadija Shabani 'Keisha', Patricia Hillary and Johnson Nguza, 'Papi Kocha' are some of the artists.

Judith also known as 'Jide' has previously had a ghostwriter for her songs 'I Miss You' by Rapa One The Incredible.

3. She is one of the artists who participated in producing the mourning song for the death of the Father of the Nation, Mwalimu Julius Nyerere in 1999.

Judith was a radio presenter at Clouds

FM, journalism is her only profession. She studied journalism at the Times School of Journalism (TSJ).

4. Roots reggae artist from Jamaica, Luciano, could not appear in the video for the song titled 'Anaweza' released in March 2018, is something that Judith, the Mara native, had previously done in a Bode's song called 'Kama Hunitaki' that came out over 17 years ago.

5. Judith is Bongo Flava's leading female singer with eight albums, her first album is 'Machosi' which came out in 2000 and was all recorded at MJ Records studio.

6. All verses Lady Jaydee sang in politician and rapper Joseph Haule alias 'Professor Jay's' song titled 'Nimeamini' were written by Haule.

She was able to rap through the song as she was originally a rapper.

7. Lady Jaydee is reluctant to be signed under record label contracts for music management, this is advice given to her by the African music legend from Zimbabwe, Oliver Mtukudzi, who passed away on January 23, 2019.

8. Since Lady Jaydee started music she has won more than 35 awards, including Tanzanian and international awards won for 15 consecutive years.

9. Rihanna is the world's most popular female artist that Lady Jay Dee adores at the moment after the great generation of Whitney Houston who passed away on February 11, 2012.

Judith mentions what impresses her most from Rihanna is her melody.

10. Jay Dee is the first Bongo Flava artist to reach the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro, Uhuru Peak in January 2013.

So far no domestic female artist has done so, with Muheza constituency Member of Parliament, Hamis Mwinjuma, alias Mwana FA, being the second artist in October 2019.

She paid for everything and did it out of personal interest after singing the chorus of John Simon 'Joh Makini' and George Mdeme 'G Nako's' song titled 'Kilimanjaro'.

Years of squad investment cited as pillar to Yanga's current success

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

YANGA has been brilliant so far in the NBC Premier League with four key factors mentioned to be the pivot of the success of the team after spending nearly four years without lifting the top-flight title.

Through an assessment by the club's top official, new signings were mentioned with the likes of Khalid Aucho and Yannick Bangala being a pillar of success.

Yanga Competition Committee member, Hersi Said, stated that the tournament's first phase reflected the best investment plans within their squad.

He said the first thing they did was to keep the remaining quality players and blend them with new signings in their squad this season, emphasizing that many have a higher quality than most other teams.

"We started building this team from the last two seasons, not for one season, but what happened this season we improved a lot by retaining a few players and adding some better ones, I think this is where the success of this season started," Hersi, who was most involved in the registration through club sponsors GSM Group, revealed.

"The maturity that our team has shown is great. I have seen that there are various league statistics in the first phase given in every quality, Yanga is above oth-



Yanga's players attend training in Dar es Salaam recently to shape up for this season's NBC Premier League matches. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

ers, this is what the club is aiming for."

Said moreover mentioned the depth of their squad, in which apart from missing their eight injured players others can fill the positions.

"Our squad has eight players nursing injuries so far, most of them are those who were in the first team but the best thing is that the ones that came to fill the positions did not show much difference, still the

team continued to get the same winning results or maybe a draw. It shows we had a good quality equivalent to that starting."

"You can look at for instance goalkeeping, if we decide to start with Djigui Diarra as the first choice or Abdutwalib Msheri it is not a setback as they are both marvelous."

Said added that the third factor was the investment they made in their squad, stating apart from the

best environment for their squad to survive they had significant improvements in presenting various allowances depending on the difficulty of the game.

"The players were fighting a lot because there is something big they know they are to get when the game is over, allowances have been expressed, we have been doing this to have the best motivation to them to deliver results."

"But when it comes to

tough matches things change, for example, once we mentioned the amount of money we will give them after the Mtibwa Sugar game, we were shocked to see a player like Yannick Bangala say to his teammates in Kiswahili "dudes let's go get our money" when they were going to the pitch."

He added the fourth factor is the quality of their midfielders including Khalid Aucho and Bangala who have been very strong in the first team this season.

"People see Aucho for his quality on the field which is great but we know better things that Aucho can produce, in practice, there are times he has been at practice urging his teammates to fight if he sees the pace of practice is slow he motivates them to step up."

"His maturity has a well been seen on the pitch. He has been a great leader and helped in uniting his teammates and adding quality and above all his quality has been tremendous. This is a very valuable player that we struggled to bring here."

Said also applauded all Yanga members and fans for being a pillar and valuing unity during this season and being very supportive to their club as they facilitate motivation to the club.

Actress nominated as Dar company's ambassador

By Guardian Correspondent



Jacqueline Wolper

FAMOUS Tanzanian actress, Jacqueline Wolper, has been nominated as an ambassador of EMINA products produced by a Dar es Salaam-based company, Bingwa Laboratory.

Speaking during the press conference to introduce her to the public, which took place in Dar es Salaam recently, Jacqueline who was accompanied by her husband Richard Samwel, said that it is a great opportunity in her life to be nominated among all domestic artists.

She said she will be in the frontline to promote EMINA in the second phase of the cleanliness campaign, dubbed 'EMINA Usafi Ni Afya', whereby primary and secondary schools in Dar es Salaam will be presented with free cleaning facilities like soap and others and also

Jacqueline will moreover educate the public on the importance of maintaining cleanliness around their areas.

She promised to be a good ambassador of EMINA products and urged fellow artists to stand firm when they get such an opportunity, a situation which she said will make other artists win people's trust and turn into ambassadors.

"I'm here to tell the public and my fans that from today I'm the EMINA products ambassador and I will do my best to make sure that this cleanliness campaign in Dar es Salaam bears fruits," the actress revealed.

"Bingwa Laboratory has been do-

ing well when it comes to community social responsibility and that has inspired me and agree to become the company ambassador so I urge you to support this initiative to make the city of Dar es Salaam clean," she said.

Director of Bingwa Laboratory, Emmanuel Mwambete, said the first phase of the campaign was launched by Dar es Salaam Mayor Omary Kumbilamoto in Kivukoni last year.

He said the second phase also targets food vendors, commuter buses drivers and their conductors, tricycle riders, and fish sellers who were also educated on the importance of cleanliness and received cleanliness facilities for free.

Jacqueline entered the Tanzanian film industry in 2007 whereby the veteran actress Lucy Komba discovered and convinced her to join the movie industry.

The actress has taken part in more than 30 films since her debut.

Jacqueline was working at her salon whereby Lucy was one of her regular clients.

She first appeared in the movie produced by Lucy Komba 'Ama Zako Ama Zangu' where she played a secretary.

She later appeared in 'Oprah' in one scene whereby Steven Kanumba and his boss, Mtitu Game, liked her and cast her in 'Family Tears' and 'Red Valentine'.

Her subsequent movies include 'Kipenzi Chang'u', 'Family Tears', 'Red Valentine', 'Suprise', 'Chaguo Langu', 'Candy', 'Taxi Driver' and many more.

Betting firm spends 226.5m/- to reward two winners

By Guardian Correspondent

GAMING company, M-Bet Tanzania, has spent 226,470,910/- to reward two successful winners for accurately predicting 12 league matches from various leagues in the world through the 'Perfect 12' game's betting platform.

The company has poured such a huge

amount of money following the 50m/- victory of a local football supporter, Geita's Peter Nangi, a Yanga enthusiast that as well roots for England's Chelsea.

Allen Mushi, M-Bet Tanzania Marketing Manager said that Nangi emerged victorious just a few days after Simba SC follower, Mtwara's Swalehe Enzi, that is also an Arsenal fan, won 176,470,910/- through the Perfect 12

betting platform.

Mushi said the winners have been already rewarded with their money and have changed their lives.

"We are proud to empower Tanzanians and to create more room of generating winners, we have launched a new campaign known as 'M-Bet Production' in which if you place a bet with our betting platforms you can win a mo-

torcycle and cash every week while at the end of the campaign the grand draw winner will receive Toyota IST," Mushi stated.

Nangi said that his victory stemmed from being careful in choosing a team when betting.

He said that he started betting six months ago and the victory has given him great comfort as he will increase his capital and focus

more on agriculture.

The winner pointed out: "The big secret to winning is to be very keen when you place your bet. You need to have full information of each team before you decide."

"The most important thing is to avoid loving teams and vote them for victory even though they are not a strong side," Nangi pointed out.

Manchester clubs face tricky derby as Leeds launch new era

LONDON

MANCHESTER United make the short trip to Premier League leaders Manchester City on Sunday buoyed by their recent record at the Etihad as Leeds begin a new era under Jesse Marsch.

Elsewhere, Liverpool will seek to make it seven league wins in seven against high-flying West Ham, one of only two sides to beat the Reds this season.

Arsenal could take advantage of visits to the top two for the Hammers and United by moving into fourth with games in hand to come when they travel to Watford.

AFP Sport takes a look at some of the key talking points ahead of the weekend action.

Can City end United Etihad jinx?

Even though they are now indisputably the top dogs in Manchester, City have had real problems beating United on their own turf in recent years.

The Premier League champions have won just one of their past seven home games in all competitions against United -- in sharp contrast to their impressive record at Old Trafford.

Both teams need the three points on Sunday, with leaders City seeking to keep Jurgen Klopp's charging Liverpool at arm's length and United's top-four hopes looking shaky.

The fourth-placed Reds are just two points ahead of West Ham and Arsenal as they seek to secure Champions League qualification for next season, while the Gunners have three games in hand.

City, who tend to dominate possession, have been caught out in recent years by United's pace on the break and Pep Guardiola will be wary of the threat posed by players such as Jadon Sancho and Marcus Rashford.

United have lost just one league game since interim manager Ralf Rangnick took charge in December but this is by far his toughest task yet.

Marsch makes Leeds bow

New Leeds boss Jesse Marsch has two huge tasks -- following in the footsteps of the hugely popular Marcelo Bielsa and tightening up a horrifically leaky defence.

Leeds have conceded an eye-watering 60 goals in the Premier League this season -- five more than any other team.

They are just two points and two places above the relegation zone after four straight defeats under the sacked Argentine.

Leeds, who travel to Leicester on Saturday, conceded 20 goals in February alone in the Premier League -- the most a side has ever shipped in a single month in the competition.

The American former RB Salzburg and RB Leipzig boss has expressed his "massive" admiration for Bielsa as he begins the task of saving the club from relegation.

"Everything that's been done has laid an incredible foundation and coming into this moment I just want to try to do everything I can to help take the club into the next phase of our history," he said.

Arsenal's top-four chance

Arsenal, for so long a fixture in the Champions League under Arsene Wenger, have a golden chance to return to Europe's top club competition after five seasons away.

AFP

Russia to appeal to sports court against World Cup ban

MOSCOW

THE Russian football federation (RFU) said on Thursday that it will appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) against its expulsion from the 2022 World Cup and all international competitions.

Russia was due to face Poland on March 24 in a World Cup play-off. But on February 28, FIFA and UEFA banned the country from all competitions in response to the invasion of Ukraine.

In a statement in Russian, the RFU said it planned to launch a single lawsuit against the global and European governing bodies to "demand the restoration of all men's and women's national teams of Russia for all types of football."

It added that it planned to seek "compensation for damage."

On Monday, FIFA and UEFA announced the expulsion of Russia from all international football.

"FIFA and UEFA have today decided together that all Russian teams, whether national representative teams or club teams, shall be suspended from participation in both FIFA and UEFA competitions until further notice," read a joint statement.

The RFU responded on Monday by denouncing the suspension as "discriminatory".

The RFU statement complained that they had been unfairly treated, saying it believed "FIFA and UEFA did not have a legal basis when deciding on the suspension of Russian teams. It violated the fundamental rights of the RFU as a member of FIFA and UEFA, including the right to take part in competitions."

"The Russian Football Union was also not granted the right to present its position, which violated the fundamental right to defence."

It said "FIFA and UEFA did not take into account other possible options".

AFP

State of Real Madrid: Assessing LaLiga leaders' form, manager and depth

By Alex Kirkland/ESPN FC

TAKE a look at Real Madrid's season so far, and by almost any metric, it looks like a success. They're top of LaLiga with 12 games left to play, six points clear of Sevilla and 15 ahead of the rivals they care about most, Barcelona and Atletico Madrid. They picked up the season's first silverware by winning the Spanish Supercopa, beating Barca and Athletic Club. And they reached the Champions League knockout stage, a minimum requirement given the club's storied history in the competition.

But it hasn't always been convincing. The team's meek 1-0 defeat to Paris Saint-Germain in their Champions League round-of-16 first leg set alarm bells ringing. Can the midfield that's been the team's bedrock since 2015 still dominate at the highest level? Is the team's failure to score a first-half goal in their past eight matches cause for concern? And is Carlo Ancelotti the right man to build a new side that can light up the re-developed Bernabeu stadium when it's completed late this year?

Ahead of next week's return leg against PSG, ESPN examines Real Madrid's team, squad and tactics this season, Ancelotti's impact so far, and the issues that need to be addressed this summer.

"The squad: Issues of depth and burnout loom

Real Madrid's starting XI and playing style have rarely been as consistent, or as predictable, as they have this season. In fact, the team's spine is a big reason they surged to the top of LaLiga.

Thibaut Courtois has made match-winning saves a habit, strengthening his case as the best goalkeeper in Spain. David Alaba slotted in well after his free transfer from Bayern Munich, becoming a vocal on-field leader, while Eder Militao has become a physically dominant, forward-thinking defender alongside him. Vinicius Junior has been the season's breakout star and Karim Benzema its MVP, with 32 goals and 15 assists between them. Even the much-derided Marco Asensio stepped up in recent weeks with decisive goals against Granada and Alaves.

The shape of the team has a familiar look to it, too. A 4-3-3 was the default under previous coach Zinedine Zidane, and Ancelotti has enshrined it as gospel. "This team has to play 4-3-3. There's no other way," he said with characteristic openness in October. "It's the system the players are comfortable with."

A front three with Benzema as the fulcrum makes sense for a squad packed with wingers -- Vinicius, Asensio, Rodrygo, even Gareth Bale and Eden Hazard -- but there is one knock-on issue: the risk that their aging midfield of Casemiro (30), Kroos (32) and Modric (36) gets overrun. "We don't have midfielders who can defend in an open pitch," Ancelotti said in November. "We have to drop off. It isn't always so aesthetically pleasing, but we're doing well."

Sitting deeper to preserve their midfielders saw Madrid go on a 15-game unbeaten run in the fall, and it helps that there are few ideological hang-ups about playing style at Real Madrid; unlike the more dogmatic Barcelona, whatever works is acceptable as long as results keep coming.

However, a busy new year brought problems. Janu-



Carlo Ancelotti

ary began with a first LaLiga loss in three months at Getafe and ended with Benzema getting injured. That sparked a mini crisis as a tired team struggled to score without its focal point. Madrid were knocked out of the Copa del Rey by Athletic Club and looked shockingly unambitious against PSG. The failure to register a single shot on target in Paris was met with anger at the club, sources told ESPN, with criticism for the team's defensive mindset. The dressing room consensus was that the narrow 1-0 defeat was the best thing about the night.

The subsequent response has been encouraging. Asensio, Vinicius and Benzema all scored in the very next game to help clear the air. The tactics have been tweaked, with Ancelotti considering "pushing up with a high press to avoid losing so much control when we don't have the ball." But the anxiety that greeted the upcoming suspensions of Casemiro and Ferland Mendy for the PSG second leg highlighted another issue: the lack of depth at key positions.

It's not that the squad is weak overall. The club have worked to identify young talent to anchor the next generation, but there is no direct replacement for Casemiro -- Kroos can play there but doesn't enjoy it, the all-action Fede Valverde is best pushing forward, and Eduardo Camavinga has faded after a bright start -- while the Mendy alternative is Marcelo, who is part of a generation of senior players including Isco and Bale who will not be missed when their contracts expire. Benzema's return came as a relief as there's little faith in backups Luka Jovic and Mariano Diaz, nor Bale as an injury-prone last resort up front.

"The manager: Is Ancelotti the right fit? Few coaches have been as popular at Real Madrid as Ancelotti. Admiration for his 27-year managerial career, including three Champions League wins, is matched by affection for his affable, avuncular persona. There is a feeling -- shared by the coach himself, but since forgiven -- that he was mistreated the last time he was in charge

at the Bernabeu, when he was sacked in 2015 a year after delivering the club's long-awaited 10th European Cup. When Zinedine Zidane walked away last summer, tired of feeling undermined and underappreciated, an unexpected opportunity emerged to make that right.

Ancelotti's appointment was a product of timing and circumstance. He was not the club's preferred candidate but was welcomed as a practical (if uninspiring) choice to guide the team this season. Managers don't tend to stick around long at the Bernabeu anyway -- Ancelotti joked on his return that "the only thing that changes at Real Madrid are the coaches" -- and as a quick fix, he made as much sense as anyone, even on a three-year contract.

The 62-year-old's management style is understated. His handling of players is intuitive; he maintains strong relationships even with those players he's effectively written off, thanks to decades of experience managing big clubs and even bigger egos. His dealings with the media are refreshing: He loves to discuss tactical nuance, while his news conferences are a master class in public relations, engaging with journalists on first-name terms. He is genuinely delighted to be back at this club in a city that he loves. None of the things that irked Zidane -- the backchannel briefings and intense scrutiny -- bother Ancelotti.

As a manager, he's a pragmatist, insisting that he has no defined playing philosophy. It shows this season in Madrid, as his approach has been

dictated by the group he inherited. At times though, his pragmatism can become conservatism, via formulaic team selection and cautious in-game management. The loudest dissent among fans has been sparked by Ancelotti's extreme reluctance to rotate the team or intervene with proactive substitutions.

Questions over his apparent refusal to rest Modric and other key players were so frequent over the winter that it became something of a running joke in the media, but nobody in Madrid was laughing when the team looked like running out of gas in early February, or when Benzema's injury threatened to derail the season. When fit, Benzema (34) has played 94% of the team's minutes. Elder statesman Modric has made 27 starts in all competitions, playing 85% of the minutes in those games.

The suspicion that the team was too often being bailed out by Courtois at one end, or Benzema and Vinicius at the other, was already lurking before the PSG defeat did more substantial damage to Ancelotti's standing. He has the chance to rectify that in the second leg on March 9; not doing so would strengthen the case for a managerial change this summer.

Ancelotti is a survivor, though, and his skill set at this late stage of his career makes him well suited to surviving the turbulence that is inherent in a job where anything less than winning the Champions League is viewed as, to some extent, a failure.

"The future: a tricky re-

build awaits, though they have money to spend

There are plenty of reasons to be optimistic about this Real Madrid team, not least the potential summer signing of Kylian Mbappe. His belated arrival would give the side the star power and guaranteed goal return that have been missing since Cristiano Ronaldo left.

Elsewhere, much of the work has already been done. With Courtois, the goalkeeping position is covered for five years or more. Alaba and Militao have done a better job than anyone expected of following Sergio Ramos and Raphael Varane. Vinicius has taken a quantum leap forward this season and Benzema is still the best all-round forward anywhere.

Academy talents could also contribute if given the chance. Left-back Miguel Gutierrez, midfielder Antonio Blanco and winger Peter Gonzalez all looked comfortable when given opportunities over the past year. There's excitement about 18-year-old creative midfielder Bruno Iglesias, while Take Kubo could yet return and make an impact after three years spent out on loan.

Smart management has ensured the club's financial position is robust to invest in the squad however they wish this summer. Madrid ended the 2020-21 post-pandemic financial year making a narrow €874,000 profit after tax -- compared to Barca's staggering €481 million loss -- and with a cash balance of €122 million. They were willing to agree a deal worth up to €200 million for PSG's Kylian Mbappe last summer, and could therefore make a

substantial investment this year to fill the remaining problem positions.

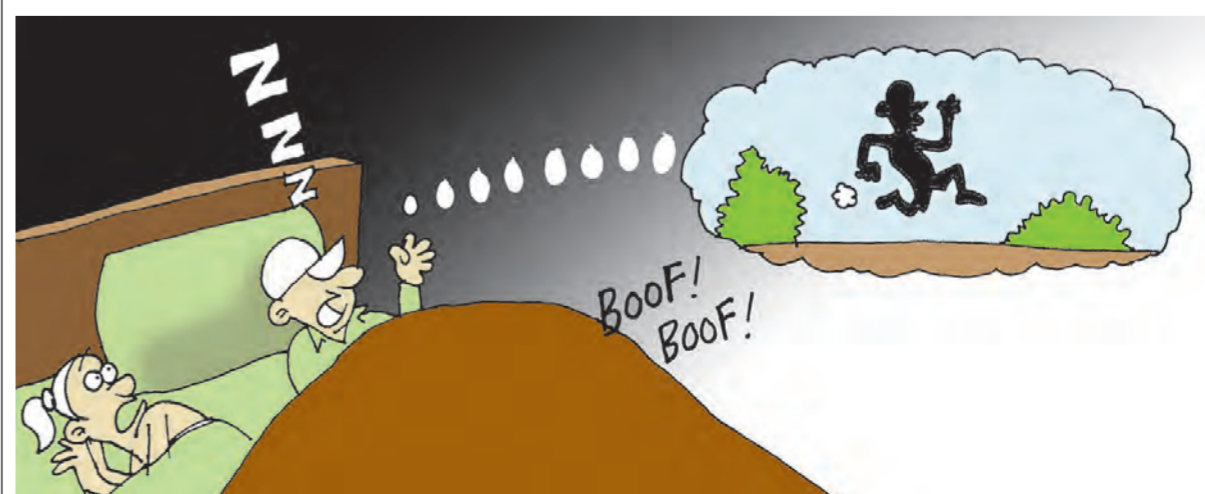
At right-back, Carvajal's injury record suggests he cannot be relied upon, and an out-of-position Lucas Vazquez is a willing but limited alternative. Ferland Mendy is a solid successor to Marcelo but lacks the freeform creativity of the Brazilian at his peak. The midfield is beyond reproach -- there are few better holding midfielders than Casemiro, few better passers than Kroos, and Modric at 36 is still Modric -- but managing the timing of the transition to whatever comes next will not be straightforward.

Madrid will look to follow last summer's recruitment of Camavinga with another midfield addition to smooth that process. Sources have told ESPN that Monaco's Aurelien Tchouameni is a candidate, with interest in Ajax's Ryan Gravenberch.

Tchouameni would finally offer a like-for-like replacement for Casemiro. There are arguments for other targets too, especially at right-back, but the club remains laser-focused on the priority of landing Mbappe, with even Erling Haaland behind him in the pecking order.

The outcome of the PSG tie will dictate the tone for the next few months. A likely league title would mark the season as a domestic success but departing the Champions League early would increase the clamour for the incorporation of a difference-making superstar like Mbappe, and the €800 million Bernabeu rebuild will also demand a glamorous, winning team to fill it.

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Poor results pile pressure on coach Malale Hamsini's job at Polisi Tanzania



Malale Hamsini

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SATURDAY'S NBC Premier League match between Polisi Tanzania and Azam FC at the Azam Complex in Dar es Salaam is likely to offer the fate of the former's head coach, Malale Hamsini, due to the team's poor run of results.

Kilimanjaro-based Polisi Tanzania is without a victory in the last eight games with the team collecting 19 points after 16 games.

The team's poor results have made all of the club's leaders

meet on Sunday as their side descends on the pitch to seek maximum points a day before.

One of the team's leaders, who chose to be anonymous, revealed: "There will

be a meeting of all leaders on Sunday and the game of the day can give the future of the coach to be discussed if we lose, but if we win I think that will not be our agenda."

"One of our goals this season is to finish in the top five but the current results make us wonder twice what the problem is," the source pointed out.

Polisi Tanzania is among the teams that had a flying start in the league this season and half-way through the season, it has all turned around into negative odds.

However, Hamsini said he has worked on the mistakes he saw in the previous game and is looking forward to the clash against Azam FC while

Hamsini stressed the bad results they are getting now are just bad luck, given their team is strong.

"Despite the poor results within the team we still have a chance to achieve the goal we set for ourselves from the start of the season by making sure we finish in the top five as we now win two games in a row and move up to the third place," he said.

"The league is very tough. Only two teams have collected a lot of points and secured top positions but if you look from third place down to the bottom no one is sure to lift the honour, given there is little difference in points."

The last time Polisi Tanzania won the league was on December 4, last year when they beat Tanzania Prisons 1-0 in a match played at the Ushirika Stadium, Moshi.

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Nabi receives massive boost ahead of Yanga's 2021/22 PL match against Geita Gold FC

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

THIS season's NBC Premier League leader, Yanga, has found itself in a good position due to the return of key players towards Sunday's top-flight match against Geita Gold FC at the CCM Kirumba Stadium in Mwanza.

With the Premier League historical champions collecting a total of 42 points in their 16 matches this season, being the only team not to have lost a match so far, had coach Nasreddine Nabi decided to unveil a few technical issues including the battle for playing time in the starting eleven.

The Tunisian gaffer said central defender, Dickson Job, who was suspended for three matches, returns to work with no injuries, midfielder Feisal Salum 'Fei Toto' is back at work following missing the previous game with three yellow cards, and winger Chico Ushindi returns after wound healing.

Nabi said when the players return they meet others who were playing whilst showcasing great quality for their squad to stand firm in previous matches. "There are players, who have great quality, that came back... we can have them in the next match but the problem is they come to meet their teammates who have been doing well in this period," Nabi pointed out.

"This competition for the position is what will give us a chance to be the best as everyone will fight for a place to play no one is sure of the opportunity that you have to play, we will look at what is best for us and who is right."

The tactician cited Farid Mussa as an example saying he has shown great quality since he was assigned to play as a left-back where the injured defenders have to line up as it will not be easy to decide to remove Farid.

He said central strikers are now battling for regular playing time.

Congolese attacker Heritier Makambo also returns the edge to come against their top scorer so far Fiston Mayele.

The tactician noted: "At the moment we are missing Bryson (David) and Yassin (Mustapha) who are injured, we have been using Farid who has done a very good job."

"We are also improving Makambo (Heritier) and I think you have seen how recently we have been working with him in practice to get back on track, if Makambo manages to get back to his best there will be a good reckoning for his use of him and Mayele."

Yanga missed nine players in the previous game in a 3-0 win over Kagera Sugar. Out of them, seven sustained injuries.

The footballers are defenders Abdallah Shaibu, Kibwana Shomari, Bryson, forwards Crispin Ngushi, Yacouba Songne, and wingers Ushindi and Jesus Moloko.

Annadil Burhani Club sails through to DC T10 Saifee Cup tournament's last four

By Guardian Reporter



Annadil Burhani Head of Cricket Section, Kutbuddin Dossaji (L), hands over Man of the Match prize to the squad's cricketer, Mufaddal Seifuddin, once it locked horns with Sandy's Super Strikers in 2022 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Saifee T10 Cup showpiece's last-eight tie played recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF DAR ES SALAAM CRICKET

ANNADIL Burhani Club cricketers have boosted hopes of lifting the 2022 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Saifee T10 Cup tournament's title, making it to the semi-finals thanks to a 66-run victory over Sandy's Super Strikers early this week.

A man of the match display by experienced cricketer, Mufaddal Seifuddin, was instrumental in the tournament hosts' success in the clash, with the player proving to be a hard nut to crack at the crease.

Annadil Burhani Club got a chance to take the crease first in the fixture, making the most of the opportunity given notched 114 runs in 10 over, three batsmen got dismissal.

Mustafa Lukmanji forged an impressive stand with opener Mufaddal to wade off a rather less impressive moment the fellow opening batsman Abbas Adamji had endured.

Adamji had a brief spell, managing five knocks as Sandy's Super Strikers made their plan to keep Annadil Burhani Club under pressure known.

Skipper Lukmanji notched 24 runs clearing the boundary on four occasions and Mufaddal was more impressive as the cricketer notched 46 runs which included three boundaries and two sixes.

There was as well meaningful contribution put by Adnan Zariwala that had an unbeaten partnership with Abdulkadir Dossajee.

Zariwala's solid knocks earned the experienced player unbeaten 32 runs which included a boundary and two sixes.

Needing 115 runs from 10 overs to emerge victoriously, Sandy's Super Strikers lost steam in the chase, notching 48/9 in the 10 overs.

Tai-ender Vamsi Krishna Yamani

and opener Anand Monani were the cricketers that to great extent made their presence felt with encouraging knocks.

Yamani notched 10 runs, as was the case for Monani. Fellow cricketers could not withstand opponents' onslaught, heading to the pavilion in quick succession.

Nanda Kumar placed at number three was one run short of a two-digit figure.

Caravans B, Patel Brotherhood A, and Estim A are other squads that have secured progression to the semi-finals after notching a win in their knockout stage assignments.

The quarterfinalists include clubs that took first two places in every group during league duels and third-place finishers that ended with good results.

Aga Khan Sports Club, Annadil Burhani Club, K&P Constructions, Gymkhana B, and Aruti Aces B were in Group A.

Dar Cricket Club (DCC), Annadil Seifee, Estim A, Dar Black Panthers, and GP Pak Stars constituted Group B.

Group C teams are Union Sports Club, Sandy's Super Strikers, Patel Brotherhood A, Caravans B, and Lions Cricket Club.

The showdown's sponsors include the main sponsor Huzeifa Tools & Hardware, Annadil Burhani Club, Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA), Dar es Salaam Cricket, Health, Mohammedi Builders, Multi Cable Ltd, The Furniture Company, and Dar Ropes.

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