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We need to see major improvements in the health sector with health insurance that covers all basic health services

By Correspondent Aisia Rweyemamu, Dodoma

VARIOUS faith-based players have applauded the endorsement of the eagerly awaited Universal Health Coverage (UHC) bill, while urging for high levels of discipline in UHC fund contributions.

In separate interviews, clerics of various denominations expressed satisfaction with the government for having listened to and worked on various issues raised by health stakeholders including faith actors.

This finally made it possible to draw up and approve a statute under which every Tanzanian can access quality health services, they said, in the wake of the National Assembly mid last week approving the UHC bill.

It is aimed at providing health insurance to all Tanzanians by rolling out a financing plan having provisions for financing health care for poor families unable to contribute to the fund.

Bishop Nelson Kisare, of the Menonite Church, heading the Interfaith Standing Committee on Economic Justice and Integrity of Creation (ISCEJIC) said over the weekend that UHC is like a newborn baby. "So it is our responsibility to nurture it for it to perform well as intended," he asserted.

The committee expects UHC to improve health services and facilities with people accessing healthcare on time without any obstacle, cutting out the number of people who go outside the country for treatment, he stated.

"When we get into implementation more seriousness is needed than before," he remarked, cautioning that the public doesn't want to hear of corruption and all manners of misusing UHC funds.

"We don't need the UHC fund to stand as a tool for collecting money without an impact on the people," he declared, adding that in implementing UHC there will be various challenges. "They should not set us back, instead we should move

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ROAD UNDER WATER: Msangazi River flooded yesterday following three straight days of pounding rains in most of Tanzania's coastal zone, rendering a section of the strategic road between Muheza town and Amani division in Tanga Region closed to vehicular traffic. Photo: Correspondent Steven William

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TGNP unveils 2023 Gender Festival

By Guardian Reporter

OVER 2,000 local and international stakeholders are expected to convene in Dar es Salaam this week for the 15th Gender Festival aimed at strengthening efforts in addressing gender-based violence (GBV) in the community.

Lilian Liundi, TGNP executive director told journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the event is organised by the Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP). The event, set for November 7 to

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SADC states seek ways to stop M23

By Guardian Correspondent

HEADS of State from the Southern African Development Community (SADC) have expressed concern about the security situation in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), saying the M23 attacks are a "clear violation of the terms of ceasefire."

In a statement issued yesterday, the southern African leaders attending the just-ended summit

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expressed worries about the deteriorating security and humanitarian situation in the area.

They were particularly concerned with the M23 resuming attacks and occupying new territo-

ries, a view shared by the 12 SADC states at the summit in Luanda. The presidents of Angola, DRC, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe attended the summit, which reiterated the need for SADC to lead efforts in mobilizing resources to promote peace and security in the region.

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Moro to load 75pc of sugar late 2024

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

REGIONAL administrators in Morogoro are doing the most they can to ensure that the region contributes 75 percent of sugar produced in the country by the end of next year.

Regional commissioner Adam

Malima told the media here at the weekend that major improvements on sugar factories are being carried by investors aided by the government, with various strides and achievements registered.

The sixth phase government under President Samia Suluhu Hassan was committed to ensuring a conducive environment for

investors and traders to operate smoothly, he stated.

They would also be contributing to growing the country's economy, and that's why the region was receiving potential investors, where starting and expanding sugar production features highly, he said.

Morogoro Region is number one in sugar production, with more

than 450,000 tonnes produced in various factories in the region, he stated, noting that three new sugar factories are under construction at Mtibwa, Kilombero and Mkulazi.

Upon completion, they will greatly help boost production of the sweetener, with

Mtibwa Sugar factory having invested upwards of 100bn/-, while

Mkulazi Sugar factory will produce 50,000 tonnes per year. Kilombero Sugar factory is set to add 200,000 tonnes to the market, he elaborated.

The RC said that Morogoro is a strategic region for various farm produce, also leading in rice production, while Mubhara Matinyi,

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forward by resolving them because universal health care is vital to all human beings and for the country's development."

Fr. Dr. Charles Kitima, the Tanzania Episcopal Conference (TEC) secretary general, hailed the government for having brought the law to be passed, underlining that the church is now waiting for the policy to be rolled out for implementation.

Among many things the church was seeking for is to see that even the poor benefit as well, with all people being assured of quality health services regardless of their economic status, he elaborated.

"Without health insurance all the group of poor people was excluded in health services," he emphasized, underlining that the insurance law is good if it will properly administered. It will bring a big result in a short time, therefore what is required is to respect the law and let it to do its intended job, he specified.

Bishop Dr Stephen Munga of the north eastern diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT) was relieved that the bill has finally passed.

"For long time we were talking with the government advocating for health security for all especially the poor, it was not easy but finally it became possible," he stated. "We need to see ma-

ior improvements in the health sector with health insurance that covers all basic health services," he said, highlighting that this will require a high level of integrity among health care staff and fund administrators.

Fr. Florence Rutahiwa, the TEC director of pastoral care, expressed gratitude to the government for having the bill passed, affirming that with UHC all Tanzanians will go hospital for proper medical treatment.

This will lead to stop the habit of going to pharmacies and get medicine without prescription due to fearing hospital expenses, he said.

Religious hospitals are ready to provide appropriate health services to all patients who will be bearing health insurance cover, he said in assurance.

In 2018, Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) supported Faith Based Organizations (FBO) partners to conduct research on how to make it possible for tax commitments to move Tanzania towards universal health coverage.

Over the years the recommendation has been carried forward by faith partners to various authorities and decision makers, bringing the development partner to express unqualified approval of the government's policy shift to make it possible that all Tanzanians are able to access health services.



CCM Vice Chairman (Mainland) Abdulrahman Kinana (in cap) and Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi pictured in Zanzibar on Saturday during celebrations to mark the third anniversary of Dr Mwinyi's presidency. Photo: Correspondent Maulid Mmbaga

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Fund, with the participation of international cooperation partners, the statement underlined. The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs says escalation of violent

conflicts since Oct. 1 raises concerns about a fresh deterioration in the humanitarian situation, with approximately 51,000 people forced to flee their homes in the past month alone. In August, Angola assumed the rotating presidency of SADC for the 2023-

2024 term, with President Samia Suluhu Hassan attending the extraordinary meeting that extensively discussed how to consolidate peace and security in eastern DRC. Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister January Makamba accompanied

the president along with various senior government officials.

The meeting was convened to discuss efforts of SADC in strengthening peace, defence and security in the eastern DRC following intensification of the fighting carried out by armed groups in South Kivu,

North Kivu and Ituri provinces.

The meeting was expected to emphasise the importance of political will among the member states in contributing troops and military equipment for the SADC Peacekeeping Mission in the DRC (SAMIDRC).



Students of Dar es Salaam's Zanaki Secondary School and members of Hasiku Women's Association in an International Accounting Day (November 10) charity walk held in the city at the weekend, primarily with a view to raising funds for the purchase and supply of books to various schools. Photo: Correspondent Imani Nathaniel

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chief government spokesman, commended Morogoro regional authorities for strides to realise goals set by the government in agriculture and industrial production sectors.

The region was properly utilising opportunities in agriculture and investments by promoting production and attracting investments in the agro-sector value chain.

The construction of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR), which Morogoro is one of the first beneficiaries, will greatly stimulate production in farms and factories, he added.

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19, will provide ample room for sharing the milestones achieved in the 30 years of TGNP and reflect on the transformative impact of the feminist movement, she stated.

Examining milestones to bring changes in the society, participants will get ample time to discuss issues relating to gender and development, digging deep on root cause of violence and how to address them, she said.

Under the theme, 'Celebrating 30 Years of TGNP and Transformative Feminist Movement,' the festival is a platform for likeminded individuals and organisations to come together to share experiences and

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knowledge, celebrate achievements and assess the challenges ahead, she elaborated.

They will seek to strengthen networking and coalition-building, build capacity, contribute to public debate and plan collectively for social change from a feminist perspective, she further noted

TGNP was established to carry out the goal of building a joint force, a movement for achieving gender equality and women's empowerment in the country, the director

affirmed.

"While the journey has had lots of hurdles, challenges as well as gains, we purposefully decided to dedicate a few days for reflection and celebrations as we chart out new strategies.

"Gender festivals have been providing an open and safe space for women rights activists to share, reflect and chart out strategies for new collective actions," she emphasised. The festival introduces existing economic

levers that support women's struggles and liberation activists who fight for fair and equitable distribution of resources, she stated.

These include water, social service budgets, natural resources such as land, forests and leadership positions and access to justice for all people, she specified.

"Discussions in festivals enable us to realize that which kind of changes can be successful in putting people rights at the forefront," she said, pointing out that women

believe in these goals.

"They will all together be at the forefront of implementation of objectives that give women alternatives to challenges with ideas to bring equality," she said.

The festival will also feature exhibitions with space for partners and friends of TGNP to showcase their goods and provide a learning environment for participants, she added.

RC Serukamba: Tanzania to become Africa's food warehouse in few years

By Guardian Correspondent, Singida

TANZANIA is set to become a food warehouse in the African continent due to the strategy set to start producing one million tonnes of fertiliser to increase the production of food and cash crops.

Launching the Fomi fertiliser warehouse produced by Intracom Fertilizers Limited, Singida Regional Commissioner, Peter Serukamba said yesterday that the fertiliser will be produced in five factories built by the company in Dodoma region.

He stated that the amount of fertiliser that will be produced by the company will be used in the country and the rest will be sold in the neighboring countries and make Tanzania a food warehouse in Africa.

"Increasing crop production, eliminating poverty and making Tanzania a food warehouse for Africa is the vision of President Samia Suluhu Hassan, these industries will be a savior for more than 3,000 Tanzanians by getting jobs," he said.

On the Fomi fertiliser, RC Se-

rukamba described it as the redeemer to many farmers as it contains all the nutrients necessary for the good growth of a crop.

"It is a mixture of mineral fertiliser and organic manure. It doesn't destroy the soil. That's why I'm saying, Tanzania will feed the African continent."

The RC asked the farmers in this year's farming season to increase the production of food crops by expanding the fields.

Regarding sunflower production, he said the Singida Region has reached 50 percent and the goal is to reach more than 70 percent to be able to feed the entire country.

"They say Singida is third in terms of poverty. But once we start irrigation, this will remain a story of the past as production will double the current one," he stressed.

Serukamba said Singida has 92 projects suitable for irrigation agriculture with fields of 160,820 hectares which is more than 400,000 acres.

He said Singida is the second region in the country to have

a large agricultural irrigation project being built for 32bn/- in Mkalama District.

Dr. Keneth Masuki, Intracom Fertilizers Ltd, business development and marketing manager said their plan was to build three factories so that each one could produce 200,000 tonnes per year, but due to the high demand for fertiliser in the country, the Tanzanian government requested to build five to produce 1,000,000 tonnes per year.

"According to the Tanzania Fertilizer Regulator (TFRA) in Tanzania we use between 600,000 and 700,000 tonnes per year, so when these factories are completed they will produce one million tons, they will feed the whole of Tanzania and have a surplus of fertilizer that will be sold in the foreign market," he said.

Masuki said that in order to ensure that fertilizer reaches the farmers on time before the start of the farming season, the company has opened storage warehouses in the regions of Mbeya, Njombe and Singida.



Gilbert Kasaba (R), a mountain guide with ZARA Tanzania Adventures Tourism Company, poses for a photo on Saturday with tourists from the US-based Tour Compass Institute at Mount Kilimanjaro's summit - Uhuru Peak (5,895 meters above sea level). Photo: Correspondent James Lanka

Habari Node rolls out ultra-high-speed broadband in Manyara

By Guardian Correspondent, Manyara

THE Arusha based Internet service provider, Habari Node Ltd, has rolled out ultra-high-speed broadband services in Manyara rural district as it seeks to leapfrog economic sectors to grow by leaps and bounds.

Kabaza Runyeta, Habari Node general manager told a press conference here over the weekend that the company invested heavily in infrastructure deployment in Babati ur-

ban and Magugu remote areas in its latest efforts to roll out ultra-high-speed broadband services to the internet-hungry communities.

She said that the company is behind the cutting-edge Internet penetration into the deep northern tourism circuit, in mid 2022 announced to invest 1.5bn/- in fiber-optic and wireless infrastructure deployment over the next three years in various regions, in its painstaking efforts to offer its customers low-cost, but seamless Internet service.

"We are excited to announce the completion of the network expansion project that brings seamless ultra-high-speed broadband services to homes and businesses in Babati urban and Magugu remote area of Manyara region," she noted.

The manager also implored the business communities such as tourism players, online entrepreneurs, education and health providers, modern farmers as well and government institutions to embrace the Internet services at their doorways to leapfrog econom-

ic sectors to grow by leaps and bounds.

Runyeta said that their strategic decision to expand its footprint to Manyara was informed by their long-term plan of increasing their penetration of rural communities that are currently located significant distances from the major cities.

"I can assure you we are seeing a paradigm shift. Rural areas are increasingly hungry for robust broadband for several reasons, including taking advantage of innovations in on-

line business, digital farming, education, and tourism business that require a high-speed broadband Internet," Runyeta explained.

The Habari Node company has a strong presence in key commercial regions of Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Mwanza, Dar Es Salaam, and Dodoma, where the influence of the Internet in business is well-established and software development.

In northern Tanzania, for instance, Habari Node provides Internet services not only to entrepreneurs within and

outside the central business districts but also to national parks such as Arusha, Tarangire, Manyara, Serengeti, and Ngorongoro conservation areas.

"The firm also provides other Internet-related services including domain registration, web hosting services, systems integration, and IT consultancy as value-added services, and software development, commercial off-the-shelf software," Runyeta explained.

The company has also successfully managed to de-

velop two ambitious software products to offer solutions for payroll and human resource management. "PayTan is a streamlined software for processing salary and easing compliance with statutory remittances, among other key available human resource management features," Ms. Runyeta noted.

Habari Node also pays back to the community through its human-face corporate social responsibility and that is what makes the company so unique, among its peers.



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RTI is looking for a candidate to fill the youth and gender specialist position under USAID/Tuhifadhi Maliasili Activity. The positions will be based in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania with travels required to the project areas.

Purpose of the position:
The youth and gender specialist will provide technical direction, oversight, and leadership to create and maximize opportunities to engage youth and gender equity through direct project activities. Will support and lead the development and maintenance of a Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GEWE) and social inclusion action plan to recognize the structural disparities and social norms that limit vulnerable populations participation.

Essential Responsibilities:


- Provide technical leadership, oversight, and integration of youth and gender approaches across program activities.
- Use youth and gender analysis to purposefully engage youth, women, and marginalized groups in all activities and result areas.
- Develop and lead the implementation of the project's GEWE and social inclusion action plan as well as the youth engagement strategy, including the adaptation and development of tools and approaches to support both the action plan and strategy.
- Work with senior project management and project staff to raise awareness on issues related to youth and gender, and to expand gender content of the project.
- Identify target groups through social assessments, ensure participatory approaches are used and social mapping is conducted and that the involved stakeholders understand the importance of such assessments.
- Engage CSOs and local and national youth networks to integrate women and youth in corridor forums and in LUP design and implementation.
- Train project staff to build their understanding of gender and youth issues. Facilitate youth and gender training and develop and/or adapt training content.
- Support the integration of youth and gender activities within the work plan; Youth and gender specific tools in work planning to promote gender balance in the project implementation.
- Support development of youth and gender sensitive behavior change communication activities and messages. Write blogs, articles and success stories related to the youth and gender work being done.
- Work closely with M&E team to ensure that youth and gender considerations are reflected in M&E plan, frameworks, and reports to assess whether the youth and gender objectives are being met. Support the tracking and maintenance of any youth and gender performance indicators.
- Support the project partners in mainstreaming youth and gender in their policies, management systems and programs and provide training and education in implementing the policies.

Minimum required Education, Experience, Skills & Abilities:


- Bachelor's Degree and 5 years of experience, Master's degree and 3 years of experience or PhD and 0 years of experience, or equivalent combination of education in social science and experience.
- Prior experience designing and implementing gender plans for projects.
- USAID or other donor-funded experience preferred.
- Prior experience working in the integration of gender and youth considerations in conversation and natural resource management projects preferred.

How to apply
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PLACE AND SECURITY TO BE AUCTIONED	TITLE DEED OF THE PROPERTY	DATE AND TIME OF AUCTION
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2. The successful bidder shall be required to deposit Twenty Five Percent (25%) of the auction sale price on the auction day and seventy five percent (75%) of the auction sale price within Fourteen (14) days from the date of the auction.
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Mwanza regional commissioner Amos Makalla (R) moves to assist a resident of Chabula ward in Magu District at the weekend in carrying a bucket of water during the inauguration of the 1.7bn/- Bugando-Chabula water project expected to serve more than 12,500 residents of four villages in two wards. Photo: Correspondent Vitus Audax

President Mwinyi to inaugurate Institute of Technology-Madras

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi is today expected to launch the Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IIT-Madras) campus at Bweleo area in the outskirts of Unguja.

Addressing reporters yesterday here, Education and Vocational Training Minister, Lela Muhamed Mussa said IIT-Madras is the first quality varsity in the area of ICT courses.

She said that Zanzibar has signed agreement with the Indian government for the establishment of the IIT-Madras campus in Zanzibar's offshore.

She said under the agreement, ownership of the college belongs to the government of Zanzibar but the education curriculum to be used will come from India along with 20 Indian professors who be deployed to teach students.

"Already total of 46 students taking degree courses have started to study a data science and artificial intelligence courses something which will help the institute to produce enough experts to support deep utilisation of the technological changes," she said. Minister Lela said the government has allocated a big area in Fumba area where Dr Mwinyi will lay a foundation stone for the construction of IIT campus.

She said the construction of the institute was also a big opportunity to spur development of the tourism sector.

"Tuition fee at the college ranges between Usd16,000 for first degree course and Usd 8000 for masters course where all the 17 Zanzibar's students will be sponsored by the government," she added. The minister said that IIT Zanzibar will play in transforming the technical capacity building landscape not only in Tanzania but also throughout Africa.

She noted that the offshore campus will provide a platform for knowledge exchange, fostering innovation, and nurturing the next generation of technical experts. The campus is expected to offer cutting-edge programs, attracting talented students from Tanzania and neighbouring African countries.

The establishment of IIT Zanzibar signifies a milestone in the bilateral relations between India and Tanzania and reflects their shared vision for a future characterized by knowledge sharing, technological advancement, and mutual progress.

'Tourists are willing to pay for ban on trophy hunting to protect wildlife in SA'

By Karen Lapizco

A JOINT team of UK and South African researchers carried out a survey on public opinion toward trophy hunting. The survey involved 1,000 people from countries that most frequently visit South Africa, both from within the African continent and overseas.

It indicated universally strong opposition to the killing of South Africa's lions for sport and revealed a desire to finance the protection of the nation's iconic wildlife through paying a 'lion protection fee.'

The key findings of the research revealed that 84.2% of those surveyed stated that being asked to pay an inbound tourist 'lion protection fee' was a 'good' or 'great' idea. The highest support was from overseas with the UK, U.S., and many European Countries in favor at 92.3%. Those who live in Mozambique were in favor at 88.9%.

Daily fees could be set at around \$3 USD for southern African tourists and \$7 USD for overseas tourists without deterring a significant proportion of people. Alternatively, payments could be made in the form of one-off departure taxes of \$6 to all foreign visitors leaving by

land or sea and \$33 to air passengers.

Both scenarios would generate funds at least equalling, but potentially exceeding, those currently generated by trophy hunting of all species in South Africa. It is estimated that \$176.1 million USD is brought into the country from this cruel so-called "sport."

These findings are potentially a game changer when it comes to protecting lions in South Africa, proving that there is a wildlife friendly alternative to trophy hunting, which tourists are prepared to fund. They add weight to a previous survey conducted in 2022,

which showed that public opinion is in favor of banning trophy hunting, with 84% of 10,090 people, including international tourists to South Africa, agreeing that the South African government should prioritize wildlife-friendly tourism over trophy hunting.

This comes as South Africa, and countries like the UK, continue to debate the legal status and future role of this cruel and controversial practice.

The study has key relevance to the ongoing public consultation on a "Draft Policy Position" relating to the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Elephant, Lion,

Leopard, and Rhinoceros, which was recently shared by The Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment (DFPE) in South Africa.

This new finding has been shared with the South African Government with the aim to highlight the urgent need for them to prioritize and promote wildlife friendly activities. This initiative would ensure a more sustainable and ethical future for South Africa's wildlife and its people.

"Growing public opposition to trophy hunting is completely understandable. For most people, the killing of African wildlife for 'sport'

or to 'save' them is morally abhorrent," said contributing researcher Dr. Neil D'Cruze from World Animal Protection. "Our study removes a huge and important question mark over whether and how funds generated by this controversial industry could be replaced."

"International travelers both in and outside of Africa say they are willing to pay out of their own pockets to protect wildlife and livelihoods. This information has the potential to be a game changer in terms of gridlocked policy debates on this issue both in South Africa and beyond," concluded Dr. Neil D'Cruze.

Select courses of your dreams, GEL advises Form Six leavers

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

GLOBAL Education Link (GEL) has advised Form Six leavers to select the courses of their dreams instead of listening to pressure from other people.

Gelard Yacoba, GEL head of training unit made the advice in Dar es Salaam over the weekend when speaking to students of Ilala Islamic Secondary School about the best way to select courses and best universities abroad.

He said that there are many colleges abroad that offer courses like those available in the country and at a very low costs like those charged by local universities.

"There has been a habit of some people to tell you what to study, this is not appropriate because you are an adult, you have your dreams, so follow your dreams, not someone else's dreams," he said. He said it is common for students to miss the course they want in local universities due to high competition and the high number of students, but abroad there are many colleges and student get a wide scope to choose the course he wants to study.

"There are many benefits to study abroad if you have missed a place at local colleges and the costs are the same as what you would pay here in the country,"

he said.

In addition, Gerald said that for parents who are unable to pay for their child at that time, they can take a loan and pay for their child and then pay it back in installment without interest.

"Global Education Link has an agreement with Amana bank to facilitate loans to parents who are unable to pay their children's fees and they return it by installment without interest," he said.

He said that students who miss courses of his dream at local colleges should not worry as GEL will connect them with universities abroad and they will get the courses of their choice.

"Abroad there are enough opportunities to study any kind of course you want, for example there is a country where you find it has 4,000 universities so how do you miss the course of your choice? Therefore, you can choose the course you want because the course you want are available in many universities abroad," he said.

He also said another advantage to study abroad is academic flexibility because a student can study the first and second year in one country and finish college in another country.



A section of Makuti Road in Temeke municipality, Dar es Salaam, under stagnant rainwater yesterday and therefore all but closed to vehicular traffic. This followed three consecutive days of heavy rains in the city. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

IAA launches committee to improve education

INSTITUTE of Accountancy Arusha (IAA) has launched a special committee with a core role to advise the college on how to improve education as well as the implementation of projects to go in line with the needs of the community.

Dr Mwamini Tulli, chairperson of the IAA governing board said that the advisory committee has been formed as part of the implementa-

tion of the Higher Education for Economic Revolution (HEET) project.

Dr Mwamini commended the sixth-term government under President Samia Suluhu Hassan and the World Bank (WB) for establishing the HEET project which has benefited various educational institutions IAA if one of them.

He said one of the committee's responsibilities is to ad-

vice the college on curricula, to enable students to conduct practical training, to make recommendations for students who will empower students professionally, as well as to be ambassadors for the IAA and a communication bridge for the community.

"As the Governing Council IAA, we will ensure that they are fully cooperating with the members of the commit-

tee in the implementation of their duties, to achieve objectives such as the university and fulfil the demands of the project and the ministry as a whole," she said.

Prof. Eliamani Sedoyeka commended the government for providing them with funds totalling 45bn/- through the HEET project which will help them provide quality education and prepare professional youth

who will meet the needs of the labour market.

Prof. Sedoyeka added that the funds raised through the project have been focused on improving the infrastructure of the College, strengthening the use of technology in teaching, addressing gender issues and inclusive education, as well as many more that will enable them to continue to provide quality education.

He said that HEET project commenced implementation at the College in 2021 and is expected to be completed in 2026 and has been designed to revitalize and expand the capacity of universities to contribute to key areas for innovation, economic development, and labor market relevance, by investing in requisite infrastructure for modern and effective teaching and re-

search, and by training to the highest standard the teachers, researchers and administrators needed by universities to achieve to their full potential.

He said the launched advisory Committee will work closely guiding the institute in strategic investment including research, projects and capacity building to improve operations and provision of quality education while addressing challenges facing the society.

Dar, Coast residents assured of constant water availability

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

RESIDENTS of Dar es Salaam and Coast regions have been assured of the steady availability of water service due to the heavy rains that continue in various parts of the country.

Coast Region Commissioner, Abubakar Kunenge made the assurance over the weekend during his visit to the Upper Ruvu water plants to inspect the condition of the Ruvu River and the production of water in the plants due to the ongoing rains.

"As you can see the situation is satisfactory, I would like to congratulate all the executives of Wami Ruvu Basin Water Board and Dar es Salaam Water and Sewerage Authority (DAWASA) for their good cooperation with the offices of the Coast, Dar es Salaam and Morogoro regions for ensuring that the challenge that occurred last year of water shortage is not repeated," he said.

"On behalf of my fellow regional commissioners, let me assure you that we are managing well and efforts are going on to ensure that our sources continue to be protected for the benefit of the whole country," he said.

Kilosa District Commissioner, Shaka Hamidu Shaka expressed his satisfaction with Ruvu River water condition, cautioning people living around valleys to leave early as the El-Ninorains may cause flooding.

"We have seen the reality and the experts have told us that the water level has increased by 69 percent, this is huge and encouraging trend, so we should continue to encourage the protection of the environment so that we do not allow drought," said Shaka

Eng Shabani Mkwanywe, DAWASA director of water production and distribution urged people to report to the authorities in case of damage to the infrastructure during the current rainy season.



Shabani Mkwanywe (3rd-L, gesturing), Director of Water Production and Distribution with the Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (Dawasa), explains to Coast regional commissioner Abubakar Kunenge (2nd-L) at the weekend on water availability and pumping at the Ruvu Chini plant. Photo Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

NEMC 'freezes' operations at Alluvial Goldmine in Chunya

By Guardian Correspondent, Chunya

THE National Environment Management Council (NEMC) has halted gold mining operations at the Alluvial Goldmine in Ifumbo ward of Chunya District, Mbeya Region, for violating environmental laws.

According to NEMC, the mine was conducting extraction activities in Zira River something which is against the law and poses great health risk to people, animals and the environment.

Speaking when the council along with officials from Rukwa basin water board and Chunya security and safety committee conducted an impromptu visit at the area, Dr Samwel Gwamaka, NEMC's director general said the investor who is G & I Tech Trading Company LTD has gone against laws and that he should face stern measures.

Dr Gwamaka said earlier, the investor applied a permit to clean the river which he was granted along with conditions but he has gone against rules by conducting mining activities instead of the that which it was allowed to do.

He said a team of experts found that the investor wasn't cleaning the river but polluting it through extraction operations in the river which flows its water into Rukwa River thus posing threat to the consumers and other species.

"So, the first measure that we have taken is to close extraction operations and direct the investor to remove all the sand heaps which have placed along the river before the rain falls in order to prevent the heaps from spread out," he said.

The DG wanted miners in Chunya and all others areas across the country to observe set rules and regulations by ensuring that they

have on their hands, Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) permits before engaging in extraction.

Nasra Daffa, an hydroglist from Rukwa Basin Water Board said the currently the depth of Lake Rukwa has started to decrease due to being filled with mud caused by mining operations which are executed without considering protecting the environment

He said there are some dishonest investors who have been running mining operations in risky and restricted areas including rivers thus posing huge threat to human health and the environment.

He said the Rukwa Basin Water Board has been dealing with environmental damage conducted in rivers which among its measures include y providing education to citizens, especially miners who have been causing more problems.

"We are appealing for support from a stakeholders in the area of environmental protection and conservation, we need to work together to bad actions implemented by some dishonest people in our protected areas," he said.

Chunya District Commissioner, Mayeka Simon said the government is attracting investors to invest in various areas of extraction but they should adhere to the set laws.

"The extent where the river has been damaged, it is possible for the eater to shift way, move to other direction and attack people's settlement thus causing disasters," he said.

Chunya is a leading District in Gold production in Mbeya Region but many of its miners have been engaging in informal extraction thus affecting the environment.

Ends

African diplomats, guests attend cultural activities in Xi'an

XI'AN

AFRICAN and Chinese diplomats and guests on Saturday attended a tea chat activity in Xi'an, the capital city of northwest China's Shaanxi Province, experiencing traditional tea-making and watching intangible cultural heritage performances.

Zambian Ambassador to China Iven Zyuulu, African representatives of winners of a short video competition on China-Africa friendship, and former Chinese Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo Ma Fulin attended the activity held in Yisu Theater, a Qinqiang opera club founded in 1912.

Qinqiang Opera and shadow puppetry were among the intangible cultural heritage performances they watched.

Guests from home and abroad also shared their insights on the friendship between China and Africa and the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

Zambia is the first country in southern Africa to establish diplomatic ties with the People's Republic of China and the friendly bilateral cooperation has been carried forward, as noted by Zyuulu. He said that the Tanzania-Zambia Railway represented a monument to the friendship between the two countries, and Zambia stands ready to work with China to promote BRI cooperation.

Ma said that China-Africa cooperation in various fields will be further deepened under the framework of BRI to build a China-Africa community with a shared future.



BID DATA SHEET

KOICA intends to select a contractor for required services as follows:

Date: _____
Employer: **KOICA Tanzania Office**

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- Anyone who intends to participate in this bid shall be in full knowledge of the Anti-Corruption and Integrity Pledge and adhere to the conditions thereof during the entire bidding procedures (even after services are completed).
 - Should any irregularities and corruptive practices occur, a report can be made to KOICA Tanzania Office (msshin713@koica.go.kr).
 - If any KOICA employees make demands irrespective of this bid, such as cash, goods, or entertainment, please report it to the audit office of KOICA (clean@koica.go.kr).
- For further information visit our website https://www.koica.go.kr/sites/tza_en/index.do. Click on the information tab then on the notice tab.

1. Bid Overview

. Bid No.	KOICA-TZ-EH-1		
. Bid Title	Procurement of ICT equipment for E-Health system (GoT-HoMIS) expansion Project in Dodoma region of Tanzania		
. Scope of Service	The equipment supply, conveyance and installation works		
. Item	ICT Equipment (48 types, 28,758 items) *For the detailed information, refer to the separate attachment		
. Procurement	Supply of required equipment with the same or higher specification listed in Requirements (Section 4.5), User manual in English or Swahili, Quality assurance are required		
	Phase	delivery deadline	Comment
	1st	Within 3 months after the contract is signed	The Equipment for each phase will be found on the KOICA website
	2nd	Within 9 months after the contract is signed	
3rd	Within 15 months after the contract is signed		
. Delivery	Delivery to the required site (The expense related to the delivery paid by the contractor) - Specific transportation schedules will be determined through coordination between the contracting entity and KOICA. - The contractor is responsible for bearing the transportation costs associated with the shipment. - The contractor is required to handle the transportation to up to nine specified areas along the supply order and is accountable for any issues arising during transportation. - After completing the transportation, the contractor must notify KOICA and submit a final delivery confirmation document that can be verified by relevant country officials and the Ministry of Tanzania Government, stating that "all items were transported without any damage or issues." The full description of the delivery requirements and delivery points will be found on the website		
. Inspection and installation	Equipment inspection by KOICA Office before installation, Installation (partially) in the required site, After installation the contractor should check and confirm the operation of the equipment		
. Defects Liability Security	Defects Liability Security 2 year after KOICA's Inspection		
. Replacement	Successful bidders must submit a product supply plan and proof materials, and KOICA can request replacement of products that are significantly inferior in quality among the proposed products		
. Duration	16 months from the date of signing the contract		
. Project Budget	USD 2,776,614 (including value-added taxes and other fees)		
. Projected Estimated Price	USD 2,706,088		

- o Currency: USD
- o The proposing party must include all resources required for the execution of the scope of work and deliverables in the proposed price, and any omissions or changes in the service period and contract amount after the contract is not permissible, citing reasons such as the omission of input factors, inflation, exchange rate fluctuations, etc. For tax issue please refer to the full announcement description through KOICA website.

2. Bid Type and Contract Award

- A. Bid Type: (Urgent) International Open Competitive
- B. Contract Award: Selection by Qualification Screening and Lease-cost Price Quotation (Qualification and Cost Based Selection)
 - o Based upon bid prices which shall be below the Estimated Price, but above the floor price of 84.245% of the Estimated Price, the Qualification Examination will be conducted.
 - The way to decide the Estimated Price is explained in the below.
 - o Selection of the successful bidder is determined, when the overall grade is higher than 85 points (the passing grade).
 - o Qualification examination will be conducted in accordance with the KOICA regulation 'Standards of Qualification Examination for Selection of Equipment Supplier' (Apr. 3. 2014).

3. Qualification

- A. Those who have submitted the application for the participation in this bid by the deadline.
- B. A legitimate and lawful entity legally established by the relevant laws and regulations of Tanzania
 - Must be a legally registered company
- C. Anyone with licenses to perform required services in designated places
 - o ① Have a valid registration by Tanzania Government to perform procurement of equipment in Tanzania at least for 5 years or more
 - o ② Have a valid work permit, resident permit and any legal permits to perform procurement of equipment in Tanzania
- D. Anyone not sanctioned or penalized by international organizations or governments as ineligible entities.
 - Pledge (Such pledge shall contain the bidder's declaration that it has never been subject to any sanction prior to participating in this bid and it will not raise any objection against the termination and nullification of the contract if its declaration is found to be untrue)
- E. (In case of Korean firms) Anyone not sanctioned by the Korean government as ineligible (or such sanction is expired) in accordance with Article 27 of the National Contract Law (Law on Contracts to Which the State is a Party), Article 31 of the Local Government Contract Law or Article 39 of the Management of Public Institutions Law
- F. Anyone never been punished by any government on the charges of bribery.
 - ODA Project Anti-Corruption Pledge
- G. Direct or indirect provision of cash or entertainment in exchange for a favor in this procurement procedure is prohibited.
 - Anti-Corruption and Integrity Contract

4. Joint Venture: Single party only (JV is Not allowed)

5. Bidding Schedule

Schedule	Time and Date	Place
Bid Announcement	2023.11.02. (Thur)	Office homepage /KOICA Electronic Procurement System/ Procurement portal in Tanzania
Application for bidding	By 2023.11.8. (Wed) 15:00pm	E-mail
Bidding Clarification Question	(Query period) 2023.11.6. (Mon)~11.10. (Fri) 15:00pm (Reply for Query) 2023.11.14. (Tue)	All Queries will be Consolidated and Replied Mail. Reply for Query will be posted on KOICA Tanzania office website.
Submission Deadline	By 2023.11.16. (Thur) 15:00pm	KOICA Tanzania Office
Bid (Price) Opening Date	2023.11.20. (Mon) 12:00pm	KOICA Tanzania Office
Qualification Screening		
Selection of the most favorable bidder and notification	TBD	-
Contract Signature	Within November of 2023	-

A. Application

- o Those who intend to participate in this bid shall submit the application via email (tzkoica@gmail.com).
- When the application is submitted, the title of email shall be the name of this bid.
- o Deadline : 2023.11.8. (Wed) 15:00pm
- o Email address : tzkoica@gmail.com
- o Required documents
 - Application (in the prescribed form)

B. Pre-Bid meeting: No, Queries and Responses are only accepted via email

C. Inquires

- o To provide the same information to all bidders equally and fairly, KOICA Tanzania Office will not respond to telephone inquiries.
 - Email to tzkoica@gmail.com, and CC Heo_eun@koica.go.kr and suma.mbatiani@overseas.koica.go.kr
 - o Inquiry deadline: 2023.11.10. (Fri) 15:00pm
 - o Response: Response will be posted on KOICA Tanzania Office website on 2023.11.14. (Tue)

D. Bid Submission

- o Submission: Visit
- o Deadline (date): 2023.11.16. (Thur) 15:00 pm
- o Place (address): 31370 8th Floor, Alfa Plaza Plot No. 66 Charuma Road Kinondoni, Dar es Salaam TZ
 - Person in charge: Heo Eun deputy country director, Suma Mbatiani Program manager
 - Contact details: +255 786 740 010, 764 463 745

For further information visit our website https://www.koica.go.kr/sites/tza_en/index.do. Click on the information tab then on the notice tab.

E. Bid Opening

- o Date : 2023.11.20. (Mon) 12:00pm
- o Place : KOICA Tanzania Office
 - Such bid opening may be attended by Bidders or their representatives.
 - In accordance with Article 11.1. of the Regulations for Procurement and Contract in Grant Aid Projects, the bid limit is equals to the expected price.

6. Bid annulment

- o If any of the following is found, the bid submitted by the bidders may be invalidated.
 - Bidders who do not meet qualifications.
 - Bidders who have failed provide a bid security by the deadline.
 - Bidders who have made same bid submissions more than once.
 - Bidders who have failed to submit documents required in this bid.
 - Bidders who have failed to meet the conditions of ITB

7. Note

- o All bidders shall understand and comply with all requirements of bid notice announced by KOICA Tanzania Office, including revisions that are announced in the course of this bid.
 - This Bid Document is in accordance with the KOICA Laws on Contracts and Procurement.
- o KOICA shall not bear any costs spent by the bidders for the preparation and submission of the bid, regardless of the result of this bid.
- o Quotation or prices shall be prepared in US dollars (USD), and TZS can be written together side-by-side with USD.
- o A single bidder shall make a single bid submission.
- o The standard language shall be English. Should any content written in English and any other language conflict, the English version shall take precedence.
- o Any notice and announcement in relation to this bid shall be disclosed on the website of KOICA Tanzania Office.



NMB Bank Plc's Southern Highlands Zone manager, Straton Chiongola (R), symbolically presents 491 desks and building materials worth a total of \$6m/- to Songwe regional commissioner Dr Francis Michael at the weekend as part of the bank's support to seven schools in Mbozi District, Songwe Region. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

PURA's first employees' council disbanded, hailed for good job

By Getrude Mbago

WORKERS' Council of the Petroleum Upstream Regulatory Authority (PURA) has been hailed for working hard and efficiently thus enabling the regulator to perform well in supervising and stimulating investment in the oil and gas sub-sector.

Chairman of the council, Eng Charles Sangweni made the remarks recently in Dar es Salaam before formally disbanding the council during its seventh meeting, as it had reached the end of its term as per the agreement between PURA and the Government and Health Workers Union (TUGHE).

"We are so proud of the significant work done by the council in promoting the institution's development, including increased employee involvement in decision-making and the execution of various PURA responsibilities," he stated.

He added that due to this involvement, employees have been motivated to work with enthusiasm, cooperation, and innovation, enabling the institution to continue fulfilling its duties in the petroleum upstream sector.

Eng. Sangweni said that the Second Workers' Council will

commence its term in January 2024 in its first meeting after the election of new members at the institutional level.

Secretary General of the Federation of Tanzanian Workers' Unions (TUFTA), Heri Mkunda, commended the council for its work and especially applauded PURA's management for creating a conducive working environment for employees to improve their performance.

He remarked that the performance of the Authority has been improving year on year, a positive sign that the truly determined to make great changes in the sector.

He also urged PURA employees to continue working diligently for the broader interests of the nation in the oil and gas sector.

"You have a significant responsibility to work diligently, with dedication and cooperation, to fulfill the goals and responsibilities entrusted to the institution according to the country's laws and guidelines," he added.

The first PURA Workers' Council was inceptioned in November 2020 and comprised of 34 members. The Council was in charge of various issues including the assessment of the Authority's performance.

Dodoma to host third national ecological organic agriculture conference this week

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

HUNDREDS of delegates from within and outside the country are expected to converge in Dodoma for the third National Ecological Organic Agriculture Conference on 8th and 9th, November, 2023, it has been revealed.

The conference organized by the Tanzania Organic Agriculture Movement (TOAM) in collaboration with other stakeholders will among others create awareness to the public on the importance of organic farming in further attempts

to raise grassroots farmers' livelihood.

TOAM Chairperson, Dr Mwatima Juma said over the weekend that apart from conserving the soil and its other biological organisms, organic farming that from time immemorial has been practiced by forefathers, also ensures farmers get fresh food crops.

She said: "Organic farming helps to maintain environment health by reducing the level of pollution. It reduces human and animal health hazards by reducing the level of residues in the product".

It reduces the cost of agricultural production and also improves the soil health. In most cases it maintains and improves fertility, soil structure and biodiversity, and reduce erosion, the risks of human, animal, and environmental exposure to toxic materials.

Dr Juma noted that the main goal of the conference will focus on promoting natural and affordable agriculture to the farmers without chemicals' applications to the soil in the name of fertilizers and pesticides, adding that such finally contaminate the soil.

She noted that apart from the fact

that human beings who are the major consumers of the crops grown, those affected include also living organisms in the soil as well as other plants.

We have reached a point that even trees cannot grow naturally in the soil without being supported artificially by fertilizers and these trees have become addicted to the chemicals in the name of fertilizers," she pointed out.

She also stated that organic farming is a strategy set to the farmers to liberate them from being enslaved by other factors, which are not only expensive to afford, but

also provide them with chemically laced foodstuffs.

According to the chairperson, if we focus on organic farming system, the country will be free from dependency and limit diseases, which affect us as a result of consuming chemically grown crops. Imagine today all our crops and animals must depend on chemicals addressed as veterinary medicine and protected seeds.

Organic farming is not only for crops but also for our livestock and it is a natural way of life. In this fo-

rum we will dig deep into organic farming, its importance to the society and the country," said the chairperson.

TOAM Executive Officer, Bakari Mungo, said promoting organic farming is the only way to protect and conserve the soil without going for the industrial fertilizers.

"When we talk of preserving the environment, you will note that plots, which have been receiving industrially manufactured fertilizers for a long time to support their crop's growth have become unproductive.

Fast-track agriculture tech, African governments urged

By Guardian Correspondent

AFRICAN governments, regional economic communities, and continental bodies have been urged to fast-track agricultural technology deployment while integrating science, technology and Innovations (STI) in their respective development frameworks to improve farm productivity.

Agriculture stakeholders made the call recently during the African Conference on Agricultural Technologies (ACAT) held in Nairobi, Kenya. Themed: Agricultural Resilience through Innovation, the conference focused on the centrality of science, technology, and innovation (STI) in fostering agricultural transformation in Africa.

They also urged Africa Union (AU) member states, regional economic communities, and other key stakeholders to nurture political will to drive technological advancement in the agricultural sector towards food self-sufficiency. These calls to actions were made during the closing ceremony of ACAT 2023 that brought together over 500 stakeholders ranging from government representatives, industry thought leaders, policymakers, technical experts, private institutions, farmers, women and youth to share ideas on

how to move forward the African agriculture.

"Africa is a continent of immense potential. We know that on average, up to 35 percent of the continent's gross domestic product is derived from agriculture. Agriculture as a sector also accounts for the livelihood of more than 50 percent of the continent's population," noted Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in his last remarks.

Cutting-edge innovations and emerging trends in the field of agricultural that is revolutionizing production across the continent were showcased. The 5-day conference featured in-depth strategic panel discussions and a series of technical interactive sessions aimed at providing platform for stakeholders to showcase their contribution toward advancing science and technological innovations in the agricultural sector.

"Investment in innovation in African agriculture must encompass several essential dimensions which include access to finance, investment in research, capacity building, and monitoring and evaluation," added Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, who is also AATF goodwill ambassador on Agriculture Technology in Africa.

Africa's investment in Research & Development as a proportion of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) stands at 0.5 percent, way below the world average of 1.8 percent and which consequently translates into slow pace of research in critical sectors such as Agriculture.

"Kenyan government has prioritized agriculture as a key driver for economic transformation and is providing increased investments in the sector. It is committed to support and encourage use of modern farming technologies to upscale productivity and farmers' earnings in line with the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda. The 10-year Agricultural Sector Transformation and Growth Strategy supports innovative technology to achieve inclusive agricultural growth, food and nutrition security in the country," said Dr. Mithika Linturi, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Kenya.

The participants rooted that critical partnerships were necessary for unlocking the potential that is in science, technology, and innovation. AATF desires stronger partnerships to build and support the deployment of a critical mass of agricultural technology champions.



Captain Ali Hussein (R) of "Zanzibar 3" speed boat takes Tanga regional commissioner Waziri Kindamba around the vessel shortly after it anchored at Tanga Port on Saturday during its maiden trip there from Zanzibar. Photo: Correspondent Hamida Kamchalla

Sunflower farmers want irrigation infrastructure to do better farming

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

SUNFLOWER seed farmers at Mkoka village in Kongwa district, Dodoma region have requested the government and private sector to provide them with irrigation infrastructure so they should do farming throughout the year.

In a separate interview last week in Dodoma, a farmer Omary Mpatati, said they have cultivated 25 hectares and planted sunflower seed but the major problem is shortage of water.

"We have a river near the farm but it does not have enough water as a result we fail to irrigate our farms efficiently," he said,

Mpatati, who is also the chairman of Mkoka village irrigation farmers, asked the government and private sector to assist them in drilling another source of water for irrigation.

"We have decided to engage in sunflower seed farming, more support is needed to make the sector flourish," he said.

He said this year they expect to harvest

more than 200 bags of sunflower seed and sell them to nearby farmers at an affordable price.

He thanked ADDA Tanzania and Agriculture Markets Development Trust for supporting them urging for more assistance particularly in irrigation farming.

He said the two organizations have enabled them to attend various training on modern sunflower seed growing.

Speaking the project manager of ADDA Tanzania Mercy Kingu, thanked AMDT for its support to the sunflower sector.

She said her organization would support sunflower seed farmers to have their own source of water.

"We will drill a well that will provide enough water for irrigation agriculture at Mkoka village" she said.

Last year AMDT signed a contract to facilitate ADDA in implementing a sunflower value chain development initiative that will cover Dodoma region.

The grant will involve collaborations with private sector actors and public sector institutions in improving several mar-

ket systems in the sunflower agricultural subsector.

The project will, among other things facilitate the access and distribution of quality sunflower seeds, enhance poor contractual agreements in production, support Women and Youth sunflower processors

It will improve the provision of rural advisory services to smallholder farmers as well as facilitate farmers' access to finance.

'Lack of access to appropriate tech inhibiting aflatoxin prevention, control in East Africa'

By Guardian Reporter

LIMITED knowledge and information on aflatoxin by stakeholders along the value chain has been identified as one of the major factors inhibiting aflatoxin prevention and control within the East African Community (EAC).

The inability by most farmers to easily access appropriate technologies for aflatoxin mitigation and inadequate private sector participation in aflatoxin management are also significant contributing factors to efforts to contain aflatoxin contamination in the region.

Also singled out as contributing to the aflatoxin menace is insufficient baseline data on aflatoxin to enable mapping of aflatoxin "hot spot" areas in all the Partner States and porous borders that ease the flow of contaminated grains across the region.

Low awareness among value chain actors, from the farm to consumers, on the social economic consequences of consuming or trading in aflatoxin contaminated foods and feeds is the other factor that aggravates the aflatoxin menace.

This emerged during a two-day regional workshop on the status of aflatoxin prevention and control in the EAC Partner States held in Kampala, Uganda. The overall objective of the USAID-Kenya/East Africa sponsored workshop is to assess the progress made so far by EAC Partner States on implementation of the regional strategy on aflatoxin prevention and control, identify existing bottlenecks and craft the way forward on aflatoxin containment in East Africa.

It is estimated that agricultural commodities account for about 65% of intra-regional trade in the EAC. It is further estimated that losses associated with Aflatoxin contamination in Africa have escalated to US\$670 million annually. Aflatoxin also accounts for 30% of liver cancer cases in Africa.

"Lack of research results on the impact of the aflatoxin and other mycotoxins contamination in human health, lack of equipment and other related tools for mycotoxins detection and analysis and the low capacity of the Human Health staff to detect mycotoxins are some of the challenges that we have faced in Burundi with regard to management of aflatoxin," said Dr. Marie-Chantal Niyuhire of the Institute of Agricultural Sciences of Burundi.

Despite the myriad challenges, some progress has been made in the region in preventing and controlling aflatoxin. Dr. Niyuhire disclosed that pre- and post-harvest mycotoxin management has been improved in Burundi, adding that the construction of an aflasafe production plant at the National Center for Food Technology (CNTA) has also been completed.

Dr. Niyuhire, who is also the Chairperson of the workshop, said that a great deal of awareness-raising on aflatoxins and the use of aflasafe carried out, targeting the Burundi Provincial Office of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock (BPEAE) authorities and units with flour production mills. Aflasafe is a beneficial plant bioprotectant and a non-chemical agricultural product developed against aflatoxins.

On progress made by Kenya in containing aflatoxin, Brenda Obura from the Ministry of Health revealed that 650 County Public Health officers (CoPHOs) trained on aflatoxin screening in cereals and pulses from 24 counties.

Obura further disclosed that mini laboratories had been established in 18 counties through the support of the World Food Programme to help CoPHOs carry out continuous surveillance in cereals and pulses.

"The construction and commissioning of a regional mycotoxin laboratory at the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) at the KALRO-Katumani station to assist in constant monitoring and surveillance efforts of aflatoxin in the region is also a major milestone," said Obura.

Obura said that other steps taken towards the containment of aflatoxin were: the promotion of warehouse receipt system by the National Cereals and Produce Board and use of binders to manufacturer animal feeds; establishment of a functional modular aflasafe manufacturing plant at KALRO; manufacture and distribution of 350 metric tonnes of aflasafe through public-private partnerships.

"The government is also sourcing 100 mobile driers in addition to the earlier procured 39. Through the Ministry of Investment Trade and Industry, a multi-agency committee on the management of aflatoxin contamination in food and feed has been put in place. Also ongoing is the installation of mobile/mini testing facilities at the border points managed by the Kenya Bureau of Standards," said Obura.

"Also underway are the installation of 10 aflatoxin testing labs at NCPB, installation of the Ozone Treatment Plant at NCPB and continuous research work by the academia on aflatoxin," she added.



INNOVATION: An outgoing Mdadulo Rural Development Organisation (RDO) vocation training centre trainee (L) pictured at yesterday's graduation ceremony showing Mufindi district administrative secretary Frank Sichalwe (R) a honey processing machine he said is one of their products. Photo: Correspondent Francis Godwin

Alex Bambona, the Assistant Commissioner, Food and Nutrition (MAAIF), Uganda reported that a poor food safety culture in the country coupled with some pockets of food insecurity and poverty has increased the costs of ensuring compliance to necessary food safety standards along the value chain.

"The scattered food safety mandate among various Ministries, Departments and Agencies and inadequate food control or value chain management infrastructure (labs, post-harvest handling & others has also posed challenges in aflatoxin prevention," said Bambona.

Bambona further disclosed that the Uganda National Bureau of Statistics (UNBS) Lab has been equipped and accredited to test for aflatoxin with the services decentralised to the regions even as he added that Makerere Labs at the Department of Food Technology and Nutrition has also been recognised by UNBS to test AF.

"Also in process is the development of an Aflatoxin Biocontrol Agent that will soon be commercialized. The efficacy trials are completed, commercialisation strategy developed, investor's forum was held last week for the expression of interest in Aflasafe manufacturing and distribution," he said. Muhirwa Shimwa Parfait Marcel, Food Import and Export Control Specialist, Rwanda Food and Drugs identified the lack of reliable, cost-effective methods for detecting aflatoxins in food products as one of the bottlenecks to aflatoxin prevention and control in the county.

"Continuous enforcement is also a challenge in that the regulations exist, but weak enforcement may make it difficult to comply. There is also limited access to drying technologies in that proper drying of crops is essential to prevent mold growth," said Shimwa.

Mr Shimwa said that lack of proper storage facilities to protect harvested crops from moisture and pest infestations was also a challenge.

Dr Mahamudu Mohamed Sasamalo, the Eastern Coast Regional Manager at the Tanzania Plant Health and Pesticides

Authority (TPHPA), said that among the measures that had worked for the country were the: control field infection by fungi of planting crops-Aflasafe (IITA); control of insect infestation in stored bulk grains with approved insecticides such as go-down inspection by TPHPA inspectors; establishment of Mini labs at 14 border posts (TPHPA) and; the establishment of a Centre of excellence Lab (Kibaha) such as Food Safety and Bio-Control - the Tanzania Initiative for Preventing Aflatoxin Contamination (TANIPAC) Project.

"The TANIPAC project has benefitted and built the capacities of 10,853 farmers, including 3,926 females with two (20) warehouses being established in Zanzibar and 12 in Mainland Tanzania-TANIPAC project. Purdue Improved Bags (PICS) are also being distributed to farmers," added Dr Sasamalo.

Dr Sasamalo said that Tanzania was also using fungicides and preservatives against fungal growth in addition to mounting training on aflatoxin prevention for farmers, processors, distributors, traders across 18 districts by the Tanzania Bureau of Standards.

TANZANIA INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVES LTD (TIPER)



RFP No: TP/11/2023/ICB/CS/023

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR PROVISION OF TECHNICAL INVESTIGATION, DESIGN WORKS AND CONTRACTOR SUPERVISION FOR REFURBISHMENT OF TANK S37

06 November, 2023

- Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Ltd (TIPER) is a hospitality storage facility for bulk fuel with its share divided equally between the Government of Tanzania and Oryx Energies SA (Based in Switzerland). The Company office is located at Kigamboni Industrial Area, Depot site-plot # 1, Dar es Salaam-Tanzania.
- TIPER hereby invites, via International Competitive Bidding (ICB) experienced **Mechanical consultants** for provision of Consultancy services on technical investigation, design works and contractor supervision for refurbishment of tank S37.
- Interested and eligible bidders may request electronic copy of tender document through the following email: tiper.procurement@tiper.co.tz by sending an application letter and from the Engineering Registration Board (ERB) or a similar certification. from Monday to Friday at 08:00AM to 4:00PM between 06 November, 2023 to 24 November, 2023.
- Bidders MUST visit the site. Site visit will be conducted on **Monday, 13 November, 2023** from **10:30hrs to 11:30hrs**.
- Bidders are required to come with their own Personal Protective Equipment PPE's during the site visit. The minimum PPE requirement are steel toe safety boots, worker's helmet and cotton reflector vest / cotton over coat / cotton overall. Bidders who will not come with correct PPE's will not be allowed to enter onto site.
- Bidders must submit hardcopies of bids (one original and one copy) respectively, enclosed and sealed in a single plain envelope marked Tender No: **TP/11/2023/ICB/CS/023 FOR PROVISION OF TECHNICAL INVESTIGATION, DESIGN WORKS AND CONTRACTOR SUPERVISION FOR REFURBISHMENT OF TANK S37** Softcopies MUST be submitted in a USB flash disk. All bid documents shall be addressed and delivered to Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Ltd, P.O. Box 2608, Kigamboni, Dar es Salaam.
- The deadline for submission of Tender documents will be **1600hrs local time Monday November 27, 2023**.
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**Taking A New Look
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Our wildlife will only thank us enough when assured of safety

TANZANIA may not be witnessing as shockingly many cases of wildlife poaching now as obtained at different times in decades gone by.

However, this is not to even remotely suggest that the criminal development is receding at a sustainably encouraging rate and our country is a safe haven for all manner of flora and fauna. Far from it.

Not to so many years ago, over 700 pieces of ivory were impounded in a plush Dar es Salaam suburb in a police crackdown also "coopting" a Natural Resources and Tourism minister.

According to the minister, the incident pointed to the slaughter of at least 200 elephants. Three foreign nationals were held for interrogation in connection with the bizarre incident. Roundabout a year earlier, authorities in Hong Kong had seized two consignments with a total of 1,209 elephant tusks from Kenya and Tanzania.

The rate of the elephant killings was once reported as having grown significantly greater than the jumbos' capacity to reproduce, with this having a devastating effect on major forest and savannah elephant populations and breeding grounds in our national parks. Authoritative sources had it that Tanzania was losing an estimated 30 elephants daily to poaching, which came to about over 10,000 each year. This is amounted to an ecological disaster and serious threat to the country's social and economic development.

Several factors were cited as being behind the swift increase in poaching in our national parks, one being corruption gone mad.

In fact, it was widely feared that dishonest game wardens connived with poachers in facilitating or even expediting illicit trade in ivory and other wildlife products and that poachers belonged to syndicates or cartels of local and international criminals. There was also the fact that rising global demand precipitated, induced or otherwise drove crimes like poaching such that, as the price of ivory shot up, so does the poaching of elephants.

Additionally, there was allusion to defaulting on the devising and execution of failsafe legal mechanisms through which to arrest the perpetra-

tion of the crime.

For instance, there once used to talk to the effect that the most Tanzania had in hand were general provisions on wildlife conservation and that, even worse, law-enforcement agencies were not adequately coordinated to hold any promise of conclusively handling the problem.

Some observers gave the biggest undoing for the country as the failure to engage key stakeholders in the war of crimes against our wildlife. They argued that the Natural Resources and Tourism ministry did precious little in exchanging ideas with environmental stakeholders on the best techniques of combating poaching.

The all-important question was: What should be done? Both the government and other stakeholders have crucial roles to play in ensuring that the ballooning in the severity and magnitude of the crimes were put to an end. But the government was doubtless supposed to be the main actor here - and therefore the one expected to take the leading role in making sure that the concerted efforts it made to promote tourism went alongside equally big efforts to combat poaching and the wanton killings of wild animals.

Coming up with more stringent pieces of legislation on wildlife crimes was considered an option of choice, even if some critics argued that appropriately re-tuning the human conscience particularly among game wardens would work even better. Put a bit differently, the onus would be on the government to make sure that the patriotism and integrity of whoever served in the relevant sectors and agencies were above reproach.

Worth remembering is the fact that, whatever our arguments, our wildlife will only thank us enough when assured of safety.

In the circumstances, one only wishes, hopes and prays that rigorous workforce vetting will always be part of the game in the likes of the Tanzania National Parks and Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority.

Of course, the importance of having in place an adequately informed, trained and armed workforce just cannot be belittled.

We keep shedding tears over 'floods' of fake goods, while 'biting' too little

IT calls for no extra keenness or vigilance for anyone to appreciate the fact that our country continues to be hounded by the illegal flooding of counterfeit products by companies, institutions and even individuals both foreign and Tanzania out to mint money in complete disregard of public health and safety.

The problem has assumed massive disconcerting proportions as most of the greedy elements involved in the dirty business focus more and more on fast-moving products, especially drugs and food.

The explanation is simple in that, in the long run, this adversely affects public health, in part leading to prolonged illnesses and - at the end of it all - needless misery and deaths.

Trade in counterfeits is also a drawback to the development of local industries that are manufacturing genuine products.

Some of our public watchdog agencies have been doing a good job by conducting rigorous inspections of the various products in the market and on many occasions managing to seize and ban some of the counterfeit products. Some years back, one of these agencies impounded thousands of containers stuffed with various brands of counterfeit infant formula, all originating from South Africa while the genuine brand being marketed by a local company originated from Europe.

Experts reported that the banned infant formula contained high levels of free fatty acids capable of causing

serious health problems.

Thus, unless more stringent measures were put in place to address children's health, we face the sure danger of creating a future nation of people afflicted by incurable diseases who would end up being a burden the nation cannot easily bear or shoulder. It is for this reason that, while we commend all those public and other agencies fighting hard to safeguard people's health and safety, while feeling compelled to urge the authorities concerned to ensure that we go far beyond merely seizing and banning. We are of the view that the best way to sustainably tame the menace or stem the tide is to strengthen surveillance mechanisms at the many and scattered entry points in the country. These include airports, ports and border posts.

Even then, we stand convinced that conducting impromptu inspections as the goods enter the country would pay much greater dividends.

We are saying this because we know that if the counterfeit products filter into the market and are detected after they have been consumed, great harm would already have been done and banning the products would be serving little purpose.

In addition to rigorous surveillance, it is time our safety watchdogs stopped being toothless bulldogs and were so legally "re-armed" as to have the capacity to actually bite all those involved in the illegal business. Surely, the law ought to allow for such capacity to be meaningful.

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Mastering renewal sales: The key to exponential growth

By Richard E. Brown

I have had the privilege of diving into - and overseeing - various aspects of sales, particularly renewal sales, and I've found it to be an incredible source of knowledge and growth.

At a pivotal point in my career, renewal sales uncovered the intricacies of exponential revenue growth - how and why it happens and the environment needed to foster it.

In the context of newspaper media, I initially grappled with the idea that, for some reason, advertising campaigns constantly need to start from scratch, rebuild relationships and reaffirm value each renewal cycle.

While I believe this premise holds some truth, I have also realised that we often encounter obstacles in overall revenue growth because of the lack of understanding and strategy of renewal sales.

Renewal sales hold a special place for me because I firmly believe that the path to revenue growth lies in mastering the strategy behind renewals, whether in advertising sales or in subscriptions, while driving new acquisitions and assessing their long-term impact on the bottom line.

It is an area that resonates with me as it combines strategy, sales and financial analysis and presents a compelling model for outlining the foundation of revenue growth in news media organisations.

For those not currently exploring the potential of renewal sales, I would like to provide a roadmap illustrating how to approach them and demonstrate how an effective renewal strategy may drive exponential revenue growth for your organisation when given the attention, understanding and focus they deserve.

Building foundation for sustainable revenue growth

Newspaper advertising sales possess a unique advantage, showcasing their proficiency in capturing - and capitalising on - various moments in time, whether they are historical, seasonal or event-driven.

This ability shines through in creating special sections that consistently generate promotional revenue.

However, it is essential to acknowledge that this remarkable strength can pose challenges when achieving sustained exponential growth in advertising revenue over time, leaving many in our industry perplexed and without a clear path forward.

The core of the issue lies in establishing robust, enduring and highly profitable advertising structures that can drive and sustain exponential revenue growth.

For instance, when examining the practicality of an annual special section, it is clear how it can positively impact seasonal bottom-line revenue.

However, when such an initiative is integrated into a new product ap-

proach, with content delivered weekly or monthly under annual advertising agreements, it fosters an environment where both the audience and sponsors become accustomed to consistent content and the associated value.

Overall, this strategy can lead to higher renewal rates and growth and maturation of revenue and product development.

Actual exponential growth begins when we can rely on - and forecast - the retention of advertising dollars year after year while securing new annual business each month.

Consistency is paramount in news media advertising, whether the content is delivered weekly, biweekly or monthly - and in formats conducive to annual sales.

Frequent product changes and a reluctance to engage in longer-term commitments can impede progress and the pursuit of new business while relying on residual advertising revenue from previous agreements.

Achieving this balance depends heavily on developing products that inherently facilitate long-term advertising commitments with minimal need for ongoing oversight and adjustments.

Unfortunately, news media advertising sales teams often start anew each month, leading to erratic fluctuations in advertising revenue. Fostering exponential growth, bridging the gap between understanding, commitment and consistency in advertising strategies is essential, ultimately paving the way for sustained success in the industry.

Navigating complex landscape of renewal sales

Each year brings its own set of challenges that may require fresh campaign proposals and innovative approaches. However, instead of fixating solely on the "what", it is equally vital to shift our attention to the "when" and "how".

It is common to see a dip in the first year when considering retention rates, but this trend tends to reverse beyond the second year.

This observation underscores the significance of grasping the intricacies of renewal sales to unlock the potential for exponential growth.

To thrive in the realm of renewals, adopting a long-term perspective, continuous refinement of communication strategies and impeccable timing are essential - all with the ultimate goal of achieving higher reclosure or retention rates.

Understanding when, where and how exponential revenue growth occurs in renewal sales

naturally leads to a greater emphasis on one's overall communication flow and timing.

You'll begin to ask yourself what you can do each year to enhance the chances of reclosing advertising deals of all sizes from the previous year. How can you simplify this process, and why would an advertiser choose your organisation again?

Equally important is how you can automate this renewal process year after year.

This subtle shift in focus forms the bedrock of your renewal strategy and, consequently, your revenue growth over time. The critical question becomes: How can you create an environment that optimises and incentivises renewal agreements based on predetermined timeframes, advertiser volume and revenue figures?

Consider this scenario: You have a sales representative who closed ten advertising agreements totaling US\$10,000 in annual advertising sales, all set to expire within the next month.

What retention percentage would you expect from this sales executive or sales manager, and what automation or communication flow is in place to enhance their ability to secure renewals? These critical questions shape an effective renewal strategy, leading to sustained revenue growth.

Adjusting renewal commissions for financial health

To achieve exponential growth, it's crucial to balance gaining new accounts and retaining renewal sales, encompassing both active accounts and revenue from renewal campaigns.

Despite being an unpopular viewpoint, one of the most vital yet often overlooked aspects of renewal sales is adjusting commission rates over time, favouring lower rates compared to new sales.

Commission structures are powerful incentives that shape behaviours within sales teams. A higher commission rate for new sales motivates account executives to focus on acquiring fresh business - a cornerstone of sustained growth.

Additionally, while some cases may require extensive campaign changes, renewal sales mainly involve maintaining existing structures and emphasizing precise communication about ongoing or extended advertising campaigns' needs and resources.

The real value of renewal sales lies in consistently delivering services, often managed by an internal administrative team.

Many organisations have adopt-

ed team sales strategies, where sales executives collaborate with coordinators or administrative staff to manage their portfolios efficiently. This allows them to focus more on acquiring new accounts, driving the organisation towards enduring growth.

Owing to the potential variability in commission costs linked to renewal sales, it is crucial to promptly and proportionally adjust renewal sales commission rates for the long-term financial health of your sales revenue.

Using renewal strategies for long-term success

Throughout my journey, I have had the privilege of collaborating with remarkable organisations and delving deep into the world of renewal sales and exponential revenue growth.

Whether exploring avenues for revenue growth or creating a sustainable revenue model through subscriptions, memberships, advertising, sponsorship or donor relations, it is essential not to underestimate the pivotal role of a well-crafted renewal strategy.

Consider the integration of renewals right from the outset, as these are the building blocks of sustained financial health.

While the path may sometimes seem complex, a dedicated focus on renewal strategy can significantly reduce the odds of starting from scratch after the initial launch.

Although such situations are not uncommon, a well-planned renewal strategy can make a difference. With this approach, lasting campaigns and products can withstand the test of time, enduring for years rather than months.

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Signs of politics as residents divided over name of new school

By Correspondent Mutayoba Arbogast, Bukoba

HIGH quality early childhood education and care is known to give children the best start in life because it provides important opportunities to learn and develop. Also, early childhood education and care help children make friends, develop independence and learn new routines. Additionally, it supports children's transition to school.

Children can't explore and learn, experience joy and wonder, until they feel secure. They need to trust their caregivers and know their needs will be met. Young children need adults to establish the relationships by being consistent and responding to social and emotional cues, both in classrooms and home-based settings.

"When you build a unique relationship with children, learn their cues and communications, their likes and dislikes, their strengths and the areas where they need support, you help them feel safe", said Davis Gisuka, an expert in science of early childhood development, working with Children in Crossfire Tanzania, a Non-Governmental Organisation which runs Mtoto Kwanza (Child First) project which strives to see children under eight years get better access to responsive caregiving, medical care, early learning, nutrition as well as safety and security so that they grow to reach their full potential.

Gisuka is against any factors which can interrupt early childhood learning like pressure and misunderstandings between their parents, guardians and teachers which, if known to children, may cause them anxiety or stress and make them moody or irritable and withdraw from activities they once enjoyed.

But pressure is mounting and disagreements are open about the naming of Byabato Preprimary and Primary school located within Bukoba Urban Constituency at Kashai Ward.

The school was constructed by BOOST, a project that targets to see more than 12 million children in Tanzania Mainland have access to quality education. The overall goal is to ensure an education system that supports all children, including the most marginalised to enroll early, develop strong foundational skills and complete quality education.

Residents here are divided over the name with some for and others against as the latter say it gives political



Byabato Pre and Primary School in Bukoba Municipality. Residents are divided over the choice of its name in what points to politics. Photo/ Mutayoba Arbogast

mileage to the ma after which it has been named, Bukoba Urban Member of Parliament, Stephen Byabato. The opposers maintained that the legis-

lator, who doubles as Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and East Africa Community, has done little in the project to deserve such recognition.

They say, since time immemorial, many infrastructures such as roads, hospitals, educational facilities, and even playgrounds have been named after either gallant figures or any persons whose contributions to a given project are huge.

They argued that it has been an established tradition that schools are named after prominent leaders who have left their mark on the region's or nation's history.

Richard Kastnere said the disagreement over the name has something to do with the 2024 civic elections as well as the 2025 General Election because politicians from the ruling CCM and the opposition are already flexing their muscles and eyeing seats silently.

"I do not see any point in naming the after Byabato because as far as I know, while naming or dedicating a school after a person, primary consideration is given to individuals who have made a significant contribution at the community, regional or the national level," he said.

Another critic, Justin Kimodoi, who lives in the diaspora and has some influence in Bukoba municipality when it comes to matter development, opposes the name strongly in his social media posts.

But Gediua Kabaizi was supported the name, arguing that it was not the right time to point a finger at the legislator because there are many good things he has done that many people are not aware of, adding that even projects such as the one that built the school are brought by leadership.

"We have been told about the bus stop at Kyaikailabwa and the processes are ongoing. People should not rush into criticizing whatever progress is put in place by the government. We need tolerance," said Kabaizi.

Reacting to question from this writer on how the decision of naming that school was reached, Bukoba Municipal Council Information Officer, Jonathan Rwekaza said that the matter was discussed by Kashai Ward Development Committee (WDC) and forwarded the recommendation to the municipal council and there was no objection. He added that Byabato Preschool and Primary School is worth 540,300,000/-.

He said that politicians should draw up their programmes and present the same to the electorate instead of politicizing projects that have already been complete by other leaders.

"Schoolchildren should not be allowed to know about this misunderstanding and arguments lest it frustrate them and hinder their learning because young children are fast learners, be it something good or bad," said Gisuka.

Politics in Kagera Region has not been that smooth with some politicians who lost nominations in the 2020 vote for parliamentary seats staging a comeback despite being warned by party stalwarts to break rival camps and instead focus on pushing for people's development agenda.

Although the 2024 civic election campaigns are yet to be officially allowed, some politicians seem to have started showing signs of vying for the posts, a situation which irks incumbents to the extent of fomenting conflicts in their respective wards.

António Guterres in Nepal: Transitional justice to the fore

By Kanak Mani Dixit

MANY observers found it intriguing that UN Secretary-General António Guterres would want to spend three full days in Nepal even as Israel was carpet-bombing Gaza.

He did speak out from the Security Council floor, for which he was rewarded with a demand for resignation by the Israeli ambassador, but there was obviously much more to be done against the ongoing mass-murder of Palestinians.

A Nepali commentator asked on Twitter, "Is this the time for UN Sec Gen to be anywhere other than the Middle East?"

Perhaps it was the prospect of visiting Lumbini, birthplace of Sakyamuni Siddhartha Gautam - the Buddha, Asia's 'prince of peace' - that brought Mr. Guterres to Nepal. He did use his time at the nativity site, which has been visited by all five Secretaries-General since Dag Hammarskjöld in 1959, to highlight urgency of world peace.

The Secretary-General might also have wanted to laud Nepal's role as the second-largest contributor to UN peacekeeping operations, a position it holds despite being kept off the command responsibilities it deserves.

But there were two issues besides world peace that Mr. Guterres clearly wanted to highlight: the transforming world climate and Nepal as a path-breaker in arena of transitional justice.

In separate helicopter trips to the base of Mount Everest and to the Annapurna Sanctuary, the Secretary-General relied on the experience of the mountain people to sound the alarm on climate crisis, three weeks before COP-28 is to start in Dubai. The highly populated 'third pole' of the planet indeed serves as a barometer of global warming, and the receding glaciers of an inhabited Himalaya are a more potent bellwether of climate catastrophe than the Arctic or Antarctica.

Joint session of Parliament

For Nepal, the most significant aspect of the Secretary-General's visit was the suspended transitional justice (TJ) process, which began with the end of the decade-long Maoist insurgency in 2006.

The matter languishes even though the Maoists rebels have long since joined mainstream politics and commandant of the Maoist force is presently the prime minister. He is in that position despite holding no more than 11 percent of seats in Parliament, but that is another story.

Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal (nom de guerre: 'Prachanda') had hoped to use the Secretary-General's trip to show off his international standing to the Nepali populace, and to get a green signal from the Secretary-General for his tendentious plans to push a perpetrator-friendly TJ draft law through Parliament.

Despite an overwhelming show of obsequiousness from Mr. Dahal who followed him at practically every step around the country, the Secretary-General did not oblige his host. Instead, Mr. Guterres used every pulpit during his trip to insist that Nepal's TJ process be concluded within three parameters: a) concurrence of the victims of conflict; b) concordance with relevant international law and principles; and, c) follow the precedence-setting judgements on transition-



UN Resident Coordinator Hanaa Singer-Hamdy presenting a file of communications from Nepali victims of conflict on the transitional justice process. Credit: UN, Nepal

al justice by the Supreme Court of Nepal.

While the victims of Nepal's conflict did not get to meet the Secretary-General, as requested, their various submissions were put together in a file and presented to Mr. Guterres as he departed for the airport on the morning of 11 October by Hanaa Singer-Hamdy, the UN Resident Coordinator to Nepal. She said in her comment on X (Twitter): "The needs and priorities of the conflict victims are at the heart of Transitional Justice-related discussion in Nepal."

Making of an exemplary process

The Secretary-General clearly understands that, worldwide, the fraught arena of transitional justice has had too few successes, whereas it provides the pathway for post-conflict societies to heal and recover - through reparation, memorialisation, truth and reconciliation, not to forget accountability for extreme cases of human rights abuse.

Herein lies the importance of Nepal, where the Nepali-led transitional justice process is presently stuck, but the victims

and rights defenders have not let go. The international community, and especially the United Nations, can help by ensuring that there is principled monitoring.

That the Nepalis players are capable of moving the boat to the other shore was what Mr. Guterres emphasised in his address on 10 October to a joint session of Parliament.

Nepal's transitional justice process could become an example for post-conflict societies the way Colombia, South Africa and Sierra Leone are today held out for their relative success. Within South Asia, a region awash in long-term conflict from Kashmir to Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and Balochistan to the Arakan, transitional justice is not 'deployed' anywhere else other than in Nepal.

All the more reason for the Nepali process to succeed in order to provide a model for the rest of the region to consider, and for Mr. Guterres to dwell on the matter during his visit.

Ironically, the main roadblock to a proper conclusion of the peace process was the Secretary-General's host, the prime minis-

ter. While the Mr. Dahal used the conflict and the ensuing peace process to build his personal political career, he understands that a genuine transitional justice exercise would jeopardise his trajectory and pre-eminent position in Nepali politics.

The entire superstructure of his Maoist party would collapse were he to submit his colleagues to an accountability process, even if only 'emblematic cases' were to be investigated. Hence, the formula used on the TJ over a decade and more has been prevarication and duplicity.

The government security personnel who would have been involved in atrocities during the conflict of 1995-2006 are all retired by now, whereas the Maoist leadership is today part of Nepal's political establishment, ruling the roost.

They are loathe to be held accountable, which is why their supremo Mr. Dahal cannot countenance an honest exercise, and which is why he was hoping to bamboozle Mr. Guterres with pomp and flattery.

Victims and spoilers

While there has historically been ferocious bloodletting in the Kathmandu Court among clans and factions vying for power, the villages of Nepal have been largely free of internecine violence until the decade of insurgency and state response.

The villagers of Nepal were caught in a pincer between the Maoist rebels who specialised in hit-and-run raids and the security forces that meted out harsh treatment to local level political leaders, teachers and development workers.

The role of Mr. Dahal himself may be held up for scrutiny in a genuine Truth and Reconciliation process, for he headed the chain of command of the Maoist insurgents. His attitude to atrocities including murder, torture, rape and abduction conducted by his cadre has always been ambiguous, and there has been no expression of remorse throughout his years in open politics.

If anything, there has been gleeful celebration of extra-judicial killing and physical violence generally, and he has even expressed satisfaction on how he personally fooled the United Nations Mission in Nepal (UNMIN) into tripling the number of Maoist combatants in a verification exercise.

In 2007, upon coming above ground, Mr. Dahal told a BBC interlocutor that in a personal circular during the conflict, he had instructed that "you may eliminate individual if required, but without torture". Over the years, Mr. Dahal has been the key leader who ensured that successive Truth and Reconciliation Commissions were designed for failure, with their membership padded with Maoists.

Most recently, Mr. Dahal's attempt has been to push through legislation that

would make it easy for the next Truth and Reconciliation to let perpetrators (of both sides, rebels and state security) off the hook by, among other things, creating two categories of murder: 'normal murder' and 'extreme murder'.

What makes the Secretary-General's interest on Nepal's transitional justice efforts vitally important is that the Western governments and INGOs who introduced the concept and funded the Nepal's engagement with TJ are now losing interest. This seems to have to do with 'TJ fatigue', a paucity of funding, as well as certain geopolitical considerations.

Some Western policy-makers see Mr. Dahal as a pliable head-of-government of a strategically important Asian country who they must have 'on their side' as China proceeds with a more aggressive continental policy of its own.

Nepal's victims of conflict, in coordination with human rights defenders, have been fighting a lonely battle against a political class and polity that has been in thrall of the Maoists' momentum and their attempt to create a 'new normal' in the polity, with a forced attempt to ensure past atrocities are forgotten.

Whereas, the victims of conflict are united in not letting the perpetrators get the better of memory. The UN Secretary-General has come up with a powerful position of support for a transitional justice process that is just and humane, and the victim representatives and rights defenders of Kathmandu are heartened. Their worst fears that bubbled to the surface when the Secretary-General's visit was hurriedly announced were not borne out.

What is required now is to keep watch for 'spoilers' of the peace process, and they include many influential Nepalis who have over the past decade developed political and inter-personal relationships with the perpetrators of the conflict years.

Likewise, there is a Western diplomat (or two) who seem to have a low opinion of the Nepali yearnings for a just peace, rather than the peace of the cemetery.

Argentina: Unpalatable choices in election plagued with uncertainty

By Inés M. Pousadela

A POST-MODERN media celebrity, Milei's performance style is a perfect fit for social media. He's easily angered, reacts violently and insults copiously. He's unapologetically sexist and mocks identity politics.

Milei bangs the drum for 'anarcho-capitalism', an ultra-individualistic ideology in which the market has absolute pre-eminence: earlier this year, he described the sale of human organs as 'just another market'.

To expand his appeal beyond this extreme economic niche he forged an alliance with the culturally conservative right.

His running mate, Victoria Villarruel, represents the backlash against abortion - legalised after decades of civil society campaigning in 2020 - and sexual diversity and gender equality policies, along with reappraisal of the murderous military dictatorship that ruled Argentina between 1976 and 1983.

In the run-up to primary elections in August, the two mainstream coalitions - the centre-left incumbent Union for the Homeland (UP) and the centre-right opposition Together for Change (JxC) - displayed a notable lack of leadership and indulged in internal squabbles that showed very little empathy for people's daily struggles.

All they had to offer in the face of widespread concerns about inflation and insecurity were the candidacies of the current minister of the economy and a former minister of security. They made it easy for Milei to hold them responsible for decades of corruption, ineffectiveness and failure.

In Milei's discourse, the hardworking, productive majority is being bled dry by taxation to maintain the privileges of a parasitic and corrupt political 'caste'. His proposal is deceptively simple: shrink the state to a minimum to destroy the caste that lives off it, clearing their way for individual progress.

Milei gained traction among young voters, particularly young men, via TikTok. He found fertile ground among a generation that no longer expect to be better off than their parents.

While many of his followers concede that his ideas may be a little crazy, they appear to be willing to take the risk of embracing the unknown on the basis that the really crazy plan would be to allow those long in control to retain their power and expect things to turn out differently. Milei has capitalised on the despair, hopelessness and accumulated anger so many rightfully feel.



In the run-up to primary elections in August, the two mainstream coalitions - the centre-left incumbent Union for the Homeland (UP) and the centre-right opposition Together for Change (JxC) - displayed a notable lack of leadership and indulged in internal squabbles that showed very little empathy for people's daily struggles. Credit: Tomás Cuesta/Getty Images

Surprise after surprise

The first surprise came on 13 August, when Milei won the most votes of any candidate in the primaries.

Milei only entered politics in 2021, when the 17 per cent vote he amassed in the capital, Buenos Aires, sent him and two other libertarians to the National Congress.

In the 2023 primaries he went much further, winning 30 per cent of the vote. He placed ahead of JxC, whose two candidates received a joint 28 per cent, and UP, the current incarnation of the Peronist Party, which took 27 per cent. The bulk of the UP vote, 21 per cent, went to Massa. That Peronism, once the dominant force, came third was a historic first.

The second surprise came on 22 October. Following the primaries, all talk was of Milei winning the presidency. He trumpeted his intent to win the first round outright.

Measured against these expectations, his second place looks like an underperformance. But the fact that a candidate who wasn't on the radar before the

primaries has made the runoff shows how quickly the political landscape can shift.

In the October vote Milei took almost the exact share he'd received in the primaries. Massa finished above him with almost 37 per cent, displacing JxC, which lost four points on its second-place performance in the primaries.

The fact that the economy minister was able to distance himself from the government he's part of - one often described as the worst in 40 years - to come first was viewed as a notable victory, even though his share was just about the lowest Peronism has ever received.

One explanation for Massa's improved performance was turnout, which increased by eight points to almost 78 per cent - still low for a country with compulsory voting, but enough to make a difference. Much of the increase could be credited to the political machinery that mobilised voters on election day, aided by the minister-candidate pulling as many levers as he could to improve his chances. This included putting lots of instant cash into voters' pockets, including through tax breaks benefiting targeted groups of workers and consumers.

An unpalatable decision

There's still much uncertainty ahead. Economic failure is Milei's best propaganda, so much will depend on how the economy behaves over the next couple of weeks. Milei and the destruction he represents can't be written off.

Neither those currently in power nor those in the mainstream opposition recognise the obvious: Milei is their fault. They've held power for the best part of the past 40 years without effectively tackling any of the issues that concern people the most.

Many voters now feel they face an unpalatable choice between a corrupt and failing government and a dan-

gerous disruptor. They fear that if they choose to keep Milei out, their votes may be misinterpreted as a show of active support for a continuity they also reject. What's at stake here is more than one election. If Milei is kept at bay, the political dynamics leading to the current economic dysfunction will still need to be addressed - or the far-right threat to democracy won't end with Milei.

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Tourism summit advocates a more sustainable tourism industry in African nations

By Special Correspondent, Kigali

DELEGATES attending the 23rd World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) Global Summit in the Rwandan capital of Kigali on Thursday called for collaborative and concerted efforts to promote sustainable travel and the tourism industry in Africa to drive economic growth and create employment opportunities.

They were speaking at the just-ended summit that brought together more than 1,000 participants, including heads of state, policymakers, government officials, travel leaders, and champions of conservation from across the globe, to discuss the future of global travel and tourism.

"This summit is not about Rwanda; it's about Africa. Africa, a remarkable continent, has transformed," said Julia Simpson, president and chief executive officer of the WTTC.

Simpson forecasted that over the next 10 years, Africa's tourism sector is set to grow 5.1 percent annually, emphasizing that the promotion of sustainable travel and tourism in Africa holds the key to strong economic development on the continent.

"Tourism and travel progress is not just about the makeup of our sector, but it is about how we wel-

come differences, how we take care of people – our own people and customers, how we create a sense of belonging, a sense of home," she said.

Speaking at the event, Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan said Africa is endowed with rich, abundant natural and cultural tourist attractions, and tourism contributes considerably to most African economies.

"Africa should continue to prioritize sustainable tourism practices by minimizing the environmental footprint of tourism activities, promoting the conservation of natural resources, and supporting community-based tourism initiatives," she said.

According to her, Africa should also emphasize ecotourism, which promotes responsible travel to natural areas, contributing to conservation efforts, and providing sustainable economic benefits for local communities.

President Samia highlighted that the tourism sector contributes up to 17.2 percent of Tanzania's gross domestic product (GDP) and 25 percent of the country's total export earnings. "Africa can leverage tourism to drive economic growth and create employment opportunities."



Rwandan President Paul Kagame said globally, the travel and tourism industry has recovered strongly, but the high cost of air travel to Africa and within Africa remains a barrier.

"Implementation of the single African air transport market is, therefore,

an important priority. We should not lose sight of our own continental market. Africans are the future of global tourism as our middle class continues to grow at a fast pace in the decades to come," he stressed.

Kagame said Rwanda identified

tourism as a key driver of the country's economic growth and employment.

"Every year, we welcome so many visitors who come to Rwanda to enjoy the unique natural beauty, attend sporting events, or participate in gatherings. This is a privilege and trust that

we do not take for granted."

The WTTC Global Summit, being held for the first time on the African continent, will deliberate on efforts to support the sector's recovery and move to a safer, more resilient, inclusive, and sustainable future.

'Collaborative efforts needed to reinforce food security, agric development in Africa'

By Special Correspondent

IN an endeavour to strengthen food security and stimulate agricultural progress across the African continent at the same time as combatting climate change, two pivotal collaborations have emerged, emphasising the vital role of strategic partnerships and inventive solutions in tackling pressing issues.

Bridging the efforts of renowned entities such as the OCP Group, the IFC, the World Bank, the Eastern and Southern African Trade and Development Bank (TDB), and the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), and aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, these partnerships mark a promising move in the direction of achieving SDG 2, which is about tackling hunger and making our food supply more secure and SDG13 on climate change.

The OCP Group and the World Bank: empowering West African farmers

The partnership between the OCP Group and the World Bank focuses on West Africa, specifically Benin, Guinea, Mali, and Togo, covering a vast expanse of 10m hectares. After the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 11 October by OCP Group's Chairman and CEO, Mostafa Terrab, and World

Bank Vice President for Western and Central Africa, Ousmane Diagana, the collaboration aims to accelerate investments and reforms, making customised fertilisers more accessible and affordable to 5 million farmers in the region. Terrab emphasised that these projects represent a significant step toward unlocking Africa's potential in global food security.

"The goal is to drive a just and sustainable agricultural transition, by widening the access of farmers in West Africa to customised fertilisers that nourish the soil and improve crop yields, which in turn enhances the livelihoods of farmers, thereby contributing to African development and prosperity," Terrab says.

The partnership aims to improve soil health and fertility through cutting-edge digital soil mapping and customised fertilisation techniques. This empowers local farmers with access to bespoke fertilisers that align with the unique requirements of their soils, simultaneously boosting agricultural productivity and promoting eco-conscious practices.

A significant aspect of this collaboration involves the establishment of agricultural technology and service centres. These centres are envisioned as vital hubs for the training and support of smallholder farmers. By

providing access to state-of-the-art agricultural technologies and sustainable farming practices, they play a crucial role in increasing crop yields and fostering environmentally responsible agriculture.

Another transformative initiative is the launch of a Digital Farming School programme, which aims to nurture local capabilities and entrepreneurial skills. Through digital resources and tools, this programme has the potential to revitalise the agri-food sector, contributing to economic growth and self-reliance within West African communities. Furthermore, the collaboration undertakes the task of strengthening the capacity of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) to execute its roadmap on fertilisers and soil health. This support is pivotal in streamlining regional efforts to improve soil quality and expand access to essential agricultural inputs, ensuring a sustainable agricultural sector for the future.

Lastly, the partnership is dedicated to supporting the establishment of a Regional Centre for Soil Health and Fertility Management in West Africa, hosted by the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA). This centre will serve as a focal point for research, knowledge dissemination, and capacity building in soil management, reflecting

a long-term commitment to the region's agricultural sustainability.

In essence, the OCP Group and the World Bank's collaborative efforts constitute a holistic strategy that not only addresses the pressing needs of West Africa's agricultural sector but also aligns with global sustainability goals, particularly those related to food security and climate change.

A vision for food security in Eastern and Southern Africa

Meanwhile, the collaboration between TDB, MIGA, and OCP Group extends its reach to Eastern and Southern Africa, where it aims to leverage MIGA's trade finance guarantees to deliver more strategic imports, including fertilizer, into Africa. Their partnership, driven by a shared commitment to addressing pressing agricultural and food security challenges, holds significant promise. It stands as a testament to the power of partnership across sectors and organisations. It aims to enhance food security, promote employment, and secure access to international markets for farmers in Eastern and Southern Africa. To put this into perspective, the MoU signed during the World Bank Group and International Monetary Fund Annual Meetings marks the further strengthening of a collaborative effort

that has already succeeded in supporting transactions worth over \$300m in TDB member states. This significant achievement has made it possible for businesses, financial institutions, and the public sector in these regions to import vital commodities essential for their food and energy security, foreign exchange earnings, employment, and tax revenues.

Innovative financial technology

In addition, this partnership is notable for its innovative approach. A milestone in this collaboration is the utilisation of blockchain technology for trade finance transactions. This transformative technology, which was responsible for three-quarters of the \$700m in transactions between OCP Group and TDB in 2022, has not only led to substantial time and cost savings but has also made a positive impact on reducing the carbon footprint. This innovative approach, enabled by collaborative efforts, represents a promising step towards improving agricultural practices, livelihoods, and economic resilience in the region.

It is through such innovative measures that the parties involved in this partnership demonstrate their commitment to promoting food security, enhancing the livelihoods of farm-

ers, and fostering sustainable rural development across Africa.

Achieving food security and sustainable agricultural development in Africa is a goal that requires innovative solutions, strategic partnerships, and collaborative efforts. The initiatives each detail unique approaches to address these challenges.

An agri-finance platform for a just African agricultural transformation

On 10 October OCP Group and IFC (International Finance Corporation) together launched an agri-finance platform to mobilise \$800 million of blended capital by 2030. This partnership will build and support sustainable food production and distribution systems in Africa, contributing to skills development, job creation, and food security.

"The partnership between IFC and OCP is working to unlock the full potential of Africa to feed not only itself but the world," said OCP Group's Chairman and CEO Mostafa Terrab. By providing access to finance and skills training, the platform aims to strengthen 30 agricultural value chains across Africa through 60 agri-finance operations. These will cover a range of crop types and will address challenges holding back the sector's growth and resilience.

The spirit of collaboration to

meet the complex challenges of food security

The role of technology and innovations in recent initiatives underscores the importance of harnessing these tools to address agricultural challenges. What remains crucial in both cases, however, is the spirit of collaboration. By bringing together financial institutions, risk mitigation agencies, private enterprises, and multilateral organisations, these collaborations pool expertise, resources, and knowledge. This collective effort enhances the capacity to address the multifaceted issues that affect climate change, food security and agricultural development.

As the global landscape continues to evolve, the role of collaboration in achieving food security becomes increasingly paramount. It is through these partnerships that innovative solutions can be realised, creating enhanced livelihoods, strengthening economies, and contributing to the sustainable development of the African continent.

In a world where the challenges of food security are complex and interwoven, these initiatives serve as a beacon of hope, illustrating how collaboration, innovation, and shared commitment can pave the way towards a more secure and sustainable future.

Global warming threatening Africa's development - UNECA

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DESPITE its limited contribution to climate change, the African continent is significantly affected by global warming, which ultimately threatens the continent's socio-economic development, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) has warned.

Data from the UNECA show that currently, 17 out of the 20 countries most threatened by climate change are located in Africa, and climate change already impacts 2 percent to 9 percent of national budgets across the continent.

The UNECA said in a statement issued Thursday that due to climate change-related challenges, African countries have to redirect a growing portion of their public finances toward mitigation efforts and the protection of their populations. It said the situation deprived countries of resources needed to finance development, safeguard development gains, and implement the Sustainable Development Goals.

People walk through flooded streets in Beledweyne district, central Somalia, on May 12, 2023. (Photo by Hassan Bashi/Xinhua)

According to the UNECA, climate change-related constraints underscore Africa's crucial need to develop innovative growth models capable of preserving and enhancing the well-being of their populations while adapting to climate change and contributing to its slowdown.



Livestock are seen drought-hit field in Kidemu sub-location in Kilifi County, Kenya.

The UNECA Offices for North and West Africa convened an expert group meeting, held under the theme "Transi-

tion to Renewable Resources for Energy and Food Security in North and West Africa," in the Ghanaian capital

of Accra Wednesday.

"Food insecurity is unfortunately a structural challenge in Africa, af-

fecting 20 percent of the continent's population compared to the global rate of 9.8 percent," a UNECA statement quoted Ngone Diop, director of the UNECA office for West Africa, as saying during the meeting.

Diop emphasized increasing agricultural and cereal productivity, mobilizing more domestic resources, and expediting the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement, which serves as the continent's cornerstone for poverty reduction and the acceleration of structural transformation.

Experts, researchers, development practitioners, and representatives from 22 North and West African countries attended the meeting and discussed critical issues, including the impact of climate change and its implications for economic and social development strategies, as well as energy security and climate change challenges, with particular emphasis on the pivotal role of renewable energy in meeting the needs of the population.

Deforestation, encroachment threaten West Africa's One Health plans

By Stella Paul

THIRTY-THREE years ago, Bala Amerasekaran - a Sri Lankan by birth - visited Freetown, Sierra Leone. Since then, the West African nation has been his home, where Amerasekaran has dedicated his life to conserving the chimpanzee - Sierra Leone's national animal.

In 1995, with support from the national government, he founded Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary - the country's first conservation center that rescues, rehabilitates, and protects chimpanzees, often hunted, traded, and killed for their meat. Currently home to 100 chimpanzees, the conservation works of the sanctuary also help prevent the spread of any possible diseases transmitted from primates to humans.

However, 20 years later, Amerasekaran's enthusiasm is declining as he has witnessed massive encroachment within the sanctuary, destroying its forest cover and threatening the sustainability of the conservation program itself.

"I am beginning to feel that I have wasted my life for 28 years because there is no safety for this place," says a visibly upset Amerasekaran.

Wildlife connection to Africa's zoonotic disease trail

"At least 75 percent of emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases of humans - including Ebola, Marburg, Henipavirus, and zoonotic avian flu - have an animal origin, according to Hellen Amuguni - Associate Professor in the Department of Infectious Disease and Global Health at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. "Chances are that when the next illness like COVID-19 emerges to threaten global health, it will originate in animals before it passes to humans, a process known as spillover," Amuguni says.

West Africa has a long history of recurring zoonotic disease spillovers, the biggest of which occurred in 2014 when the region witnessed a devastating Ebola virus outbreak. The outbreak spread quickly across the entire region, including Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone, where about 11,000 people died.

A 2018 study led by Caroline Huber of Precision Health Economics estimated that the disease outbreak also caused an economic and social burden worth over USD50 billion. Researchers later traced the origin to a spillover event: a two-year-old boy in Guinea likely infected while playing near a tree where bats roosted.

Since then, the conservation of biodiversity, especially the natural habitats of wildlife, has gained attention in the region to prevent any quick transmission of a zoonotic pathogen from animals to humans. But almost all the major forests and



Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary - a conservation center dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating, and protecting Sierra Leone's national chimpanzee. Credit: Stella Paul/IPS

key wildlife habitats also face increasing stress from loggers, hunters, traders, and illegal builders.

An example is the Upper Guinean Forest, which covers the lowland forests of West Africa from Guinea to Togo. This forest is a global biodiversity hotspot and contains the world's second-largest rainforest, the Congo Basin. However, studies have found that the forest has lost 84 percent of its original area, mostly due to agricultural expansion, commercial logging, charcoal burning, and human settlement.

Within the borders of Guinea - where the 2014 Ebola outbreak occurred first - 171-kilo hectares of humid primary forest disappeared between 2002-2022, according to Global Forest Watch (GFW). To put it in perspective, this is the loss of a forest area as big as the city of Washington, DC.

GFW has also tracked large-scale deforestation in Equatorial Guinea - the country that reported the first cases of Marburg - a deadly viral zoonotic disease in May this year that claimed 12 lives. According to GFW's estimates, in 2010, Equatorial Guinea had 2.63 mega hectares (Mha) of tree cover, extending over 98 percent of its land area, but by 2022, it lost 776 thousand hectares (kha) of tree cover, which is roughly the size of Paris.

Sierra Leone's vulnerable forests

In Sierra Leone, several dense forests are habitats of many endangered wildlife species, including 6000 chimpanzees. These include Kangari Hills and Nimini Hills forests, Outamba-Kilimi National Park, and the Gola Rainforest - one of the largest remaining West African tracts extending to neighboring Liberia.

While deforestation has occurred in all these forests owing to illegal logging, unsustainable land use, infrastructural development, and charcoal production, it is particularly high in Gola Forest. According to a 2017 Purdue University research, the Gola forest has been losing its green cover at an annual rate of 4.18 percent. These losses are largely due to the expansion of rice farms within the forest area, says John Christian Abu-Kpawoh, who conducted the research.

In comparison, Tacugama Sanctuary is a tiny patch of forest of only about 40 hectares. Yet its proximity to the national capital, Freetown, a 40-minute drive away, makes it a prime target for encroachers. About 30 percent of the sanctuary has been encroached upon by builders, many of whom are powerful and well-connected.

"Last year, the Ministry of Lands deployed soldiers here (to protect the chimpanzee sanctuary). Yet every name that is coming up in the recent encroachments is of a soldier," Amerasekaran reveals, indicating deep-rooted corruption in the government.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, the One Health Approach to prevent a future zoonotic disease spillover has gained traction. The One Health approach recognizes the interconnection between human, animal, and environmental health and emphasizes an integrated approach to prevent any health crisis, especially related to infections transmitted from animals to humans.

Across West Africa, several large projects are already being implemented where multidisciplinary experts, including veterinarians, zoologists, epidemiologists, social behavior scientists, and risk communicators, are working together to prevent a new spillover.

The USAID-funded STOP Spillover, PREDICT and RESPOND, the Eco Health Alliance projects, and the West African One Health actions for understanding, preventing, and mitigating outbreaks are some examples.

These projects, among others, are engaged in studying and monitoring animal-human interaction, assessing risks of a possible disease breakout, putting surveillance measures in place to detect the early warning of spillover, and raising awareness among locals about the importance of conserving forest and wildlife to prevent a disease outbreak.

Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary is also working with local communities to address some of the threats being faced by the rainforest-dwelling species. For example, the sanctuary is helping to establish livestock rearing projects, setting up swamp rice plantations, improving fuel efficiency of cooking, setting up tree nurseries for sustainable harvesting of wood and food products, and running education programs for school children.

But the uncontrolled development and encroachment on the forest land pose serious threats to the success of these activities, the biggest of them being the shrinking of space between humans and animals.

Although the 2014 Ebola virus outbreak and spillover were attributed to bats, chimpanzees can also be responsible for a new Ebola outbreak as they can contract and succumb to the virus. Ebola has been a major reason for the declining chimpanzee population across Africa. Once humans come in contact with an infected chimpanzee or its body fluids, the deadly disease can be transmitted to humans - leading to a viral spillover.

This means every unmonitored handling of a chimpanzee, including its capture, to sell it as a pet or kill for meat poses a risk of a disease breakout simply because the hunter or the capturer cannot know whether the animal has contracted Ebola virus. On the other hand, protecting a chimpanzee's natural habitat and ensuring it stays within that habitat not only leads to its conservation but also prevents it from passing on any deadly pathogen, such as Ebola, to humans.

'Learn from East Africa'

Considering the spillover risks, conserving the habitats of key wildlife species, especially those known to transmit viral zoonotic diseases to humans, is vital. Many feel West Africa can learn from its East African neighbors who have set examples of protecting their wildlife reserves by creating a safe distance between the wildlife and humans.

"Look at countries like Rwanda or Kenya, then you will see that where there is a wild reserve, they create a buffer zone of 2-3 kilometers," says the founder of Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary.

The failure to maintain this distance can pose serious risks to the region's One Health goal, says Frederick Jobo Moseray, Assistant Conservation Manager at the sanctuary.

"When the forest goes, the animals become homeless. They then come to human colonies. Here, we are talking about chimpanzees. They are hunted, killed, and also kept as pets. All of this is dangerous. We are talking about preventing a zoonotic disease spillover, but first, we must stop the shrinking of safe space between humans and chimpanzees," Moseray concludes.

THE GUARDIAN CROSSWORDS AND WORD FIT - 22 -

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13. a spatula used in gardening to transplant seedlings
16. having little importance
17. a distinguished conductor or performer of classical music
18. a soft lustre on a surface

DOWN:
1. Capital city of Tanzania
2. Kigali is her mother city
3. arrack
4. Native of Malawi
5. a seat or carriage in which the occupants sit back to back.
8. a pale yellowish fluid
11. a small insect
14. gross registered tonnage
15. a part of a plant normally below ground, which acts as a support and collects water and nourishment
16. husband in Kiswahili

ACROSS:
1. With little or no light
4. relating to the recent times
6. a play
7. Capital city of Zambia
10. harm in Kiswahili
12. anecdotes or literary gossip about a person

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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Kwala Inland port puts Tanzania on global maritime logistics map

By correspondent Restuta James

TANZANIA will soon become the power house of maritime transportation in East, South and Central Africa following the launching of international cargo handling business at Kwala inland port in the Coast Region which has largely decongested the Dar port.

Professor Godius Kahyarara, Permanent Secretary for the Ministry for Transportation, announced the strategic maritime business over the weekend, during the tour at the dry port site which is part of Dar Port, situated at Vigwaza about 90 kilometers from Dar es Salaam.

He said the Kwala yard is ready to handle cargo for The Central Corridor which starts at the Port of Dar es Salaam, serving Tanzania, Zambia, Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda and Eastern DRC together with Zambia, Malawi, South Sudan and Zimbabwe as well.

Prof Kahyarara noted that the cargo from all around the world will be cleared from Dar port and taken to Kwala by Meter Gauge Railway (MGR) and SGR railways sidings (links), assuring the central corridor member countries that the port offers the best transits services which are more



conveniently, effective and less costing.

"I am visiting this inland cargo handling area as we are soon organizing a meeting of the ministers of infrastructure and transport in the central corridor which covers the five countries Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Congo DRC," he said.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan, government is focusing on investing in strategic business areas including the transportation sector, which currently is leading forex earner, alongside with tourism and mining, according to the PS.

As Tanzania is consolidating the meeting Zambia and Malawi have requested to join the central corridor and it's obvious that the meeting will endorse them as the member countries have seen

the benefit of having them onboard, he further noted.

"The purpose of having them in the business plan is to ensure that the port of Dar es Salaam receives much more cargo as well as serving many more countries in the region which do not have the maritime transportation advantage."

"Right now, we are having many ships coming into the Dar port that means we have many customers around the world and the biggest challenge is how good and urgency we are in serving them? Kwala is going to improve our cargo transit services alongside with Mtwara Port which is ideal for Malawi cargo, where there is no congestion unlike Dar Port where there are many ships," the PS noted.

Professor Kahyarara noted that the ministry is

straightening the water ways transportation option to easy movement of vessels as well as the passengers in main lakes for example in River Ruvuma where cargo ships MV Songea and MV Ruvuma with a capacity of 1,000 tons each are operating.

According to the PS, another ship MV Mbeya carries 600 passengers and 200 cargo tons, adding that if one comes from Mtwara to Mbambabay Nyasa, it is easy for both locals and the neighbouring countries to travel through waters in the southern part of Tanzania.

dry port. The area is connected to the MGR and will soon be linked with the SGR sidings

He told the PS that the capacity of the port is to handle 300,000 containers annually and that it will de-congest cargo off loading by 30 percent at the Dar port.

He affirmed the Central Corridor members that the government has allocated areas for cargo servicing at Kwala dry port where, for Burundi, Rwanda, Zimbabwe, Southern Sudan and Malawi, each country have been given 10 hectares to manage, handle and service their cargo while 20 hectares are allocated for each Congo DRC and Zambia.

Focus Sahani, the Tanzania Railway Corporation (TRC), acting operations director, said the corporation has reduced the transportation fees for the cleared cargo at Dar port which will be transported to Kwala inland port, indicating that currently the official charges are \$250 per wagon which carries two 20 feet containers.

Furthermore, he mentioned that as they roll out the plan, they need more locomotives when he told the PS that TRC has only 43 engines which are not enough to serve the targeted customers at Kwala.



Helium drilling depth hits 400mt on Rukwa project

PERTH

Noble Helium's Mbelele-1 helium well in Tanzania has reached a terminal depth of 400 metres.

The company's North Rukwa helium project, Noble, is expecting to develop into a world-class natural helium province.

Tanzania is an East African country with a comparatively pro-US stance. Its recently appointed President Samia Suluhu Hassan met with US VP Kamala Harris in March this year.

Perhaps for this reason, Noble helium has stood out as one of the more promising exploratory helium plays.

This reputation comes even in a continental jurisdiction not particularly revered for stability.

Noble Helium world-class province Noble Helium now turns its attention to downhole studies to develop the best possible geological understanding of the Mbelele-1 geology before moving ahead to full extraction.

"The continued helium shows at multiple levels in Mbelele-1 are very encouraging and in line with our interpretation of the exploration and seismic data that this is an active helium-producing system," Noble CEO Justyn Wood said.

"[This] continues to support the company's well-researched thesis that the North Rukwa rift basin has the potential to emerge as a new globally significant primary helium province."

The company first hit the market's radar through the 2021-2022 helium shortage.

At one point last year, American novelty and birthday party supplies store Dollar Tree reported that it had to stop selling floating balloons.

But helium has more sober applications for the economy - MRI machines, one of the most complicated devices on earth that allow a country to boast world-class healthcare, depend on liquid helium to stay cool.

One MRI machine needs about 2000L of the liquefied gas.

A global helium shortage has doctors worried about one of the natural gas's most essential, and perhaps unexpected, uses: MRIs.

"Helium has become a big concern," said Mahadevappa Mahesh, professor of radiology at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine Baltimore.

"Especially now with the ongoing geopolitical situation."

Helium is the second most-abundant element in the known universe, but to the semiconductor fabricators and doctors who rely on it for their businesses, it is better known as the latest raw material to grow scarce - and the war in Ukraine make the shortage worse.

Manufacturers like GE Healthcare and Siemens Healthineers recognize this vulnerability. "We are concerned about shortages in the helium market," said Ioannis Panagiotelis, chief marketing officer of MRI at GE. "Every industry and hospital with an MR system has been affected."

MRIs help doctors diagnose brain tumors, strokes, spinal cord injuries, liver diseases and cancer. The 3D images, experts say, are irreplaceable.

That shortage was driven by an outage at a Russian helium plant in the nation's north, and, a planned maintenance shutdown at a major US facility.

As of mid-2023, that situation hasn't particularly improved.

While helium can be synthesised artificially, it occurs naturally in underground reservoirs and is often coincident with gas.

As a result, most supply comes from mining operations.

Further ratcheting up uncertainty is the fact the US Government is selling the once state-owned Federal Helium System.

Whether or not the private sector can maximize supply better than the government probably depends on who buys it - something we don't know yet. NHE shares last traded at 21.5 cents.

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The DSE market report shows that there has been an increased shares sell-off by foreign investors, who are shifting to developed world's fixed income and equities markets, due to increased interest rates, shortages of foreign exchange in developing markets.

Since October this year, foreign investors have so far sold shares valued 9.2bn/-, or 67.73 percent of total value of shares sold, which is higher than 8.03bn/- sold during the fourth quarter of last year and more than half of total sell-off recorded during the third quarter of this year.

The major transaction of shares sold by foreign investors during since the start of the current quarter were largest listed companies including CRDB Bank, NMB Bank, Tanzania Breweries Limited, Tanzania Cigarette Company and Vodacom Tanzania.

However, since the start of the current quarter to Friday last week, foreign investors have only bought shares valued 99.6mn/- or 0.40

percent of total shares bought, while the remaining percentage was bought by local investors.

The market report shows that the local companies' market share has also increased by 1.2trn/- over the last twelve months ended on November 3rd, due to improvement of share prices, with NMB Bank accounting for the highest peak by 50 percent gain.

However, the total market capitalization fell by nearly 1trn/- during the period, following the decrease of share prices of both local and cross listed companies.



Local investors absorb shares worth 9.2bn from foreigners

By Guardian Reporter

Shares valued 9.2bn/- from different blue chip listed at the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE), were retained by local investors last month, after being sold by foreign investors, which is further increasing local ownership of the public listed corporates.

The large ownership of equities among the listed companies at the DSE was previously dominated by foreign investors, due to their financial muscles, but currently, their share is slimming due to in-

Fishermen get 14 fibre boats from government

By Guardian Correspondent, Tanga

TANZANIA Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) in collaboration with the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries has handed over fourteen modern fibre fishing boats worth 1.2bn/- to fishermen in Tanga Region.

Speaking at the handover ceremony yesterday, TADB Finance Director Dr. Kaanael Nnko, said that the 14 fibre fishing boats are part of a large nationwide transformational strategy targeting beneficiaries from Fishing Cooperative Organizations (FICOs), women and youth commu-

nity groups (CBOs), individuals and companies engaged in fishing activities.

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TADB's collaboration is deemed strategic to revitalize the fisheries sector to enhance key players undertake more profitable and sustainable investments in the sector.

He reiterated that the loans provided are part of the government's firm resolve to transform fisheries in the country through the Blue Economy initiative.

"The government will continue to work with all key stakeholders in implementing its mandate, to ensure the availability of adequate tools, resources, financing and technical expertise contributing to livestock and

fisheries sub-sector transformation in the country," he said.

On his part, one of the project beneficiaries, Khamisi Suleimani said that the support will enable their cooperative to conduct fishing activities and be able to access deep waters in order to increase productivity.

"I would like to assure you that we will now engage in more focused fishing activities, knowing the importance of repaying these loans on time so that others can also benefit from this assistance," he said.

'NCBA's Q3 performance reflects resilience, vision'

By Guardian Correspondent

In the midst of a dynamic competitive landscape and a perpetually evolving economic environment, NCBA Bank Tanzania has underscored its resilience and bolstered customer confidence with its Q3-2023 financial report.

The report for the period ending September 2023 not only reveals growth and confidence but also attests to the bank's enhanced market position. This achievement mirrors the bank's impactful tagline, "Maisha Ni Hesabu na NCBA Bank."

According to Claver Serumaga, Managing Director and CEO of NCBA Bank Tanzania Limited, "Life is governed by numbers. From the decisions businesses make every day to the personal milestones we celebrate - numbers are at the core. At NCBA, we understand and respect the significance of these numbers to our customers."

He said, designed to resonate with the Tanzanian populace and companies, the campaign showcases the bank's dedication to being a reliable partner in growth.

"The bank believes that by focusing on numbers, from sales and production metrics to personal achievements, they can further align their



Claver Serumaga, Managing Director and CEO, NCBA Bank Tanzania Limited

services with the needs and goals of Tanzanians," he noted.

Serumaga further explained, "We have always been committed to the growth sectors of Tanzania, such as communication, FMCG, trade, manufacturing, tourism, and construction. With the 'Numbers Matter' campaign, we are reaffirming our

promise to support these sectors and, by extension, Tanzania's economic development."

Serumaga asserted that the banks want all Tanzanians and corporate entities to rally around "Maisha Ni Hesabu" for economic growth and development.

"Delving into the figures, it's evi-

dent that NCBA's business strategies are agile, adaptable, and rooted in a firm commitment to sustainable growth. Their financial narrative paints a story of growth, renewed market confidence, and a stronger grip on the banking sector," he added.

When assessed Quarter on Quarter (QoQ), the bank's operating income growth amounted to 3,779mn/-, a significant upswing from the previous year's deficit of 8.4bn/- a substantial growth of 144.96 percent.

"For Tanzanians, these figures signify a dependable bank—one that prioritizes community empowerment over mere profits, as its transformative "Numbers Matter" campaign, emphasizing the crucial role of numbers in business and personal life. This campaign underscores the bank's commitment to Tanzania's economic development," he said.

Similarly, the After Tax Income presents an upward trajectory, with Q3 numbers standing at 5,031mn/- contrasts starkly with the (9,606m/-) dip from the same period in 2022, marking an incredible growth of 152.37 percent.

The bank's asset column too has positive news. The Net Loans provided by NCBA Bank rose to 275,705mn/-, a 16.28 percent increase from the 237,105mn/- of the previous year.

Moreover, the bank's financial foundation appears more robust with Total Assets growing by 7.34 percent. They now stand at 513,824mn/-, a significant rise from the 478,705mn/- recorded in Q3-2022.

The quarter also saw an increase in client deposits, an evident endorsement of the trust its clientele places in the bank.

Deposit Growth for the quarter reached 270,945mn/-, up by 13.08 percent from 239,596mn/- in Q3-2022.

Banks play a transformative role in actualizing dreams through loans. Be it a budding entrepreneur or a family aiming for a new home, NCBA's loans, valued at 275,705mn/- a 16.28 percent increase from the previous year—have turned numerous dreams into reality.

Assets are the backbone of any bank. NCBA's assets, which have grown by 7.34 percent this year, stand as strong pillars, echoing the bank's financial stability and its expanding influence in the sector.

Trust is best gauged by depositor confidence. NCBA's surge in client deposits, now at 270,945mn/-, a 13.08 percent rise from the previous year—underscores the deep-rooted trust the bank commands.

TPSF calls for inclusion of more products into AGOA

By Guardian Reporter

Like many other Southern countries, Tanzania enjoys privileges to export into the US under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), in that regard, Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) has called for having an expansion of export products covered under the Act in order for Tanzania and African countries at large to reap more from the arrangement.

The remarks were made by TPSF Ag. CEO Raphael Maganga during the AGOA Forum which took place in Johannesburg South African from November 2nd - November 4th. The Forum was attended by a business delegation from various African countries, whereas the Tanzanian delegation was led by Minister of Trade and Industry, Dr. Ashatu Kijaji.

During the Forum, Maganga had an audience with the US Administrator Foreign Agricultural Service, Daniel Whitley where the former conveyed the interests of the private sector and measures to consider in order for Tanzania and African countries to benefit more from AGOA.

"In order for Africa to benefit, AGOA has to be expanded in two ways, first would be to expand its product coverage and second would be to expand its country coverage. In terms of product coverage, Africa is the next food basket for the region, we need more access to USA market for our agricultural products such as Tanzania's Avocados," said Mr. Maganga.

Leading the Tanzania delegation, Minister Kijaji expressed her gratitude to the US government for AGOA and her desire to extend the AGOA.

The Tanzanian delegation also had a meeting with the delegation of the US House of Representative and the discussion stemmed on the need to create a durable, valuable AGOA program in context of African Continental Free Trade (AfCFTA).

AGOA legislation was first passed by the US Congress in 2000 and allows over 6,500 products to be exported.

It expires in 2025, having been extended four times before. Initially, it was meant to last until 2007 but was amended to clarify on preferential treatment of African goods and other standards required of goods.

The AGOA Forum was attended by a large number of Trade Ministers from African countries along with their delegation of business people from their countries. The Forum featured ministerial and private sector programs.

320 trekkers to participate in Uhuru expedition on Mt Kilimanjaro

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

More than 320 trekkers are expected to climb Mount Kilimanjaro next month, as part of commemorating 62 years of Tanzania mainland independence, organized by Tanzania National Parks and ZARA Tanzania Adventures (Zara Tours), the renowned tourism company.

The event namely Uhuru Expedition 2023 which will be attended by both Tanzania and foreign nationals is scheduled to start from December 5, to December 12 at Springs Land Hotel, one of the company's properties located in Moshi.

Speaking during the launching of the planned expedition in Moshi over the weekend, the founder and Managing Director of the ZARA Tanzania Adventures, Zainab Ansell explained that the event is targeted to honour the country's independence.

"This is coupled with much discounted rates that can be affordable for all who would like to join the cause, as we are going to charge only 1,150,000/- per person who wish to Climb Mount Kilimanjaro for that cause, that will cater for two nights full accommodation at our accommodation facility, park fees, 6-day Mount Kilimanjaro climb to the highest peak of the mountain-Uhuru peak (5,895m ASL), salaries for the cooks, porters, and guides," she explained.

She added that, her company has been organising such a special Uhuru Climb Expedition for more than 20 years ago, whereby officials from



the Tanzania People's Defence Forces (TPDF), TANAPA and some journalists from various media houses are participating.

"Almost every year, the retired Chief of the Tanzania Peoples Defence Forces (TPDF) Gen. George Waitara leads our Mount Kilimanja-

ro Uhuru Expedition to start the scaling the snow-capped and the highest mountain in Africa, Mt. Kilimanjaro to mark the Anniversaries of the Tanzania Independence," the ZARA boss further explained.

For his part, the Kilimanjaro Regional Commissioner Nurdin Babu

applauded ZARA Tours for promoting tourism in Tanzania and abroad for Sustainable Conservation and Tourism Excellence.

"On behalf of the government, I also recommend the role played by the ZARA Tours in various development projects in Kilimanjaro and

Arusha regions as the part of its Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSRs) through Zara Charity Organization, their contribution is vital for our regions and national development in general," the Kilimanjaro RC explained.

The RC also promised to join the group that will participate in this year's special Mount Kilimanjaro Uhuru Expedition by climbing to the mountains high peak-Uhuru peak (5,895 meters above the Sea levels), as well as emphasizing other civil servants under his office, his fellow district commissioners to join in the special national event.

The Acting Chief Park Warden (CPW) for Kilimanjaro National Park (KINAPA), Gladys Ng'umbi applauded ZARA Tours for promoting tourism in Tanzania and abroad for Sustainable Conservation and Tourism Excellence, arguing Tanzanians to use a special opportunity to enjoy the "Majesty" of Mount Kilimanjaro.

She further explained that a total of 200 trekkers will use Marangu route, while 70 trekkers will use Lemosho route, and other 50 trekkers will use Machame route.

The representative from the mountain rescue company, KILIMEDAIR, Dr. Abednego Mashambo explained that their company will participate in the special event to make sure that, they improving safety of all trekkers by providing medical helicopter evacuation, and other services for all trekkers who can be attacked by high altitude mountain sickness.

Visa, CRDB Bank partner to push cashless agenda

By Guardian Reporter

CRDB Bank Plc has partnered with Visato reward its TemboCard Visa users with a trip to Abijan, Ivory Coast, to be a part of the TotalEnergies CAF Africa Cup of Nations Côte d'Ivoire 2023 tournament.

This part of the bank's effort to push the cashless agenda runs until the end of January 2024 and will offer eight customers who use their TemboCard Visa cards for online payments and POS transactions, a fun-packed way to watch the final game.

Speaking during the launch of the campaign held at the end of last week, the Permanent Secretary, ministry of Culture, Art, and Sports, Gerson Msigwa, lauded CRDB Bank and Visa for introducing such a captivating campaign.

He noted that the timing of the campaign is especially opportune,

as it has the potential to stimulate the cashless economy while also invigorating the spirit of sports among our citizens.

"This year our national team has qualified for the TotalEnergies CAF African Cup of Nations (AFCON), Cote de Ivoire 2023, so this is a great opportunity for them to cheer up their team when we advance to the final game. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to CRDB Bank and Visa for this initiative, which will offer an extraordinary opportunity to the winners to go and witness the finals," he said.

The winners will enjoy an exclusive experience as they travel to Abidjan to witness the pinnacle of African national football. The TotalEnergies CAF AFCON, Cote de Ivoire 2023 Final is expected to be a fiercely contested battle between top African national teams that gathers fans and officials from across the world to witness

the exceptional skills and passion displayed by young Africans on the pitch.

Msigwa stated that, in addition to promoting sports, the "Tisha na TemboCard Visa Tukakiwashe..." campaign will significantly contribute to the government's objectives in building a digital economy. "A digital economy requires modern payment methods that do not require individuals to carry cash, like the TemboCard, to facilitate easy and swift payments," he emphasized.

Boma Raballa, the Chief Commercial Officer of the CRDB Bank, remarked, "We are acutely aware of the immense passion and enthusiasm that Tanzanians harbour for football. As such, we firmly believe that offering them the opportunity to be part of this tournament will provide an unforgettable and cherished experience."

Raballa revealed that the winners of the campaign will be drawn from a pool of individuals who will make at least 30 transactions within a month. He further noted that the chance of winning is open to anyone among the over 4 million customers or new customers and encouraged them to use their TemboCard Visa for payments.

Salma Ingabire, Visa Tanzania Country Manager said "As the exclusive digital payment provider for the TotalEnergies CAF AFCON, Côte d'Ivoire 2023, Visa is excited to be partnering with CRDB to reward lucky fans by giving them a chance to watch Africa's best teams live in action. The winners of the campaign will enjoy a paid trip to Abidjan, luxury accommodation, VIP tickets to the Finals, exclusive activities, and so much more, which undoubtedly will leave a lasting impression on their lives and create lasting memories."



Boma Raballa, Chief Commercial Officer, CRDB Bank

Firm arms young professionals with skills on extractive sector

By Guardian Reporter

Young professionals are now fully participating in running extractive sector consulting works, due to professional skills capacity building by MTL Consulting for quarter a century.

This was unveiled by MTL Consulting Limited Managing Director and Board Chairman, Dr Willison Mutagwaba, during the gala night to commemorate of the firm's 25 years anniversary.

Most of our staff joined us as interns fresh from university and we have turned them into qualified consultants', said Dr. Mutagwaba.

'The company has enabled those who went through the company's system to venture out and establish their own Consulting Companies. Others are now senior experts in different companies in the sector.'

The company which was declared the Local Content Champion of the Year, at the 2023 Tanzania Energy Industry awards, scooped the first consulting assignment in



MTL Consulting Co Ltd Co-founder and Board Chairman Dr Willison Mutagwaba (L) presents an award to Minerals minister Anthony Mavunde during an event to celebrate the 25 th Anniversary of the company in Dar es Salaam. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

1998 to conduct environmental study for a quarry being developed

by Konoike Construction in Lugoba, Coast Region.

He said the second major assignment was with Ashanti Goldfields in

1999 which was to assist the company secure several permits for starting the mining operations at Geita.

'These initial steps were crucial in getting us where we are today,' he said.

The company has since then diversified its services from Mining to the Energy and Infrastructure sector.

Dr Mutagwaba said the company is registered with various local and international professional bodies including but not limited by the Engineers Registration Board (ERB), the National Environment Management Council as an Environmental Consulting firm, and with EWURA as Local Suppliers and Service Providers to the Energy sector.

'MTL Consulting has experience and established track record in provision of high-quality professional consulting services in compliance with local standards and relevant international standards including the IFC Performance Standards, Equator Principles, AfDB Integrated Safeguard Systems, World Bank Environmental and Social frameworks

and many ore,' he noted.

'We have also conducted many studies that have benefited the nation. For example, in 2016, we conducted research on the state of the ASM sector in Tanzania. Our recommendations resulted in the formation the Foundation for ASM Development (FADev), an NGO currently active in the formalization of ASM in Tanzania. We were delighted to see FADev being recognized as the overall second winner in ASM Category at the just ended Geita Mining Technology Forum,' he said.

He went on to say that, early this year the company entered a strategic partnership with one of the global Consulting Giants, DMT Group.

DMT is a global engineering services and consultancy group with 280 years of experience.

'Our strategic partnership aims to combine MTL's expertise and experience of the East Africa Market and DMT global outreach and experience to provide one-stop solutions. Our one stop solutions to the East African dynamic market to drive economic growth, technological advancement and create new opportunities', said Dr. Mutagwaba.

By Guardian Correspondent

Global firms launch efficient cooling systems

Carrier and Toshiba have unveiled cutting-edge residential cooling solutions that will revolutionize the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) industry in Tanzania.

The products are in recognition to the pressing need to address the adverse environmental impact of the HVAC equipment.

Both components play a pivotal role in reducing CO2 emissions and mitigating the environmental footprint of HVAC systems, according to the statement issued by the companies during the launch of the products over the weekend in Dar es Salaam.

During the launching event held at Johari Rotana, Carrier representatives said the newly launched products are designed to operate with R32 refrigerants and feature full inverter technology, offering the highest level of energy efficiency. By embracing R32 refrigerants, the companies say they demonstrate their commitment to reducing the environmental impact of their products, aligning with global efforts to combat climate change.

Ajay Kumar Garg, Regional Manager for Africa, AHI Carrier based in Dubai said the launched product makes a more contribution to the life of Africa's market and more energy saving and the environment protection wise.

'We are focused on the life cycle of operation, not only our equipment, but also after the handovers of the equipment on how much the customer can benefit durability or maintenance,' he said.

In addition to the residential range, Carrier also introduced an innovative line of commercial chilled water products.

The units utilize next-generation refrigerants, including HFO and R32, and incorporate inverter technology in compressors, fans, and inbuilt pumps.

This commercial range includes air-cooled screw and scroll chillers, each designed to deliver top-tier energy efficiency. The company has also introduced ceramic bearing compressor technology in its water-cooled centrifugal chiller range, which eliminates the need for traditional oil management systems, making them more environmentally friendly and efficient.

'Carrier's commitment to sustainability and technological advancement is reflected in these cutting-edge products, which are poised to redefine the HVAC industry's standards,' he said.

Subrata Biswas, Sales Manager- East Africa, AHI Carrier said the products are energy efficient, specifically reducing electricity bill, which is paid by users.

'Whatever you are investing more initially that you are recovering, within a year or two and throughout the life of the product like 15 years, you are saving a lot of energy,' he said.

'We are getting very good responses from our customers. The customers like channel partners, government projects' main contractors and consultants, all are appreciating these products.'

Complementing Carrier's innovative solutions, Toshiba also launched the SMMSu series of Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) products and is becoming one of the few

manufacturers to offer Eurotoch certified products in the Tanzanian market. This features unique triple rotary design compressors, providing unmatched efficiency and performance.

With the highest Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER) for part-load efficiency available, Toshiba's VRF products set new benchmarks for energy savings and comfort.

Toshihiro Yamamoto, Toshiba's General Manager said the discomfort of air conditioning is currently not a necessity.

'It's a requirement today and with this requirement being there, we need to be here with the latest advanced technologies,' he said.

'Air conditioning is not only about controlling the temperature. So we have to work on the innovative solutions where we can save energy, bring the cost down, not only to the user, but also to the governments, because the energy production is a challenge in this part of the world.'



ITV PGM SCHEDULE

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WORLD

African heads of state concerned as M23 attacks resurgence

LUANDA

DURING a summit meeting held Saturday in Luanda, the capital of Angola, heads of state from various Southern African countries expressed their concern about the security situation in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), saying the M23's attacks as a "clear violation of the ceasefire."

According to a statement from the Extraordinary Session of the Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), provided by the Angolan Ministry of

Foreign Affairs, the summit meeting conveyed its worry about the deteriorating security and humanitarian situation in the region.

They also expressed concern about reports of the M23 resuming attacks and occupying new territories.

Twelve SADC member countries attended the summit meeting in Luanda, with the presence of the presidents of Angola, DRC, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

The summit meeting reiterated the need for SADC to lead efforts in mobilizing resources to promote peace and security in the region.

These efforts include resuming discussions to establish and operationalize the SADC Peace Fund, with the participation of International Cooperation Partners.

According to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, the escalation of violent conflicts since Oct 1 raises concerns about a fresh deterioration in the humanitarian situation, with approximately 51,000 people "forced to flee their homes" in the DRC.

In August, Angola assumed the rotating presidency of SADC for the 2023-2024 term.

Kremlin spokesman on future of strong Russia, gloomy prospects for Ukraine

MOSCOW

THE success of Russia's growth, the response to the lawlessness of the West's expansion, and dependency of the Kiev regime, which is bracing for "harsh times," were among Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov's key statements on National Unity Day.

The Kremlin spokesman spoke at the Znanie (Knowledge) educational marathon on the sidelines of the International RUSSIA EXPO, which was unveiled at the VDNKh (the Exhibition of Achievements of the National Economy) and also answered questions from the audience.

Russia's successes and prospects

Russia's future will never be easy, but "it will be the future of a very strong, self-reliant, independent, self-confident, modern, and wealthy country."

Russia is a powerful country that demonstrates its strength and "every day adds new elements to it."

Russia's economy is projected to grow by 2.8% by the end of the year, which is "a tremendous and unexpected result even for the government."

"Russia's economy in tatters" is only in the imagination of the US authorities, as in reality this is not true.

All the regions are vigorously working on their own advancement in a wide range of areas, such as industry, culture and education.

The Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics, as well as the Zaporozhye and Kherson Regions, are integrating into Russia at a rapid pace: "in regard to the economy, education, culture, finances and security, the regions are rapidly integrating into the country."

Response to Western provocation

Russia initially made a lot of mistakes, expecting an equal partnership with the West, and "it was bullied quite a lot in the world." "We used to be too weak to convey the truth, we were not quite convincing, as the lies, which dominated, dampened our truth."

Russia had warned NATO that it would not tolerate its enlargement and its military infrastructure build-up close to Russian borders, but after the eighth wave of expansion, the situation became unacceptable.

NATO will always remain a "weapon of confrontation" rather than a tool for peace. Russia's response to the West's acts of provocation is proportionate to "how lawlessness on the part of the collective West is increasing."

Gloomy prospects for Kiev

Ukraine assured the West that Russia can be defeated on the battlefield, but "it is obvious now that it is impossible."

Ukraine is a miserable country as "another country thinks, what kind of government it should have, and pays, like a taxi fare, to make sure that such a government comes to power."

Kiev is bracing for the harsh times, as against the backdrop of the Middle East crisis, the priorities are changing, "obviously, Kiev regime can no longer use its dependent approach and will no longer be able to dominate the world arena with its dependency."

Western capitals are beginning to wonder about funding Ukraine in the future, "and this is where they found themselves at a moment of dissonance."

Russia did not start the war with Ukraine, for which the Kiev regime is responsible, it is putting an end to it, and this is a conceptual truth "which we all have to convey both in our country, to all our friends, and around the world." **Agencies**



US Secretary of State Antony Blinken meets Israeli President Isaac Herzog, on Friday. ANI

What Hamas did was horrific...what's happening to Palestinians is unbearable, says Obama

WASHINGTON

IN a strong condemnation of the ongoing Israel-Hamas war, former US President Barack Obama has said that the conflict is the "century-old stuff" that has now come to the fore and blamed social media for amplifying the divisions, according to the New York Times.

Not only did he condemn the October 7 assault on Israel that killed many innocent Israelis but he also underlined the sufferings of the civilians in Palestine.

In an interview conducted by his former staffers for their podcast, Pod Save America, the former US President said, "I look at this, and I think back, 'What could I have done during my presidency to move this forward, as hard as I tried?' But there's a part of me that's still saying, 'Well, was there something else I could have done?'" the New York Times reported.

Barack Obama (pictured) provided a detailed analysis of the Israel-Gaza war, telling thousands of his former aides that everyone was "complicit to some extent" in the ongoing carnage.

Speaking on Friday to a group of his former staff members in Chicago, according to the New York Times, Obama stated, "This is century-old stuff that's coming to the fore." He held social media accountable for deepening the divisions.

"What Hamas did was horrific, and there's no justification for it," Obama said, adding, "And what is also true is that the occupation and what's happening to Palestinians is unbearable."

"And what is also true is that there is a history of the Jewish people that may be dismissed unless your grandparents, your great-grandparents, or your uncle or your aunt tell you stories about the madness of antisemitism. And what is true is that there are people right now who are dying, who have nothing to do with what Hamas did," the former US President said, according to the New York Times.

"Even what I just said, which sounds very persuasive, still doesn't answer the fact that, all right, how do we pre-



vent kids from being killed today?" he said.

Obama strongly urged his former aides to "take in the whole truth" and called for support, saying that it is important to strike a balance when it comes to the Israel-Hamas war.

The conflict in Gaza escalated after the October 7 attack by Hamas, where about 2,500 terrorists breached the border into Israel from the Gaza Strip, leading to casualties and the seizure of hostages.

Israel has characterised its Gaza offensive as targeting Hamas' infrastructure with the goal of eliminating the entire terror group while making efforts to minimise civilian casualties, The Times of Israel reported.

Over 9,488 Palestinians have been killed in Israeli attacks since October 7. More than 1,400 people were killed in the Hamas attack on Israel.

Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu recently made it clear that Israel would not agree to a ceasefire, drawing parallels to the United States' position after the bombing of Pearl Harbour.

He noted that calls for a ceasefire between Israel and Gaza are calls for Israel to surrender to Hamas.

While addressing a press briefing, Netanyahu had said, "I want to make clear Israel's position regarding the ceasefire. Just as the United States would not agree to a ceasefire after the bombing of Pearl Harbour or after the terrorist attacks of 9/11. Israel will not agree to a cessation of hostilities after the horrific attacks of October 7." **ANI**

Trump to face anonymous jury in writer Carroll's second trial

NEW YORK

A federal judge said Donald Trump will face an anonymous jury as it decides how much he should pay E Jean Carroll for defaming the writer in 2019 by denying that he raped her.

US District Judge Lewis Kaplan in Manhattan said he found "strong reason" to provide special protections for jurors at the scheduled Jan 16, 2024 civil trial.

He cited the former US president's repeated public criticisms of Carroll and the "extensive media coverage" of her case.

Kaplan also pointed to Trump's conduct in New York Attorney General Letitia James' civil fraud lawsuit against him, where the presiding judge has fined Trump twice for violating a gag order with comments about his clerk.

If juror identities were disclosed, "there would be a strong likelihood of unwanted media attention to the jurors, influence attempts, and/or harassment or worse by supporters of Mr. Trump [and/or by Mr. Trump himself]," Kaplan wrote.

Kaplan said the names, addresses and places of employment of prospective jurors will be kept secret.

Jurors will also be transported together to and from the courthouse and be looked after by US marshals during breaks in the trial.



E. Jean Carroll arrives at Manhattan federal court, May 9, 2023, in New York. AP

Neither Carroll, a former Elle magazine columnist, nor Trump, nor anyone else objected to using an anonymous jury, the judge said.

In a lawsuit that began in November 2019, Carroll is seeking at least \$10 million over comments Trump made in the White House after she first publicly accused him of raping her in a Bergdorf Goodman dressing room in the mid-1990s.

Trump denied knowing Carroll, said she was not his "type," and said she made up the claim to promote her upcoming memoir.

Another anonymous jury in May ordered Trump to pay Carroll \$5 million for sexual assault and defamation in a second lawsuit, after Trump again denied her claims in October 2022.

Trump is appealing that verdict. Both sides are awaiting a decision by the federal appeals court in Manhattan on whether absolute

presidential immunity shields Trump from Carroll's first lawsuit.

In September, Kaplan ruled that the jury's defamation findings in May applied to Carroll's first lawsuit, leaving for trial only the issue of damages.

Trump is the frontrunner for the Republican nomination to challenge Democratic President Joe Biden in the 2024 US election despite facing four federal and state criminal indictments. He has pleaded not guilty in those cases.

The case is Carroll v. Trump, US District Court, Southern District of New York, No. 20-07311.

Indian envoy asks Canada to produce evidence in Nijjar's killing -Trudeau

OTTAWA

INDIA'S High Commissioner to Canada, Sanjay Kumar Verma reiterated New Delhi's stand on the diplomatic standoff with Canada, and urged Ottawa to release evidence backing up its allegation regarding the killing of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar.

The Indian envoy (pictured) made the remarks in an interview with the Canadian platform, The Globe and Mail on Friday.

This came after Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau alleged the involvement of "agents of the Indian government" in the killing of Nijjar in June.

India had rejected the allegations as "absurd and motivated" and expelled a Canadian diplomat in a tit-for-tat move over Canada's decision.

Verma stressed that India has not been shown concrete evidence by Canada

or its allies about India's alleged involvement in Nijjar's killing.

He further suggested that the continuing Canadian police probe into the killing had been "damaged" by PM Trudeau's public statements.

"There is no specific or relevant information provided in this case for us to assist them in the investigation," Verma said.

"Where is the evidence? Where is the conclusion of the investigation? I would go a step further and say now the investigation has already been tainted. A direction has come from someone at a high level to say India or Indian agents are behind it," The Globe and Mail quoted him as saying.

India resumed visa services in Canada for four categories after halting the services till "further notice" in September amid strained ties.



Last month, Canada pulled 41 diplomats from India, after New Delhi had conveyed its concerns over parity in diplomatic strength.

Ottawa also halted its visa and consular services in Chandigarh, Mumbai, and Bengaluru consulates.

While outrightly denying India's role in the killing, Verma said any conversations between diplomats are "protected and can't be used as evidence" in court or publicly released.

"You are talking about illegal wiretaps and talking about evidence. Conversations between two diplomats are secure by international law," he said. "Show me how you captured these conversations. Show me that someone did

not mimic the voice."

On being asked if Ottawa had requested that India extradite anyone who might have been involved in the Nijjar slaying, Verma said, "Those conversations are between the two governments."

The Indian envoy also noted that New Delhi has made 26 requests to Ottawa over the past five or six years to extradite people in Canada to India. "We are still waiting for action," he said.

The High Commissioner also said he has been given Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) security because of threats to him.

"I feel that is hate speech and an incitement to violence," Verma said.

He added, "I am concerned about my safety and security. I am concerned about the safety and security of my consul generals. God forbid if something happens." **ANI**

ABU DHABI

Arab countries to launch new climate initiatives at COP28

ARAB countries plan to launch new climate initiatives and complete a number of previously announced initiatives at the 28th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28), which provides a major opportunity for these nations to enhance their efforts and actively participate in finding fair solutions to the challenges of climate change.

Arab countries support the implementation of the Paris Agreement, which was adopted at COP21, to achieve net-zero emissions, sustainable economic

development, and addressing climate change to balance economic growth and environmental protection.

Although the contribution of Arab countries to carbon emissions is limited, the Arab region is one of the most affected by climate change, according to the Abu Dhabi-based Arab Monetary Fund (AMF).

With the UAE hosting COP28 from November 30 to December 12, 2023, Arab countries account for 18 per cent of all climate summits, with 5 out of 28 summits

hosted by Arab countries. Morocco was the first Arab country to host a COP summit (COP7) in 2001, followed by Qatar (COP18) in 2012, Morocco (COP22) in 2016, and Egypt (COP27) in November 2022.

Arab Group: The 22 Arab countries are one of the main negotiating groups in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The group holds a meeting before each UN climate summit, according to the report "Negotiations of Arab Countries under the United

Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change" by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation Middle East and North Africa.

The report states that the Arab Group meets daily at COP to develop strategies for their positions. All members of the Arab Group are also part of other groups, such as the African Group and the Group of 77 and China.

Renewable Energy: Arab countries are increasingly adopting renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind power, to diversify their energy mix and reduce

greenhouse gas emissions. They have also expanded their role in compensatory measures, such as tree planting, carbon capture technologies, and carbon dioxide recycling in the context of the circular economy, according to the Arab Monetary Fund report "A vision on the position towards climate change and policy options - the road to 'COP28'".

The report explains that rising temperatures, extreme weather events, and declining rainfall, with their significant impact on desertification, declining food

security, and forced displacement, are just examples of the risks posed by climate change. It points to the growing trend of most Arab countries to integrate sustainability into their policies and practices in an effort to balance economic growth and environmental protection for the benefit of the current and future generations.

Arab Coordination: At COP27 in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, the vast majority of members of the Arab Coordination Group (ACG) pledged to provide joint fund-

ing by 2030 in an accumulated amount of \$24 billion to address the global climate crisis. The group includes the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development, the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa, the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, the Arab Gulf Development Programme, the Arab Monetary Fund, the Iraqi Fund for External Development, the Islamic Development Bank, the Kuwait Fund for Economic Development, the OPEC Fund for International Development, the Qatar Development Fund, and the Saudi Development Fund. **ANI**

Xi sends letter to sixth CIIE, pledges opening-up

BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping sent a letter to the sixth China International Import Expo, which opened in Shanghai yesterday.

First held in 2018, the annual expo has leveraged the strengths of China's enormous market, fulfilled its platform function for international procurement, investment promotion, people-to-people exchanges and open cooperation, and made positive contribution to creating a new development pattern and promoting world economic development, Xi said in the letter.

Noting that the world economic recovery lacks momentum, Xi said China will always be an important opportunity for global development.

He pledged that China will firmly advance high-standard opening-up and continue to make economic globalization more open, inclusive, balanced and beneficial to all.



This photo taken on Oct 31, 2023 shows the south square of the National Exhibition and Convention Center (Shanghai), the main venue for the 6th China International Import Expo, in East China's Shanghai. XINHUA

Xi said he hopes the CIIE will better serve as a window for fostering a new development pattern that creates new opportunities for the world through China's further development, and as a platform of high-standard opening-up that allows China's enormous market to be shared by the world.

He also expressed hope that the expo will play a greater role in providing shared international public goods and services that facilitate an open world economy and let the world benefit from win-win cooperation.

This year's expo, scheduled from Nov 5 to 10, has set a new record with 289 Global Fortune 500 companies and industry leaders in attendance. Over 3,400 exhibitors and 394,000 professional visitors registered for the event, a full recovery to pre-pandemic levels.

Capitalizing on China's vast market opportunities, participants have come to Shanghai from 154 countries, regions and international organizations, including the least developed, developing and developed nations. **Xinhua**

Russia a powerful country, daily builds up new elements to its power - Kremlin spokesman

MOSCOW

RUSSIA is a powerful country that every day demonstrates its strength and adds new elements to it, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov (pictured) said.



"Everything that we achieve, we achieve to be strong. Each of us must be strong, and if we are all strong together, our country will be strong. It is really powerful, and it is now showing its strength, it is building up new elements to its power every day," he said at the Znanie (Knowledge) educational marathon on the sidelines of the RUSSIA EXPO.

Russia's response is proportionate to the growing lawless behavior of the West, Kremlin Spokesman said.

"You are absolutely right, they [the West's acts of provocation] are progressing indeed, but we are gaining experience as well. Our response is proportionate to how lawlessness on the part of the collective West is increasing and will be increasing," Peskov said.

"In this regard, no one should doubt the firmness, the determination, and, most importantly, the ability of our president, since he is the supreme commander-in-chief, and he shapes our foreign policy," he added.

Russia will be fighting any external threat, and that was made clear and everyone understands this now, Kremlin Spokesman said.

"We lived through a period of so-called 'romanticism' when it seemed to us that everyone wants to make friends with us - the Americans, the Europeans and the British - and that they would be our friends," Peskov said.

"It seemed to us that when their guns with tanks and missiles were approaching us, that was simply because of their passionate desire to be our friends. We were so wrong. And perhaps we should have resolutely objected to that.

But now we have made it clear and now everyone realizes that when we are put in jeopardy, we will be fighting it," Peskov said when asked how NATO eastwards expansion was allowed. **Agencies**

UN reaffirms again its approval of Morocco's serious and credible efforts on Western Sahara

UNITED NATIONS

THE United Nations extended the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) for another year, positively recognising Morocco's efforts on the issue and giving its approval to the pre-eminence of Morocco's proposal for the Saharawi territory.

Morocco proposes a formula of broad autonomy for Western Sahara under Moroccan sovereignty while respecting UN resolutions as a solution to the Saharawi dispute.

This version is the one that has received the most international support, including that of very important nations such as the United States, Germany, the United Arab Emirates, Israel and Spain, which consider this initiative to be the most serious, credible and realistic way of resolving the Saharawi sovereignty problem, which has lasted for more than four decades.

The UN Security Council once again confirmed the relevance of the Moroccan formula and welcomed the efforts of the Moroccan kingdom after extending MINURSO's mandate for another year.

The Security Council thus decided to "extend the mandate of MINURSO until 31 October 2024", as stated in the US-sponsored resolution 2703. The resolution was adopted with 13 votes in favour and two abstentions.

In this new resolution, the UN executive body reaffirmed its support for the Moroccan autonomy initiative, presented by Morocco in 2007, as a serious and credible basis for ending the regional dispute over the Moroccan Sahara, as respected in Security Council resolutions.

The Security Council welcomed the momentum created by the first roundtable on 5-6 December 2018 and the second roundtable on 21-22 March 2019, and the engagement of Morocco, the Polisario Front, Algeria and Mauritania in the UN political process on Western Sahara in a serious and respectful manner to identify elements of convergence.

The members of the UN Security Council also appreciated the efforts of the UN Secretary General's Personal Envoy for Western Sahara, Staffan de Mistura, who is working in depth to ensure that there is a solid political dialogue between the parties involved in order to arrive at a realistic and pragmatic solution to the Sahara dispute. **Agencies**

I don't have to read in books what poverty is - PM Modi

SEONI

IN the run-up to the state assembly elections, Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday, while addressing an election rally in Madhya Pradesh's Seoni, reiterated his declaration on the government's decision to extend the free ration scheme for the poor for five years.

"I have come out of poverty, I don't have to read in books what poverty is. I can feel the pain of the poor. Therefore, your son, your brother, has made a big decision in his mind that when the 'Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana' is completed in December, we will guarantee a free ration for the next 5 years," PM Modi during his address in Seoni today.

The Prime Minister said the extension of the free ration scheme is "guarantee of Modi".

He added, "This is BJP, for which every poor, backward, Dalit, tribal... is a member of the BJP family. A member of my family..."

The Prime Minister also launched a veiled attack against the Congress party and said that the party can never be trusted.

"Congress can never be trusted. The Congress' slogan is 'Garib ke jeb saaf, kaam half se bhi half' (The poor's pocket is clean, the work is half of the half), which means Congress does not work towards development, but it definitely empties the poor people's pockets," PM Modi said.

He further claimed that, unlike the Congress rule, the BJP rule witnessed no scams.

"Before 2014, each scam of Congress used to be worth lakhs and crores, now there are no scams under the BJP government's rule. The money saved in the name of



the poor is spent on their ration schemes. This is the biggest difference between the corruptive Congress government and the BJP government," he added.

He also alleged that the Congress party is "pretending" to contest in Madhya Pradesh.

"For Congress, no one is bigger than its own family. Where Congress assumes office, the government schemes, roads, streets... eve-

rything is named after that family. Only that family is visible in the MP manifesto," he said.

He added, "Congress is not contesting elections in Madhya Pradesh. They know that there is no need to win the elections here; they are just pretending to contest the elections. They contest the elections to see whose son will become the head of the Congress."

"Congress neither has any future of its own nor does it have any roadmap for the future of the youth of MP. Even today, Congress leaders ask for votes on what their grandparents did," he further said.

PM Modi expressed confidence that the people's mandate is with the BJP, adding that the state needs continuity in good governance and development.

"It is the guarantee of the people that the BJP is going to win (Assembly elections). Our Madhya

Pradesh needs continuity in good governance and development. The entire state says 'BJP hai toh bharosa hai, BJP hai toh vikas hai, BJP hai toh behtar bhavishya hai' (If there is BJP, there is trust, if there is BJP, there is development, if there is BJP, there is better future)," the PM said.

"Modi is in the minds of everyone, young and old, women and elderly, in Madhya Pradesh. Seoni is ready, again this time for the BJP government," he added.

Earlier on Saturday, in a major announcement ahead of elections in five states this month, PM Modi said that his government has decided to extend the free ration scheme for the poor for five years.

The Prime Minister made the announcement during his poll rallies in Durg and Ratlam while launching an attack against Congress. **ANI**

Barrick keeps key projects on track, delivers another quarter of improved production, costs

LONDON

BARRICK'S Q3 results showed improved production at lower costs and confirmed its long-term growth forecast. President and chief executive Mark Bristow said the Q3 performance was an improvement on the previous quarter's and Q4 is expected to be better.

Despite the projected second half improvement, gold production is forecast to be marginally below the low end of our annual guidance range. Copper is comfortably on track to meet its guidance for production and costs.

Gold production in Q3 was higher than Q2 driven by improved performances at Cortez, Turquoise Ridge and Kibali. As previously disclosed, the ramp up at Pueblo Viejo is slower than planned.

Barrick is engaged with original equipment suppliers to develop permanent solutions for their equipment failures. The 2024 Pueblo Viejo production forecast still exceeds 800,000 ounces (100% basis). The company also confirmed that the Notice of Availability for the Final Environmental Impact Statement for Goldrush was published on October 27.

"Mining is a long game and we don't manage Barrick by the quarter—our projection for a 30% increase in the production of gold-equivalent ounces by the end of this decade remains intact," Bristow said.

Barrick's other key growth projects—the development of the Reko Diq copper and gold mine in Pakistan, and the expansion of the Lumwana copper mine in Zambia—are making steady progress.

Construction of Reko Diq is scheduled to start in 2025 targeting first production in 2028, and Lumwana's expansion is scheduled on the same timetable. Reko Diq will rank among the world's top 10 copper producers when it reaches full production, while the expanded Lumwana mine is forecast to produce at an annual production rate of 240,000 tonnes of contained copper.14,15

"Growing the copper portfolio is one of our strategic priorities, and when these two mines are in full production, they will promote Barrick to the premier league of copper producers alongside its peerless gold portfolio. In the meantime, we're using our very successful Jabal Sayid copper mine in Saudi Arabia as a springboard for the discovery of new opportunities within the Kingdom and around

the Red Sea to Egypt, where we believe the Arabian-Nubian Shield is poised to become a major new mining destination," Bristow said.

Barrick has aggressive exploration across its global portfolio, aiming both to sustain the company's peerless record of reserves replacement, and to find its next million-ounce discovery. Since the merger with Randgold Resources in 2019, Barrick has replaced 125% of its depleted reserves (exclusive of divestments and acquisitions on a gold equivalent basis).16

Strong drill results at Nevada Gold Mines support its three-year resource and replacement plan and, brownfields exploration is highlighting the potential in the Africa and Middle East region, and the exploration portfolios of South, Central and North America are being ex-

pected.

Bristow described Barrick's financial performance for the quarter as strong, noting that operating cash flows grew by 35% to more than \$1 billion, free cash flow3 was up significantly to \$359 million, net earnings per share increased 24% to \$0.21 per share and adjusted net earnings per share rose 26% to \$0.24 per share. The quarterly dividend was maintained at 10 cents per share.

"Our robust balance sheet secures Barrick's capacity to continue to invest in growth projects, both new and existing. These projects are not required to maintain our existing production profile; they're exceptional opportunities to drive real long-term value creation, and our team has shown that they're more than capable of fully delivering on them," Bristow said.

China, Africa to keep deepening industrial chain cooperation

A report titled "Chinese Investment in Africa 2023" was recently released in Beijing. By analyzing over 90 Chinese companies and 20 China-Africa cooperation projects, the report explores the impact of the China-Africa policy framework and existing cooperation models on the African industrial chain.

It particularly emphasizes the role of Chinese enterprises in the development and transformation of the African industrial chain, and highlights the future potential of China-Africa industrial chain cooperation.

The report showcases a wide range of examples to demonstrate the contributions made by Chinese companies to the transformation and development of Africa's industrial chain in various sectors such as agriculture, manufacturing, digital economy, pharmaceuticals, logistics, and infrastructure. These examples include a hybrid rice demonstration project in Madagascar, a fiberglass production line set up by Chinese company Jushi in Egypt, the cross-border e-commerce platform Kilimall in Central Africa, the Nairobi-Malaba railway in Kenya, and the 150 MW Noor III Concentrated So-

lar Power project in Morocco.

Wu Peng, director-general of the Department of African Affairs of China's Foreign Ministry, noted that China is leveraging the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) to strengthen its alignment with the African Union's Agenda 2063 and the development strategies of African countries.

According to him, the focus is on promoting African industrialization through investment cooperation, enhancing the value-added of African resources, and expanding the share of African manufacturing in the global industrial chain.

"The investment and economic cooperation between Africa and China is continuously expanding, with steady growth in bilateral trade volume and a gradual increase in the value-added of African products. This is highly encouraging," said Arkebe Oqubay, former special adviser to the Prime Minister of Ethiopia.

He emphasized that China attaches great importance to strengthening clean energy cooperation with Africa and has become one of the main partners of Africa in clean energy develop-



A local worker operates equipment in China-Egypt TEDA Suez Economic and Trade Cooperation Zone in Egypt. (People's Daily/Zhang Zhiwen)

ment.

Sharing the green and low-carbon practices in industrial parks in Hawassa and other parts of Ethiopia, Oqubay stated that with strong support from Chinese investment, Ethiopia is gradually enhancing its green infrastructure development, and the Ethiopian government actively supports Chinese companies' investment and projects in the country.

As of the end of 2022, China's direct investment stock in Africa had exceeded \$47 billion, with over 3,000 Chinese companies investing and operating in Africa. In the first half of this year, China's direct investment in Africa ex-

ceeded \$1.82 billion, a year-on-year increase of 4.4 percent. Chinese companies' confidence in the African market continues to strengthen, and they are keeping expanding the areas of investment in Africa.

Wang Dong, deputy head of the Department of Western Asia and African Affairs of China's Ministry of Commerce, noted that Chinese companies' investment in Africa has expanded from traditional sectors such as construction, mining, manufacturing, wholesale, retail, and agriculture to new sectors including trade logistics, digital economy, clean energy, healthcare, green development, and finance, and Chinese companies have also invested in industrial parks and economic cooperation zones in many African countries.

The effects of agglomeration continue to emerge, promoting industrialization and agricultural modernization in Africa, Wang added.

The report highlights that China-Africa industrial chain cooperation has facilitated the transformation and development of African industrial chains through six major models: industrial alignment and capacity cooperation, investment in industrial parks and industries, infrastructure development and strengthening of industrial foundations, technology transfer and talent development, demand stimulation and supply promotion, as well as institutional innovation and practical exploration.

Deputy executive secretary and chief economist at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa Hanan Morsy said both the Chinese and African markets hold immense potential, and the close cooperation between the two sides in the field of trade and economy is fueling the intrinsic growth of Africa.

"The investment by Chinese companies is a focal point of interest for many African countries," said Ibrahima Sory Sylla, Ambassador of Senegal to China, adding that as African industrialization continues to progress, investment in the industrial chain is driving the continent's industrial transformation.

"The FOCAC continues to play a crucial role in promoting investment in Africa, and African countries are looking forward to more investment from Chinese companies," he noted.

Over the past 10 years since the BRI was proposed, the initiative has received active support and enthusiastic participation from African countries. Africa has become one of the most important partners of China for Belt and Road cooperation, and almost all countries on the continent have joined the BRI. The connectivity cooperation between China and Africa has accelerated, driving the development of the entire industrial chain.

According to Jeffrey Sachs, director of the Center for Sustainable Development at Columbia University, the positive development of Chi-



Reliance Simba Kings' cricketer, Abdulrazak Mohamed (R), gets a Player of the Match prize from a cricket stakeholder once the outfit confronted G1 Buffalo Blasters in a 2023 Tanzania Cricket Premier League's knockout tie in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

Reliance Simba Kings to face Meru Royal Rhinos in 2023 Cricket Premier League final

By Guardian Reporter

THE maiden Tanzania Cricket Premier League was set to conclude in Dar es Salaam on Sunday, with Meru Royal Rhinos coming up against Reliance Simba Kings in the final.

The two sides booked a place in the final after excelling in knockout ties, dubbed Qualifiers, which were held in the weekend.

Reliance Simba Kings, on the one hand, secured victory over G1 Buffalo Blasters in the first of the knockout phase ties, Qualifier 1, which was played at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club last Friday.

Meru Royal Rhinos, on the other hand, commanded a seven-run victory over G1 Buffalo Blasters in a pulsating knockout clash, Qualifier 2, which took place on Saturday.

The duel's victors had earlier garnered a 14-run victory over Delaware Twiga Titans in a knockout tie, dubbed Eliminator, to make it to the Qualifier 2 and face the losers of the Qualifier 1.

A thrilling tie was billed to be on show given both teams, which progressed to the final, are made up of talented cricketers who are also turning out for the senior national cricket team.

Meru Royal Rhinos were, for instance, slated to field Riziki Kiseto, Mohamed Omary, Mohamed Salim, Salum Jumbe, Alishihab Fazleali Bukhari, and Goodluck Andrew, given the performers' contributions were instrumental in the squad's progression to the final.

Promising cricketer Abdulrazak Mohamed- adjudged Player of the Match when Reliance Simba Kings booked a place in the final last Friday- was expected to lead the outfit's quest for the trophy on Sunday.

The performer was expected to join forces with equally gifted performers, Amal Rajeevan, Seif Khalifa, Johnson Nyambo, Suraj Pala, and Salmi Yusuph in their pursuit of vic-

tory over Meru Royal Rhinos.

The second Qualifier between G1 Buffalo Blasters and Meru Royal Rhinos, which was affected by a downpour, culminated with Omary catapulting Meru Royal Rhinos to a seven-run defeat of G1 Buffalo Blasters via the Duckworth-Lewis method.

Having won the toss and chose to bowl, G1 Buffalo Blasters limited Meru Royal Rhinos' score to 133/8 in 20 overs after the latter had taken the crease first.

Top-order cricketers, Bukhari, Riziki Kiseto, Omary, and Salim were the performers with meaningful contributions during Meru Royal Rhinos' turn with the bat.

The opener, Omary, was the most impressive of the four cricketers, in which he went on to notch 56 runs.

Bukhari, who came on at number three, made his way back with 24 runs, Kiseto posted 21 runs not out and Salim chipped in with 13 runs.

Kiseto had an unbeaten stand with Athumani Siwa and made his way back with one run not out as Meru Royal Rhinos completed their 20-over spell with 133 runs for the loss of eight wickets.

Experienced cricketer, Ally Mpeka (3-36 in four overs), and Asuri Rajendra (2-10 in four overs) came out with all guns blazing when G1 Buffalo Blasters fielded and garnered apiece.

The two were by far the most impressive during their squad's bowling stint, with Mpeka ending with a 9.00 economy rate whereas Rajendra notched a 2.50 economy rate.

G1 Buffalo Blasters could not live up to their expectations when they batted, as they could not reach the revised target of 86 runs in 16 overs after posting 78/5 in 13.1 overs.

Meru Royal Rhinos' bowling unit's Andrew (3-19 in three overs) and Sneh who finished with two wickets in 3.1 overs were largely responsible for their squad's success when it fielded.

City center derby has potential for upscaling GSM investments in Yanga

By Correspondent John Kimbute

AMBITIONS of the two city giants to become respectable in inter-club tournaments of the Confederation of African Football (CAF) are rising faster than was otherwise thought would be the case.

Events within the movement of tournaments and outside have contrived to elevate ambitions, despite that even the stage that was visibly reached hasn't especially been consolidated.

Both Simba SC and Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, faced some teething problems in qualifying for the Group Stage of the CAF Champions League, Yanga was indeed lucky to have drawn a depleted side.

The Msimbazi Street side was sternly tested against Zambia's Power Dynamos, who visited Benjamin Mkapa Stadium-nicknamed 'Estadio Lupaso'-first on a Simba Day friendly and lost, but they retained reels from that match to closely examine their hosts' playing pattern.

This helped them in the return encounters on a more serious basis for qualifying to the Group Stage of the CAF Champions League, to erase lapses exhibited during the friendly encounter.

This turn brought the more ambitious local side to start examining its capacities but on the whole, it stood up to challenges, as seen in the two African Football League (AFL) encounters with Egypt's Al Ahly.

What was being seen ahead of the city center derby was that Simba SC displayed the dexterity it takes to play with the best in Africa and hold to one's ground.

On that basis, one can compare the Msimbazi Street side with Al Ahly and the Jangwani Street side as better than a subdued Al Merrikh, which lost most of its international players as strife engulfed Sudan.

What is unclear is whether the Jangwani Street side could



Yanga's winger, Maxi Nzengeli (R), races past Simba SC's fullback, Shomari Kapombe, as the two teams locked horns in a 2023/24 Community Shield tournament's trophy encounter in Tanga in August. Simba SC defeated Yanga 3-1 in the penalty shootout. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

have stood its ground with Al Ahly at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium and in Cairo but there is a long shot about that, since their co-finalists USM Alger later won the CAF Super Cup in a one-match duel with Al Ahly 1-0, as they prepared more for the tie.

This comparison shows that not just Simba SC in having been named among the top 10 sides on the continent, and thus being included in the recent AFL of eight sides when they exited honourably, but also Yanga.

For some reason, they were also cited among clubs contending for the title of leading club in Africa, on account definitely of appearing in last year's CAF Confederation Cup final.

It was much-needed oxygen for Yanga's fledgling confidence among the fans and perhaps morale among the players after the Ihefu SC experience, losing 2-1.

Yet this classification left wide gaps for local pundits and fans to see through, in hav-

ing included Marumo Gallants among the contenders for the top 10 clubs in Africa, even after they exited the South African Premier Soccer League.

In that case, the supposed classification that included Yanga seemed to be steeped in politics, the habit of speaking for the underdog, and having to observe rules that expose the inside of the ranking hoopla.

They failed to protect the respectability of that ranking in being obliged to include the gallant South African side in the fateful list.

In that context, there was a slim chance of Yanga standing up to Al Ahly, whom they are slated to meet in the Group Stage of the CAF Champions League, and have arguably been careful with what they say on their rivals' performance in their AFL turnout.

There is hence a dichotomy of aspirations and means deployed to realize those aspirations, as it is clear that the Msimbazi Street side is doing more to live up to its ambitions

than their next street rivals.

There appears to be a mixture of signals as to how far the Jangwani Street side is living to its ambitions, or failing.

This is how results in the derby slated for the late hours of November 5 were likely to prove a turning point in how the Jangwani Street side looks at its fortunes and the means deployed to reach its ambitions.

Whatever its actual ambition on the continental stage it has been forced to dream of featuring among the top first due to its unattended final and technical loss to USM Alger, and then seeing their de facto equals Alger defeat the Egyptian giants in a one-off encounter known as the CAF Super Cup final.

USM Alger is only seventh in the Algerian league and thus worked hard to bring up a strategy against Al Ahly which was far less enthusiastic.

Without overstepping comparisons, the 1-0 win of USM Alger over the Egyptian giants is similar to Ihefu SC's 2-1 victory over Yanga and the fact that it repeated it across two seasons.

The reason is usually psychological, that the weaker side takes plenty of time to watch how the better side plays and lay out strategies for ruining their game, and on that day their players are highly motivated.

The stronger or superior club takes the situation as normal and plays at their regular adrenalin, so it may lose.

The picture one gets is that the Msimbazi Street side can play at normal adrenalin and obtain results while Yanga shows a greater chance of slipping when in that situation.

The reason is squad depth and extent of reliability of players, where the Jangwani Street side has limited starting lineup choice and backup players to call upon when in need, but for midfield and forward positions.

The defense can be shaky at times, and some replacements have been a disappointment, as when the coach introduced Nickson Kibabage, there was a round of displeasure on the move.

Meru Royal Rhinos set sight on clinching 2023 Cricket Premier League silverware

By Guardian Reporter

MERU Royal Rhinos have improved their chances of winning this season's Tanzania Cricket Premier League top honour with a 14-run victory over Delaware Twiga Titans in the Eliminator played at Leaders Club ground in Dar es Salaam on Friday.

The knockout clash's success had Meru Royal Rhinos garnering progression to the other knockout duel, known as Qualifier 2, in which the club was set to take on G1 Buffalo Blasters on Saturday.

In the Eliminator, Meru Royal Rhinos took the crease first, posting 132/6 in 17.5 overs in the match which had the overs being reduced to 18 because of rains.

All-rounder Salum Jumbe had the best innings when the squad took the crease, ending eight runs short of a half-century.

Jumbe, deployed at number five, guided Meru Royal Rhinos to 120 runs in 16 overs, making his way back once Umar Shaikh of Delaware Twiga Titans trapped the all-rounder for leg before wicket.

There were equally great displays at the crease put to show by experienced top-order cricketers, Riziki Kiseto and Mohamed Salim.

Skipper Kiseto ended with 25 runs not out whilst clearing the boundary once and Salim, slotted in as an opener, scored 20 runs.

Meru Royal Rhinos' attempt to get off to a great start met stiff opposition, which led to an early dismissal of the other opener, Augustine Mwamele, who made his way back whilst being three runs short of the two-digit figure.

Delaware Twiga Titans battled to keep Meru Royal Rhinos' batting unit in check as they dismissed two other top-order players, Alishihab Fazleali Bukhari and Mohamed Omary, in quick succession.

The batting squad was dealt a blow with another dismissal of promising cricketer, Nyenje Hashim, who also had a brief stint- finishing one run short of two digits.

Seventeen extra runs leaked by Delaware Twiga Titans, which included 16 wides and one no ball, improved Meru Royal Rhinos' score.

Rishen Patel stood out of the rest of Delaware Twiga Titans' members of the bowling unit, posting impressive figures of 2-27 in four overs.

The other bowlers, Shaikh and Pafrod Anacet, sought to make their presence felt as they took

one wicket apiece.

Needing 133 runs to come out victorious, Delaware Twiga Titans played their heart out when they took the crease, they disappointingly lost steam having managed to post 118/9 in the 18 overs.

The opening batting pair made up of Rishen and skipper Ivan Ismail had Delaware Twiga Titans beginning their pursuit of a successful chase gallantly, in which Rishen posted 32 runs and Ismail notched 25 runs.

The batting squad thereafter experienced a setback given there were two quick exits of top-order members, Asif Butt and Seif Athuman, with both falling short of two digits.

Shaikh vainly sought to see to it the batting squad take control of its innings, scoring 11 runs, the promising cricketer though could not stay longer having been dismissed by spinner Kiseto.

Zamoyoni Ramadhani (20 runs) and Shafii Kolo (16 runs not out), deployed at the middle-order, had Delaware Twiga Titans fighting to repel Meru Royal Rhinos' pressure with encouraging figures.

The remaining members, Kibwana Salum and Karimu Athumani could hardly prevent Meru Royal Rhinos bowling unit mem-

bers from piling misery on Delaware Twiga Titans, experiencing brief stints.

Kolo set up an unbeaten partnership with Pafrod Anacet, with the latter chipping in with three runs not out.

Spinner Kiseto successfully led Meru Royal Rhinos' efforts to frustrate Delaware Twiga Titans' chase, as the spinner ended with 3-17 in four overs.

His impressive bowling showing deservedly earned him the Player of the Match prize. Laksh Snehal (2-15 in four overs), Goodluck Andrew, Mwamele, and Jumbe who posted one wicket each complemented the experienced spinner's efforts.

Delaware Twiga Titans and Meru Royal Rhinos secured progression to the Eliminator as they finished third and fourth in the round-robin phase of the tournament.

Third-placed Delaware Twiga Titans, which trailed tournament leaders G1 Buffalo Blasters and Reliance Simba Kings which finished second, recorded the 0.5904 net run rate from win in four ties and defeat in four clashes.

Meru Royal Rhinos ended one place below given the cricketers notched a -0.6083 net run rate, having won three encounters and lost five ties.

Fluminense down Boca to win first Copa Libertadores

RIO DE JANEIRO

JOHN Kennedy struck a spectacular extra-time winner as Fluminense ended their long wait for a first ever Copa Libertadores crown on Saturday with a 2-1 victory over Argentina's Boca Juniors.

Substitute Kennedy volleyed home from the edge of the area in the 99th minute of an ill-tempered final at Rio's Maracana Stadium after the match finished 1-1 after 90 minutes.

Kennedy was promptly sent off for collecting a second yellow card for an over-exuberant celebration among Fluminense's delirious home fans following the goal.

The 21-year-old Kennedy - named by his history-loving father after the 35th President of the United States - had been a decisive influence for Fluminense after being brought on as a substitute for playmaker Ganso 10 minutes from the end of normal time.

At that point, Boca looked to be getting on top after equalising with a 72nd-minute shot from Peruvian international right back Luis Advincula which cancelled out Fluminense's 36th-minute opener from veteran forward German Cano.

But the arrival of Kennedy breathed fresh life into the Fluminense attack and in the first half of extra-time, the young forward made the breakthrough.

A deft touch by Keno teed up the ball for Kennedy in space, who crashed a thunderous right-foot volley beyond the dive of Boca's former Manchester United and Argentina international goalkeeper Sergio Romero.

Tempers flared near half-time of extra-time with an ugly multi-player melee after unsuccessful Boca appeals for a penalty.

- Cagey 90 minutes -

Boca's Frank Fabra was given his marching orders by Colombian referee Wilmar Roldan after a VAR review caught him aiming a slap at Fluminense defender Nino.

With both teams down to 10 men, Fluminense could have wrapped up victory but Guga's effort after a sweeping counter-attack came back off the inside of the post and rolled across the face of goal.

Fluminense, the four-time champions of Brazil, were one of just two of the country's 12 biggest clubs never to have won the Libertadores prior to Saturday's victory.

But Kennedy's extra-time thunderbolt handed Fluminense a victory that gives Brazilian clubs a fifth straight win in the tournament since the introduction of single-match format finals in 2019.

The game had gone to extra-time after a cagey 90 minutes finished level at 1-1.

Fluminense had taken the lead with a well-worked opening goal from veteran striker Cano after 36 minutes.

Keno was involved in that goal too, playing a neat 1-2 with Jhon Arias before pulling back for Cano, who swept in an emphatic low finish.

AFP

'Even easier to play with Kane than I thought' says Bayern's Musiala

MUNICH

BAYERN Munich forward Jamal Musiala is surprised by the budding chemistry up front in the German champions' forward line, after his side won 4-0 at Borussia Dortmund on Saturday.

"I expected high (standards) but not as high as he's delivered so far," Musiala told reporters after the win.

"It's even easier to play with him than I thought."

Kane scored three in 10 matches for Bayern since moving from Tottenham in the summer, while also chalking up five assists in that time.

Musiala said: "I feel very comfortable with Harry, he plays amazing passes."

"I can run in behind and he'll find me."

The 20-year-old Musiala, who grew up in England but plays for Germany, said he hoped the chemistry between the two would improve "the more games we play".

Musiala said it was important Bayern "show a reaction" after their midweek elimination from the German Cup at the hands of third-division Saarbruecken.

Bayern captain Manuel Neuer lauded his striker, telling German TV: "That's his experience, he brought it with him to the Bundesliga from England and he shows us it week after week."

Dortmund came into the match unbeaten but now sit seven points behind leaders Bayer Leverkusen and five behind Bayern Munich, with just ten matches played this season.

Dortmund sporting director Sebastian Kehl congratulated Bayern on the "deserved victory", telling reporters the "ice-cold" Kane "had chances which he made the most of".

"His teammates put him in good positions," said Kehl, though he admitted "on a few occasions we made things easy for him."

AFP

Man City back on top of the Premier League as Arsenal loses at Newcastle

MANCHESTER, England

THE Premier League table has a familiar look about it after Manchester City blasted its way back to the top with a 6-1 rout of Bournemouth on Saturday.

Arsenal's 1-0 loss at Newcastle left the defending champions out in front, at least until Tottenham plays Chelsea on Monday.

Belgium's Jeremy Doku was in irresistible form - scoring one and creating another four goals - to help City extend its 100% record at home this season and keep the heat on Spurs.

That result also put the pressure on Arsenal to win big at St. James' Park if it was to move above City on goal difference. Instead, Anthony Gordon's contested goal inflicted a first league defeat of the season on last year's runner-up to leave it in third place and in danger of dropping out of the top four depending on results on Sunday.

Both Liverpool and Aston Villa have the chance to move above Arsenal when they play at Luton and Nottingham Forest, respectively. Tottenham, meanwhile, could open up a five-point lead on London rival Arsenal if it beats Chelsea.

Tottenham is now the only unbeaten team left in England's top flight and will be looking to extend that run when up against former manager Mauricio Pochettino on Monday.

ARSENAL ANGER

Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta was furious after an



Anthony Gordon scores Newcastle's winner against Arsenal. Agencies

extensive VAR review allowed Gordon's 64th-minute goal to stand and Newcastle secured a narrow win.

VAR checked for three possible infringements before giving the goal. There were checks to see if the ball had gone out of play, if there had been a foul and for a possible offside. In the end the goal stood and it proved to be decisive.

"I've been 20 years in this country and now I feel ashamed. It's a disgrace and there's too much at stake here," Arteta said. "It's not good enough. I feel embarrassed to be part of this."

SAUDI SOCCER

This was a good week for Newcastle and Saudi Arabia's ambitions in soccer. In the space of a few days, the Saudi-backed club has secured back-to-back wins against two of the traditional giants of the English game after beating Manchester United 3-0 in the League Cup on Wednesday.

Saudi Arabia is also all but certain to host the 2034 World

Cup after its only rival, Australia, pulled out of the running this week.

UNITED RELIEF

Under-pressure Manchester United manager Erik ten Hag was minutes away from a latest setback at Fulham until Bruno Fernandes' late strike secured a 1-0 win.

Like his coach, Fernandes has also come in for criticism as the sense of crisis at United has deepened, with club great Roy Keane calling for the Portugal international to be stripped of the captaincy. But the midfielder came up with a crucial goal to end his team's two-game losing streak (in all competitions) in the first minute of stoppage time.

"It's really important, we know the position we are in," Fernandes said. "We need to get results, it was massively important for us to get the three points today."

"I know we have even more than we showed today."

HAALAND BLOW

Erling Haaland was substi-

tuted at halftime against Bournemouth after twisting his ankle.

While Guardiola said the withdrawal was a precaution, the Norway striker looked in discomfort when pulling up in the first half. Guardiola did not know if his leading scorer would be available to play Young Boys in the Champions League on Tuesday.

Even without him, City cruised to its latest win, with Doku showing his match-winning qualities.

"When he takes the ball and goes, everybody is excited and myself too. Something is going to happen and it's happened," Guardiola said.

RELEGATION FEARS

Burnley could be headed straight back down to the second tier unless it can sort out its home form. Vincent Kompany's team became the first in Premier League history to lose its opening six home games of a season after losing 2-0 to Crystal Palace.

Sheffield United has also

struggled since being promoted at the end of last season, but finally secured its first win back in the top flight against Wolverhampton. Oliver Norwood's penalty in the 10th minute of second-half stoppage time sealed a 2-1 win after Jean-Ricner Bellegarde had scored an 89th-minute equalizer for Wolves.

Sheffield United still remains bottom of the standings, but is level on points with Burnley in 19th.

EVERTON OWN-GOAL

Everton missed the chance to make a serious move up the table after Ashley Young's own-goal salvaged a 1-1 draw for Brighton.

A win would have moved Sean Dyche's improving team up to 12th in the standings and Vitali Mykolenko's seventh-minute goal put the Toffees on course for a sixth victory in eight matches in all competitions, until Young put the ball into his own net. Everton stayed 15th.

Neal Maupay's first goal in 35 matches ended a barren run of more than 14 months as Brentford beat West Ham 3-2.

The forward's last goal had also come against the Hammers, in a 1-0 win for Everton in September last year. This time he was setting Brentford up for victory.

The Bees still had to come from behind after going 2-1 down in the first half through goals from Mohammed Kudus and Jarrod Bowen.

An own-goal from Konstantinos Mavropanos after the break evened the score before Nathan Collins grabbed his first goal for Brentford and the winner in the 69th.

AP

Mikel Arteta rants at 'disgraceful' Var - Why was Anthony Gordon goal so controversial?

By Luke Edwards

MIKEL Arteta launched an astonishing attack on the legitimacy of the Premier League after his Arsenal side lost to a "disgraceful" and "embarrassing" Var decision which put a big dent in their title-winning aspirations.

Arteta lost his cool and all sense of perspective as the defeat by Newcastle, their first of the season, came after Anthony Gordon's strike survived a hat-trick of Var checks - for ball out of play, foul and offside.

*What happened?

The drama came when Gordon turned the ball in from close range, but despite checks to see if Joe Willock had kept the ball in play before crossing it, there was no conclusive proof, according to Stockley Park, that it had crossed the touchline.

In turn, despite a long check to see if Joelinton had fouled Gabriel before the ball fell to Gordon, it was not clear and obvious he had.

*What did Arteta say?

"We have to talk about the result," said Arteta, his eyes red with emotion. "We have to talk about how the hell this goal stands up, I feel embarrassed. I have to be the one here to talk, try to defend the club and ask for help.



Arteta makes his point to the fourth official, Graham Scott, during the match before exploding in his post-match interviews. Agencies

"It is an absolute disgrace, an absolute disgrace that this goal is allowed. For more than one reason, for many reasons, it should not be a goal. I have been more than 20 years in this country, I feel ashamed, and it is nowhere near the level to describe this as the best league in the world."

Pushed on exactly which one of the three checks the goal should have failed, Arteta was more evasive. "It is not a goal, it is simple. [The fact there are three checks] makes it even worse. You only need to see one image, if not look at the second, it is not a goal. I don't care what they say [about a lack of proof].

Asked for which reason, he added: "For a goal to be allowed, there are certain things prior to that, there are things not allowed in football,

um against this team.

"The result should not be what it is - there are many reasons for that. If there was a team looking to win the game today it was Arsenal.

"Embarrassing what happened - how this goal stands, in the Premier League - this league we say is the best in the world. I've been 20 years in this country and now I feel ashamed.

"We are trying to do incredible things and be at the highest level each week. When we're not good enough I hold my hands up and take responsibility.

"The outcome [of the Var check] is nowhere near the level this league needs to have and the way this league is getting competed in. It's not good enough. I feel embarrassed to be part

of this."

*What did Howe say?

Newcastle manager, Eddie Howe, did not seem impressed by the content or tone of Arteta's rant, although he denied he had watched any replays before speaking to the media.

Howe had declined the opportunity to speak to the Arsenal manager after the match and there was plenty of needle on the touchline as well as out on the pitch, where both Kai Havertz and Bruno Guimaraes were fortunate not to be shown red cards.

"Maybe he has seen something I haven't," said Howe, who argued Havertz should have been sent off in the first half for a two-footed lunge on Sean Longstaff. "I have only seen it with

the naked eye and I had no idea what was going on with the Var checks.

"You are in the lap of the gods. It is very bizarre to have three Var checks and I don't think I've ever seen anything like that before.

"The players, the group have been unbelievable. They have really stepped up. We are in a difficult moment with a lot of injuries. Stretched with injuries, losing players in the game again to injuries we can't do a lot about.

"We couldn't have won the game without the crowd today. I thought both teams were close to losing their discipline at times but it was a great win, full of spirit and determination, and that little bit of quality too."

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Ihefu SC's head coach Moses Basena. PHOTO: COURTESY OF IHEFU SC

Ihefu SC vows to bounce back from defeat to Azam FC

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

IHEFU SC head coach Moses Basena said his side is determined to have his club bouncing back and coming out victorious in the 2023/24 NBC Premier League game away to JKT Tanzania.

The Ugandan tactician issued his comments after the topflight tie between Ihefu SC and Azam FC that took place at Highland Estates Stadium in Mbarali, Mbeya, culminating in a 3-1 victory for Azam FC.

In an interview, Basena sounded confident of bouncing back, saying they lost to Azam FC due to lack of concentration but praised his charges for playing well in the second half.

He stated: "As a team, we strongly believe that you fall and rise again. We know that failure is not infinite. You rise, gather your broken pieces, and resume your journey going forward."

"We will bounce back quickly, it's my hope we will do well in our next game," the coach pointed out.

He said they have put behind the Azam FC debacle and switched focus to the fixture against JKT Tanzania.

In the Saturday tie, the visitors enjoyed possession in the first period and scored their first goal through midfielder Feisal Salum Abdallah in the 15th minute.

After the goal, the hosts mounted a comeback but could not find the visitors' net, and the first half ended 1-0 for the latter.

In the second period, Azam FC started from where the outfit stopped and scored two quick goals in the 46th and 48th minutes of the game through midfielder Sospeter Bajana who was at his best.

Ihefu SC did all the squad could to score but failed, the squad's efforts paid off in the dying minutes when striker Jaffary Kibaya scored the consolation goal in the 90th minute of the game.

After the game, Azam FC Information Officer Hashim Ibwe said he is happy that the team is now back to winning ways.

Ibwe pointed out: "It is good that we have managed to collect all the six points away, it is good that we are now back to our winning ways."

"You know we have had some bad days in the past but now winning two games in a row away is something we are happy with and I hope we will maintain this winning spirit," he said.

The Mbeya outfit is lately sitting 11th on the topflight table having emerged victorious in two clashes, conceded loss in five encounters and managed to post a draw in two fixtures. The club has notched seven goals and allowed 12 goals.

It is barely three spots from the relegation zone that is now occupied by 15th-placed Geita Gold FC and Mtibwa Sugar now sitting at the bottom of the topflight.

Yanga trounces Simba SC in thrilling Dar derby



Simba SC forward Kibu Denis (2nd R) dribbles past Yanga's players when the two clubs locked horns in a 2023/24 NBC Premier League encounter held in Dar es Salaam yesterday, which ended with Yanga cruising to a 5-1 win. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

By Guardian Correspondent

YANGA has gallantly returned to the top place in the 2023/24 NBC Premier League with a 5-1 drubbing of age-old rival, Simba SC, in Dar es Salaam on Sunday.

Yanga went 1-0 up in the third minute as Zambian striker, Kennedy Musonda, superbly connected home a pinpoint cross floated in by right-back, Kouassi Attohoul, with a header.

Dickson Job, Yanga's center-back, was shown a yellow card in the seventh minute after committing a foul on

Simba SC winger, Saidi Ntibazonkiza, and several seconds later, Yanga's keeper Djigui Diarra, punched away a free kick by Simba SC midfielder, Clatous Chama.

In the ninth minute, Simba SC attacker Kibu Denis netted an equalizer for his club after connecting home a corner taken by Chama with a header.

Simba SC center-back Che Malone was shown a yellow card in the 22nd minute after fouling Yanga's midfielder, Stephane Aziz Ki, outside the penalty area.

Denis continued to pose a threat to Yanga's defense, hav-

ing gone close in the 32nd minute when his rasping shot from outside the 18 yards went inches wide.

Yanga went close three minutes later as Musonda failed to score, having arrived late inside the penalty box and missed a cross whipped in by left-fullback, Joyce Lomalisa, from the left flank.

Five minutes later, Simba SC pushed for another goal and Denis was fouled outside Yanga's 18 yards, in the 40th minute the Msimbazi Street side's right-back, Shomari Kapombe, could not find the target with a header when he was heading a corner kick.

Simba SC's Aishi Manula, who got to action after having been sidelined for a long spell, made a double save a minute later to frustrate Yanga's Aziz Ki and Maxi Nzengeli.

In the 43rd minute, Yanga survived a scare after

Kapombe's cross from the right flank was cleared by Attohoul and two minutes later a cross by Kapombe was foiled by Lomalisa within the penalty area.

Yanga was under pressure in the 53rd minute after keeper Diarra had to get out of his area to clear a shot by Denis.

There was a yellow card for Chama three minutes later for fouling Job and, two minutes later, Simba SC goal-getter, Jean Baleke, had his effort hitting the crossbar after he was set up by Chama within Yanga's penalty area.

Midfielder Luis Miquisone was introduced in the 59th minute, replacing the injured Denis. Nzengeli made it 2-1 for Yanga in the 63rd minute, finishing off an assist by Aziz Ki.

Six minutes later, Manula made a save as he punched away a shot by Nzengeli. Zambian forward was lat-

er brought in for Baleke as Simba SC attempted to bounce back, and Yanga substituted Musonda for Mzize.

Aziz Ki put Yanga 3-1 up in the 73rd minute making the most of Mzize's pass and, a minute later, Simba SC midfielder Fabrice Ngoma was rested to pave the way for Mzamiru Yassin.

Nzengeli netted the fourth for Yanga in the 77th minute, as the midfielder fully exploited a cross from Mzize.

Zouzou missed a clear chance that could have earned Yanga a goal in the 82nd minute, shooting over the crossbar from the six-yard area.

Yanga won a penalty in the 85th minute when Nzengeli was fouled within 18 yards and Zouzou made no mistake from the spot kick, sending Manula the wrong way to notch the fifth for Yanga.

The archivals recently took on each other in this season's Community Shield mini-tournament which took place in Tanga in August.

The showdown, which was used to open this season's NBC Premier League, had Simba SC lifting the title with victory over Yanga in a penalty shoot-out of the final.

The regular 90 minutes of the final had ended in a 0-0 draw and in the spot kicks, Simba SC won 3-1 to secure the shield.

Yanga secured a place in the mini-tournament final following the outfit's 2-0 victory over Azam FC in the semi-final, Simba SC garnered victory over Singida Fountain Gate FC in the other semi-final to sail through to the final.

Sunday's fixture was the fourth for the Brazilian coach, to take charge of Simba SC against Yanga, guiding his club to victory in three clashes and a draw in one.

The 2022/23 NBC Premier League's second phase clash bringing together the archivals came to a close with Simba SC commanding a 2-0 win.

Simba SC: Aishi Manula, Shomari Kapombe, Mohammed Hussein, Che Malone, Henock Inonga Sadio Kanouté, Fabrice Ngoma, Saidi Ntibazonkiza, Clatous Chama, Kibu Denis, and Jean Baleke

Yanga: Djigui Diarra, Kouassi Attohoul, Joyce Lomalisa, Ibrahim Abdallah, Dickson Job, Khalid Aucho, Maxi Nzengeli, Muthahir Yahya, Kennedy Musonda, Stephane Aziz Ki, and Pacome Zouzou

Kewanja FC lifts 2023 Mahusiano Cup tourney trophy

By Guardian Correspondent

THIS year's Barrick North Mara Mahusiano Cup League concluded in Tarime District last weekend, with Kewanja FC defeating Kerende FC 1-0 in the final to clinch the top honour.

The final took place at Ingwe Secondary School ground located in Nyamongo township in Tarime District.

Kewanja FC has, as a result, triumphed in the tournament for the third time in a row.

This year's edition of the Mahusiano Cup League was launched at the same ground on September 29 by Barrick North Mara's president and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Mark Bristow, with the show-down's motto being 'Good Relationships for Sustainable Investment'.

The official guest in the final was Tarime District Commissioner, Michael Mtenjele, who presented a trophy and cash prize to Kewanja FC and cash prizes to second-placed



Tarime District Commissioner, Michael Mtenjele (in gray tracksuit and black cap), and various district officials present a trophy to Kewanja FC's skipper, Geoffrey Emmanuel, whose club won this year's Barrick North Mara Mahusiano Cup League with a 1-0 win over Kerende FC in the final in Tarime, Mara last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Kerende FC and third-placed Mrito FC.

Others who received cash prizes were the league's best referee Jacob Odongo, the best coach, the best player, the best goalkeeper, the most

disciplined club, and the best commentator Frank Jackson Chacha.

The final happened to be a big attraction due to the attendance of hundreds of people from the villages and

wards surrounding the Barrick North Mara mine located at Nyamongo in Tarime District.

Other leaders who attended the final included Barrick North Mara Mine Public Rela-

tions Manager Francis Uhadi, who represented the mine's General Manager Apolinary Lyambiko, and Tarime Rural constituency's Member of Parliament Mwita Waitara.

The Executive Director of the Tarime District Council where the North Mara mine is located, Solomon Shati, and Tarime Town Council's Director, Gimhana Ntavyo, were also in attendance.

In another development, 37 players have been selected from the Barrick North Mara Mahusiano Cup League for a new club, North Mara FC.

The league's Competition Committee Chairman, Mwita Marwa Magige, said the 37 players selected to form North Mara FC are those who showcased impressive displays in the showdown.

Marwa, who is also Nyamwaga Ward Councilor, said the players, including the three goalkeepers, have been selected from various teams that participated in the league.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

