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Mining sector: Local content rules to retain 3.1trn/- at home

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

A TOTAL of 3.1trn/- will be retained locally in annual mining sector procurement by more explicit requirements relating to local content, Minerals minister Anthony Mavunde has declared.

Addressing delegates at the third local content forum which focused on the participation of Tanzanians in the mining sector, he said that these requirements will be part of the country's efforts in attracting industrial investments.

"I know levies exist and have their own procedures, but our priority is more focused on this area," he said, underlining that as purchases in the minerals sector reached more than 3.1trn/- last year, if this money remains in Tanzania, it will have a sharp impact on the country's economy.

He expressed the view that Tanzanians need to take advantage of opportunities in the mining sector, as the 3.1trn/- needs to be retained locally.

The Mining Commission has been instructed to prepare a list of imported products from abroad through a procurement plan "so that we can find the foreign manufacturers to invest in Tanzania for Tanzanians to benefit

An international firm, Rock Solutions, a drilling and blasting company, has its tools factory 90 percent complete, such Tanzanians are expected to start seeing many products produced in the country

from such opportunity," he specified. Underlining the need for large miners to buy products from Tanzania, he said that in Kahama District, Shinyanga Region the East African Conveyors Ltd produces conveyor belts that are supplied to North Mara, Barrick, Bulyanhulu and even in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

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EU hands Red Cross (T) 276.9m/- for flood relief

By Guardian Reporter

THE European Union (EU) has supported Tanzania with an additional €100,000 (276.974m/-), an uplift from an earlier allocation of €100,000 to the Tanzania Red Cross Society last December.

Kelvin Mutagwaba, press officer for the EU delegation, said in a statement

yesterday that the EU issued the grants in response to flooding, bringing the total contribution to the flooding response to €200 000 (553,949m/-) in the past six months.

The response comes in the wake of heavy rains associated with the El

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Muheza district commissioner Zainab Abdallah speaks with Perpetua Joel, a patient at the district hospital, before the DC addressed residents yesterday to launch services being rendered by specialist doctors who took up an appeal by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to visit numerous districts. Photo: Correspondent Steven William

'Hot Jacuzzi' set to open early July at Ruaha Park

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Iringa

TANZANIA is soon going to start promoting a circle of magic pools in Ruaha National Park, natural wells whose water contents are believed to cure a number of human health ailments.

MarckyFarreny Rwezaula, a senior conservation officer said in an interview here yesterday that just like the 'Pool of Bethesda' in prophetic books, the magic well in the middle of Ruaha National Park may serve as a centre of medical tourism.

Visitors who seek cures to look younger, heal acne and other skin ailments, as well as relaxing in an outdoor bathtub while gazing at wildlife are likely to think of visiting the park for a stay at the site, he said.

Located some 60 kilometers from Ulanga ranger's post in the vast park, the pool of gushing water shooting from

underground is poised to be added to the country's tourist attractions, with a team of experts from South Africa having confirmed the healing property of the pool water, he stated.

The park management is building a natural and outdoor Jacuzzi into which people soak into the warm water spring, with expectations that from the first day of July 2024 the magic pool site will open to visitors.

"We anticipate positive reactions from people who sample the waters of our natural hot springs," she said, noting that the natural magic pool is located close to the Great Ruaha as it flows through the park.

It has been found to have outstanding properties of healing dermatology complications and clearing the skin of wrinkles, making a person look younger after a series of soaking in its water, thus the comparison with the Biblical pool, she elaborated.

Gasper Kahabi, a tourism of-

ficer at the park, affirmed that the water is at its point of gushing out of the earth extremely hot, "capable of boiling meat into tenderness," thus it is channelled through rock-etched channels into pools so that the natural piping cools down the water.

Roads and walk routes to the pool site will be built from the various entry points to the park, while in future accommodation facilities will be established near the area, he said, vibrant on the sparkling prospects of the park, the second largest in the country after the Selous, now renamed Julius Nyerere. Authorities say Ruaha is mapped within 20,000 square kilometers, with more than 70 percent of its area yet to be fully explored, home to 15,000 giant elephants.

It also harbours over 20,000 buffaloes, 575 bird species, 300 ostriches, 15 species of reptiles, including oversized crocodiles and snakes, prides of rather big lions, and other exciting wildlife species.

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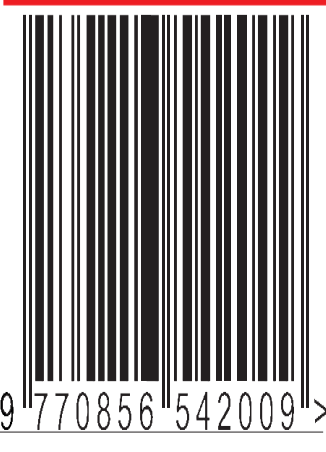


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WHO: STIs rising, amidst surge in HIV, hepatitis

By Guardian Reporter

GLOBAL HIV, viral hepatitis threats on the rise, along with traditional sexually transmitted infections (STIs), are causing 2.5m deaths around the world each year, on the

basis of a new report of the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the WHO director general, says in his executive summary of the report that STIs as a whole pose significant public

health challenges as WHO works on implementing global health sector strategies on HIV, viral hepatitis and STIs for 2022-2030.

The report highlights new data showing that STIs are increasing in many regions, where in 2022,

WHO member states set out an ambitious target of reducing adult syphilis infections ten-fold by 2030, from 7.1m to 0.71m.

Yet, new syphilis cases among adults aged 15-49 years increased by over 1m in 2022 reaching 8m, with

the highest increases noticed in the Americas and the African Region.

Combined with insufficient decline seen in the reduction of new HIV and

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Niño phenomenon, which resulted in massive flooding and landslides claiming lives and destroying thousands of homes in many parts of the country, he said.

As the situation has not improved for many affected households, the new EU funding will enable the health sector NGO to deliver urgently needed assistance, scaling up lifesaving and emergency relief to the most vulnerable, especially displaced people and those whose homes were destroyed, the statement noted.

TRCS will use this funding to provide tarpaulins and tents to affected households in setting up emergency shelters, and distribute essential household items to those displaced, many of whom still live in camps, it said.

Red Cross staff will hand over cash assistance to the most affected and vulnerable sections of the affected rural and urban residents, assist in any search and rescue operations, offering first aid and evacuating injured and critically ill persons, it elaborated.

The NGO will similarly purchase and distribute water treatment chemicals to minimise the risk of waterborne diseases, assisting an estimated 85 000 people in Morogoro, Mbeya, Kilimanjaro, Unguja, Geita, Dar es Salaam, Manyara and Coast regions, it affirmed.

This allocation is part of the EU's overall contribution to the Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the statement indicated.

It recalled that since November 2023 heavy rains caused by the El Niño phenomenon started, right into early 2024, bringing floods and landslides leading to the destruction of homes, crops, agricultural assets and displacing over 200 000 people.

In early December, a massive landslide near Mount Hanang in Manyara Region affected nearly 44 000 people, with 89 people losing their lives, while early this month Cyclone Hidaya made landfall, bringing strong winds and heavy rains to coastal areas south of the city of Dar es Salaam.

Already-affected areas of Dar es Salaam, Coast and Morogoro regions experienced heavy rainfall, exacerbating an already dire situation, it remarked.

The European Union is a leader in humanitarian aid, as relief assistance is an expression of European solidarity towards people in need around the world, the official indicated, intoning that such aid aims to save lives, alleviate human suffering and safeguard human dignity of populations affected by natural disasters and other crises.

"Through its European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid operations department, the European Union helps millions of victims of conflicts and disasters every year. Headquartered in Brussels and with a global network of field offices, the EU assists the most vulnerable people, based on humanitarian needs," it stated.

The European Commission has signed a €8m humanitarian contribution agreement with IFRC to support the Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) it operates, as DREF responds mainly to small-scale disasters, which don't give rise to a formal international appeal.

The fund, established in 1979, runs mainly on donations, responding to appeals from national Red Cross or Red Crescent societies seeking urgent financial support.

For small-scale disasters, the IFRC allocates grants which can then be replenished by donors, on the basis of a contribution agreement between the IFRC and the Humanitarian Aid Department of the European Commission (ECHO).

It was established in 1992 and works in the area of emergency assistance and relief to victims of natural disasters or armed conflict outside the European Union. It enables the EU to replenish DREF for agreed operations (that fit in with its humanitarian mandate) up to a total of €8m, an online entry noted.



Jerry Silaa, the Lands, Housing and Human Settlement Development minister, stresses a point during a seminar for members of the Land, Natural Resources and Tourism standing committee of the National Assembly regarding implementation of the land tenure improvement project (LTIP) in the capital yesterday. Photo: Munir Shemweta

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viral hepatitis infections, the report flags threats to the attainment of related targets of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030, he stated.

"The rising incidence of syphilis raises major concerns," he said, pointing at important progress on a number of other fronts including in accelerating access to critical health needs like diagnostics and treatment.

"We have the tools required to end these epidemics as public health threats by 2030, but we now need to ensure that, in the context of an increasingly complex world, countries do all they can to achieve the ambitious targets they set

themselves," the WHO administrator affirmed.

Four curable STIs - syphilis (*Treponema pallidum*), gonorrhoea (*Neisseria gonorrhoeae*), chlamydia (*Chlamydia trachomatis*) and trichomoniasis (*Trichomonas vaginalis*) - account for over 1m infections daily, with a surge in adult and maternal syphilis by 1.1m, the report affirms.

This situation is associated with congenital syphilis (523 cases per 100 000 live births per year) during the COVID-19 pandemic, while in 2022 there were 230 000 syphilis-related deaths, it said.

Multi-resistant gonorrhoea was on the rise as last year out of 87 countries where enhanced gonorrhoea antimicrobial

resistance surveillance was conducted, nine countries reported elevated levels (from 5.0 per cent to 40 per cent) resistance to ceftriaxone, the last line treatment for gonorrhoea, it said.

"WHO is monitoring the situation and has updated its recommended treatment to reduce the spread of this multi-resistant gonorrhoea strain," the report asserted, noting also that in 2022, around 1.2m new hepatitis B cases and nearly 1m new hepatitis C cases were recorded.

The estimated number of deaths from viral hepatitis rose from 1.1m in 2019 to 1.3m in 2022 despite considerable supply of effective prevention, diagnosis, and treatment tools, it said.

Decline in new HIV infections from 1.5m in 2020 to 1.3m in 2022 was a rosy part of the report, with groups like anal sex relations, people who inject drugs, sex workers, transgender individuals and individuals in prisons and other closed settings being most at risk.

They still experience significantly higher HIV prevalence rates than the general population, with an estimated 55 per cent of new HIV infections occurring among these populations and their partners. HIV-related deaths were still high as in 2022 there were 0.63m HIV related deaths, 13 per cent of these occurring in children under the age of 15 years, the report indicated.



Dr Tulia Ackson, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) president and Speaker of the National Assembly, signs a record book at the Parliament of Austria in Vienna yesterday. Left is the Speaker of the Austrian Parliament, Wolfgang Sokotka. Photo: Parliament

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"This is a company that has entered into a joint venture with Tanzanian youth," he stated, elaborating that Max Steel, producing rock holding devices, wire mesh and bolts, is now finalising the construction of a factory for localised

production.

"An international firm, Rock Solutions, a drilling and blasting company, has its tools factory 90 percent complete, such Tanzanians are expected to start seeing many products produced in the country," he said

He said interpreting Vi-

sion 2030 includes the need for 30 percent of the surface area in Tanzania being put to in-depth surveys, as currently there is expertise to identify areas with minerals "but we are yet to know the quantity. When you know the quantity, it becomes easier to plan," he elaborated.

So far only 16 percent of the total area has been researched, while local content in the mining sector created a total of 18,853 jobs in 2023, an increase of 2,391 jobs over the previous survey, a 14.5 percent increase, he said.

He reiterated government plans to transform Buzwagi

area in Shinyanga Region to a special economic zone for the processing industries to add export value considerably, to all export bound minerals.

"A total of 1,331 acres of land has been allocated in Kahama waiting for investors to come and build industries," he said, signalling that eight large

manufacturers have already shown interest to invest in the area.

Msafiri Mbibo, the deputy permanent secretary, said that ensuring that Tanzanians are involved in the mining sector demands that goods and services produced by Tanzanian firms are prioritized.

Receiving and reviewing the local content plan for higher approval, supervision and consent over the provision of procurement agreements for products and services for mining license owners and service providers in the sector are key agenda issues at present, he added.

Minister allays fears over foreign dominance at EA business centre

By Guardian Reporter

THE government says interests of Tanzanian businesses will be protected at the East African Business Centre which is being developed in the commercial capital Dar es Salaam.

This follows concerns raised by lawmakers that foreign businesspeople recognized as investors could end up engaging in undertakings that Tanzanians can do.

Minister for Finance Dr Mwigulu Nchemba gave the assurance in the National Assembly yesterday when

responding to queries by MPs on the East Africa Business Centre.

Earlier this week MPs advised the government to ensure that the coming of the East Africa Business Centre does not suffocate local businesses by allowing foreign enterprises to conduct small busi-

nesses.

In their contributions, the legislators advised the government to protect the interests of local businesspeople within the facility currently under construction at Ubungu area.

Responding to the arguments, Dr

Nchemba said the government will ensure that investors engage only in undertaking for which they are legally registered in the country.

Minister of State in the President's Office (Investment and Planning) Prof Kitilya Mkumbo said to ensure that local businessmen are

protected, it has been arranged that 95 percent of the business booths will be owned by Tanzanians.

He said that the area has 1,860 booths and out of that 985 have been taken by local traders while the foreigners are only 15. There will also be warehouses to store cargo.



Deputy Speaker Mussa Azan Zungu (L) cutting the ribbon to mark the launch of the Tanzanian Youth Parliament's constitution and strategic plan in Dodoma yesterday. Others are Zainabu Katimba, the chairperson of the union and Ramadhani Ramadhani, the secretary. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Jospheh

Samia to grace fete to mark 20 years of AU peace body

By Correspondent Christina Mwakangale

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan is scheduled to lead celebrations to mark 20 years since the creation of Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU) in Dar es Salaam this Saturday.

Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation January Makamba told reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the event is organized in collaboration with the AU Commission.

The gathering is expected to bring together several current and retired presidents, Makamba said.

The minister said the event will be held under the theme '20 years of Peace and Security Council of the African Union', adding that this is a body tasked to manage peace and security in Africa.

"The Peace and Security Council of the African Union has 15 members appointed after a period of time by rotation, to deal with conflicts. Currently Tanzania chairs it," he said.

He said that Tanzania is a beacon of peace in Africa due to the fact that it hosted several countries on the continent when they were fighting for freedom and liberation.

"Tanzania is recognized for its contribution to liberation. Many African leaders who lived here during that period speak fluent Kiswahili," said Makamba.

"Tanzania's responsibility by then was to help in the liberation struggle and uphold peace. We will hold a ceremony in Dar es Salaam. The President has invited current and retired leaders, including Joachim Chissano, Olusegun Obasanjo, Domitien Ndayizeye and Jakaya Kikwete," he said.

Prepaid water meters to end complaints of post-paid bills

By Guardian Reporter

THE Ministry of Water through its budget for the 2024/25 financial year has prioritised the use of prepaid meters to end complaints associated with the current post-paid billing method.

Presenting the ministry's budget in the National Assembly in Dodoma last week, Water Minister Jumaa Aweso said the aim is to have a country with water security where everyone can access enough clean water to sustain human needs.

"Using prepaid water meters will

increase the functionality of water use and maintain water leakages which create loss to clients. Until April 2024, more than 13,526 clients were already connected to prepaid services in Dodoma, Iringa and Tanga regions. Invented by WaterAid Tanzania, the prepaid meters were

also installed for residents of Sangara village in Manyara Region, reaching 2,000 people as well as Arusha Region where installation reached 23,000 people.

The meters were installed in 2018, according to Anna Mzinga, WaterAid Tanzania Country Director. She said

through the project, clients can top up money through their phones that activate a special token used in fetching water whereby for 30/-, one gets a bucket of 20 litres.

"We have continued to learn ways to improve this innovative service from one project implementation to

the other," she said.

Mzinga commended the government for adopting the innovation as it helps in delivering and implementing water projects. She said the technology is designed to bring positive outcomes in accessing clean and safe water.

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Special Seats MP Stella Ikupa asking a question in Parliament in Dodoma yesterday on what steps the government has taken in providing loans for higher and middle education for the disabled. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

TDB appeals for investments to save billions spent on importation of milk

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

THE Tanzania Dairy Board (TDB) has urged stakeholders in the country to grab opportunities and invest in the dairy sub-sector to increase production which is low compared to demand.

TDB Registrar Prof George Msalya made the appeal yesterday when opening a workshop for journalists in Dar es Salaam which was aimed at creating awareness about the dairy industry and the state of milk production in the country which stands at 3.9 billion litres while the demand is 12 billion litres annually.

"There is demand for 9 billion litres of milk which has compelled the government to start importing milk from abroad despite Tanzania being the second African country with the biggest number of livestock. This is due to the fact that many livestock keepers do not breed modern dairy cows," he said.

Msalya said that last year, the country imported 11 million litres of milk from more than 10 countries in the world where Tanzania spent 23bn/-, adding that time has come to encourage investment in the dairy sector by training farmers to

practise modern livestock keeping.

He said that many Tanzanians still do not have a full understanding about drinking milk because some people still believe that milk is for children.

"Journalists, use your pens to educate the society about the importance of drinking milk and the best way to take care of milk before it reaches the consumer," said Prof Msalya.

He further said the country has 252 milk collection centres but only 12 percent of the best milk available in the country enters the official collection system.

He explained that in order to ensure that they achieve their goals, the government through the Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) has created a system of providing loans to people and institutions in order to strengthen the dairy industry as well as the milk collection system.

TDB is a government institution under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries that regulates the dairy industry with the responsibilities of coordinating and ensuring that the sub-sector is productive and contributes to national development.

'Appropriate illegal fishing nets from shops to save fish species'

By Correspondent Wilhelm Mulinda, Mwanza

RELEVANT authorities in Mwanza Region have been called upon to intensify patrols to control sale and use of unauthorised fishing nets to protect certain fish species from extinction.

A survey conducted by this paper recently at Kayenze, Mihama and Igombe beaches along Lake Victoria in Ilemela District showed that some fishermen use nets that

have been restricted to catch immature fish species, especially the Nile perch which have high commercial value.

"The fish are being sold in local markets and supplied to processing industries to obtain fillets for export, their maws are also needed for the same purpose," said Magesa Mukangara, a fisherman.

He said the fact that immature Nile perch are sold in different local markets such as Mbugani, Msuka and Bwiru corner evening

market as well as different streets in Mwanza city was a sign that

The fish are being sold in local markets and supplied to processing industries to obtain fillets for export, their maws are also needed for the same purpose

unauthorised nets are in use.

He said illegal fishing by using unauthorised gear is being used in different islands within the lake, a situation leading to depletion of fish stocks in the water body.

Mukangara noted that fishermen use illegal gear to catch immature fish and cause shortage of the aquatic species needed for supply to processing factories for export and even for consumption domestically.

He pointed out that this situation leads to overfishing of resources that could be sustainably harvested for the benefits of future generations.

"I wonder why authorities do not control the sale of illegal fishing gear in shops so that fishermen fail to get them," he said.

Citing an example, he said that there are shops at Liberty Street in Mwanza city that sell unauthorised fishing gear, noting that if the shops are controlled, fishermen will have nowhere to get the illegal gear.

Officials for stronger China-Africa cooperation through FOCAC stage

ADDIS ABABA

CHINESE and Ethiopian officials on Tuesday called for enhancing the multifaceted cooperation between China and Africa under the framework of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC).

The call was made at a high-level conference titled 'Revisiting Ethiopia's Role in the FOCAC and the Way Forward' in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia.

Eshete Tilahun, head of the office of the Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign Affairs said FOCAC has proven to be an effective and strong platform for promoting Africa-China cooperation by supporting critical infrastructure development, enhancing connectivity, boosting trade activities, attracting foreign direct investment, and fostering entrepreneurship across Africa.

"Since its inception in 2000, FOCAC has been instrumental in fostering cooperation. It is a testament to the shared aspiration, mutual respect, and collaborative spirit between China and Africa," he said.

He said through FOCAC, Africa and China have embarked on a journey marked by dialogue, exchange of views, and joint efforts aimed at promoting sustainable development through the expansion of infrastructure and people-to-people connectivity.

Yang Yihang, minister counsellor at the Chinese Embassy in Ethiopia, said with the FOCAC framework serving as a strong catalyst, China-Africa cooperation has achieved fruitful results, making China Africa's largest trade partner for 15 consecutive years. He noted that by the end of 2023, more than 500 Chinese enterprises had invested in over 2,000 projects in Ethiopia, with a cumulative investment of about 5 billion U.S. dollars, creating 580,000 job opportunities.

Highlighting the need for African countries to create a favourable business environment, Yang said China will further encourage Chinese companies to seize investment opportunities in Ethiopia and Africa in general, and actively explore investment cooperation in infrastructure, the digital economy, renewable energy, and agriculture, among other areas.



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Govt for more awareness sessions on carbon trade

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE government has said more needs to be done to create awareness among various stakeholders about the rules and guidelines governing carbon trade.

Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment) Dr Selemani Jafo made the remarks here on Tuesday during a seminar for members of Parliamentary Committee on Water and Environment and that of Constitution and Legal Affairs on carbon trade.

Jackson Kiswaga, Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Water and Environment, asked the government to prepare a plan to promote carbon trade opportunities, including establishing a special marketing unit that will promote business opportunities through meetings, conferences and workshops.

"We were in one of the meetings abroad, and I saw our neighbouring countries taking advantage of opportunities to promote carbon trade investment opportunities in the meeting; we have to organize ourselves to promote this business," said Kiswaga who is the MP for Kalenga.

Special Seats MP Riziki Lulida asked the government to ensure that it conducts inspections of various forests in the country which are currently invaded by groups of herders and farmers to preserve the environment of those areas.

The carbon trade topic was presented by National Carbon Monitoring Centre (NCMC) director Prof Eliakim Zahabu.



Minerals minister Antony Mavunde (L) being briefed on how Barrick Gold Co. implementing local content policy from the firm's country manager, Melkiory Ngido at the company's pavilion yesterday, for the third local content forum in Arusha yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Be more vigilant to deter scale tempering habits, WMA urged

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

ZANZIBAR Minister for Trade and Industrial Development Omar Shaaban has asked the Weights and Measures Agency (WMA) to increase inspections and punish traders who tamper with weighing scales so that Tanzanians get exactly what they

pay for.

Shaaban made the call in Dodoma on Tuesday when he visited WMA pavilion after opening Industry and Trade Exhibitions held at Parliament grounds.

The exhibitions aim to provide education to parliamentarians about the duties and tasks carried out by

institutions under the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

He said it is important for the institution to conduct regular inspections to identify and take strict action against traders who have been cheating buyers by tampering with scales. Shaaban commended WMA for collaboration with the Zanzibar

Weights and Measures (ZAWEMA) and promised to continue to cooperate with the institution to protect the consumer through the correct use of measurements.

Alban Kihulla, WMA acting chief executive officer, said various members of parliament visited their pavilion where they got to know in detail

the responsibilities of the institution, especially in the areas of water meter verification.

Kihulla told MPs that according to the law which established WMA, any farm produce must be packed with a weight not exceeding one hundred kilograms.

He said WMA continues to appeal

to all traders and scale owners to ensure that their measurements are always correct in order to do justice at all times without harming service users in their areas.

World Measurement Day is celebrated every May 20 and this year's theme is 'We measure today for a sustainable tomorrow'.



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TMRC is licensed and regulated by the Bank of Tanzania (BOT) as a non-deposit-taking financial institution and the Capital Markets and Securities Authority (CMSA) as a corporate bond issuer. For more information, visit www.tmrc.co.tz

TMRC hereby invites applications from suitably qualified and experienced Tanzanians to fill the position of Chief Finance Officer (CFO) to lead our dynamic Directorate of Finance, supporting the CEO and business at large. This is a "C" suite role reporting directly to the CEO.

Key areas of responsibilities include:

- Responsible for finance, controls and including financial risk management.
- Treasury management including cash and liquidity monitoring and control.
- Financial funding and investment strategies - Mobilisation of Funds, shareholders, and corporate bonds.
- Financial reporting to meet statutory and regulatory requirements.
- Coordinate preparation, monitor implementation of Strategic Plan, and update quarterly to avoid penalties and any adverse impact.
- Monitor the performance of the national and Global finance market.
- Development and maintenance of internal financial control policies.
- Budget preparation, implementation, and control.
- Ensure Investment income forecasting, collection, and follow-up.
- Ensure Payroll administration.
- Ensure Liquidity Planning and control.
- Performs other or related duties as assigned by the CEO and the Board.

Required minimum skills, experience, and competency:

Strategic planning skills \ Excellent knowledge of banking, financial management, and capital market standards and regulatory requirements \ Risk Management skills \ Treasury risk management skills \ Strong business acumen ship \ Leadership skills \ Decision-making skills \ Communications skills \ Excellent working knowledge of financial technologies.

Required minimum qualifications:

- A holder of master's degree in finance, management, accounting, or related fields.
- A Certified Public Accountant [CPA (T)] or equivalent certification and registered by NBAA as an Associate /Fellow Member with good standing.
- Working experience of not less than 7 to 10 years in financial operations, 5 of which must be in Senior Executive level preferably in banking and financial sector.
- Must be of good moral character and ethical background personally and professionally.

This is a highly competitive selection process and selection of any candidate is subject to a rigorous independent selection process and including fit and proper checks.

TMRC is an equal opportunity employer and promotes inclusiveness and gender equality.

Send your Application Pack in pdf format comprising documents listed in (a)-(g) below addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, TMRC Limited, P.O. Box 7539, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania only through ERNST & YOUNG email address info.tanzania@tz.ey.com i.e., [info\(dot\)tanzania\(at\)tz\(dot\)ey\(dot\)com](mailto:info(dot)tanzania(at)tz(dot)ey(dot)com)

- (a) An application letter not exceeding 3 pages clearly showing how you meet the position requirements.
- (b) Comprehensive Curriculum Vitae.
- (c) Copies of your university degrees and its transcript (For foreign Universities degree attach TCU letter of recognition of your degree).
- (d) Copy of your NBAA's Associate/Fellow CPA Certification and proof of current annual subscription.
- (e) Copy of your NIDA card.
- (f) Contact address including telephone number(s) and e-mail address(s); and
- (g) Names and full addresses/contacts of three (3) professional-related referees.

Deadline for receiving applications is 04:00pm Friday 31st May 2024. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.



PACT TANZANIA: STATEMENT OF FUNDS COMMITTED FOR PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION IN THE YEAR 2024

The Adolescents and Children, HIV Incidence Reduction, Empowerment, and Virus Elimination or ACHIEVE is a seven-year (2019-2026) USAID-funded global project whose primary goal is to reach and sustain HIV epidemic control among pregnant and breastfeeding women, adolescents, infants, and children. To reach this goal, ACHIEVE supports Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) and DREAMS service delivery, provides technical assistance to strengthen social welfare systems, and supports capacity development for local partners to sustain services at the community level. In 2023, USAID added global health security to the project's scope of work. ACHIEVE is implemented by Pact, in partnership with Jhpiego, Palladium, No Means No Worldwide, and WI-HER. ACHIEVE is implemented by Pact, in partnership with Palladium, WI-HER, Jhpiego, and No Means No Worldwide. In Tanzania, the project started in 2020.

In line with Regulation 12 of Government Notice 609 on Financial Transparency and Accountability, Pact Tanzania hereby discloses below funds committed by USAID as part of financing the fiscal year 2024 (October 01, 2023, to September 30, 2024) budget for the implementation of ACHIEVE project activities. In FY 2024, Pact will implement the ACHIEVE Project in 41 councils in 7 regions of Tanzania's mainland through six (6) local civil society organizations (CSOs). A significant amount of these funds will be channeled to CSOs to support the implementation of approved project activities. ACHIEVE will also continue to support both the President's Office of Regional Administration and the Local Ministry of Community Development in gender, women, and special groups, enhancing the national and community-level social services workforce, systems, and structures to ensure quality services for OVC, at-risk AGYW, and PLHIV.

Project Name	ACHIEVE Project
Funding Agency	USAID
Project Purpose	ACHIEVE project goal is to improve access to HIV-inclusive services to improve the health and well-being of OVC. The project has three (3) strategic objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SO1: To strengthen the capacity of the national and community-level social services workforce, systems, and structures to ensure quality services for OVC, at-risk AGYW, and PLHIV. • SO2: To strengthen the capacity of local organizations to manage and implement USAID/PEPFAR OVC awards as prime implementing partners. • SO3: Improve the health, well-being, and protection of OVC and youth in high HIV-burden communities.
Project Duration	October 01, 2023 - September 30, 2024
First Committed Funds for FY 2023/24	\$4,000,000
Second Funds Increment	\$6,126,683
Total Funds Committed for FY 23/24	\$10,126,683
Regions of Implementation	Dar es Salaam, Kagera, Tabora, Kigoma, Simiyu, Shinyanga, Dodoma, and Mbeya.
National Implementing Partners (NIPs)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Service, Health, and Development for People Living Positively with HIV/AIDS (SHDEPHA+) 2. Tumbani Community Services Organization (TCSO). 3. HUMULIZA. 4. Pastoral Activities and Services for People with AIDS Dar Es Salaam Archdiocese (PASADA). 5. BAKAID Tanzania. 6. Inland Development Tanzania (IDT).

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CONDITION MONITORING TOOLS

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") a subsidiary of AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") is in north-western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of prequalifying suppliers for supply and delivery of condition monitoring tools and is, therefore, inviting interested applicants to submit Expressions of Interest for these tools as detailed below.

NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SUPPLY. SHORTLISTED APPLICANTS WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.

Scope of Supply:

REFERENCE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
GGME01764-01	SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF CONDITION MONITORING TOOLS

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile and updated organogram	2%
Company Code of Conduct and Ethics	2%
Copy of Current Business License	2%
Copy of Certificate of Incorporation, the most recent BRELA search, and the latest BRELA application of annual return.	3%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate and VAT Registration Certificate	3%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	3%
Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Local Content Plan	5%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Supplier's audited financial statements for the past three consecutive years.	2.5%
All bank statements of the Supplier's active bank accounts for the past 6 months to date	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.5%
Environmental compliance certificate	1.5%
Workers' compensation fund certificate	1%
Safety and Environmental policy	1%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labor	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Program	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1%
Acceptance certificates /completion certificates (Prove of a. above where applicable)	1%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	2%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01764-01)	60%
All tools should have calibration certificates.	10%
Evidence of providing after sales services/ assistance. e.g, the tool calibration and usage guidance.	20%
Submit commitment letter of providing warranty not less than 1 year incase awarded this contract	10%
Provide authorized dealership letters of all condition monitoring tools on your ledger.	20%
TOTAL	100%

III. Interested applicants must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting **"GGME01764-01 – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CONDITION MONITORING TOOLS"** on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL. Interested applicants must also provide full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the company, name of the principal contact and signed by an authorized representative.

IV. All LOIs and support documentation (in PDF format) at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com without copying any individual from the Company. Submission must not be later than **8.30AM on the 3rd June, 2024.** (the "LOI" Submission Deadline). EOI submissions should not exceed 150MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 150MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

V. Shortlisted Candidates will be notified within forty-five (45) calendar days from the submission deadline. Candidates not contacted within the forty-five (45) calendar days should consider themselves unsuccessful.

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) MAINTAINANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES AT OUR DAR ES SALAAM OFFICE

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company"), a subsidiary of AngloGold Ashanti ("AGA") is in north-western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of prequalifying service providers for ICT maintenance and support services at our Dar es salaam office and is, therefore, inviting eligible and interested service providers to submit expressions of interest as detailed below.

NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST IN THIS SERVICE. SHORTLISTED APPLICANTS WILL BE SUBJECTED TO THE ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.

Scope of Service:

REFERENCE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
GGME01864	PROVISION OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) MAINTAINANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES AT OUR DAR ES SALAAM OFFICE

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
COMMERCIAL	20%
Company Profile and updated organogram	2%
Company Code of Conduct and Ethics	2%
Copy of Current Business License	2%
Copy of Certificate of Incorporation, the most recent BRELA search, and the latest BRELA application of annual return.	2%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate and VAT Registration Certificate	3%
NSSF Compliance Certificate	2%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	3%
Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Local Content Plan.	4%
FINANCIAL POSITION AND TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Applicants audited financial statements for the past three consecutive years.	2%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position. If any.	2%
All bank statements of the Applicants active bank accounts for the past 6 months to date	1%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.50%
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Workers' compensation fund Certificate	1%
Safety and Environmental Policy	1%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
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Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	3%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	2%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01864)	60%
Must be class 1 Specialist Contractor in Telecommunications and ICT registered with CRB with at least five (5) years' experience in supply, installation and maintenance of ICT infrastructures and equipment Attach proof of registration copy.	20%
Proof of rendering similar services to large scale companies or other large institutions.	10%
List of manpower with their qualifications.	10%
Must submit Data Policy which defines how to ensure that the data is not disclosed.	10%
Proof of having (submit) a valid operating license as an ICT.	5%
Proof of having office/branch in Dar es Salaam	5%
TOTAL	100%

III. Interested Applicants must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting **"GGME01864 – PROVISION OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNINOLGY (ICT) MAINTAINANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES (DAR ES SALAAM OFFICE)"** on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to the Company, which states the full name, address, telephone, and e-mail address of the company, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative.

IV. All LOIs and supporting documentation (in PDF format) must be received by the Company Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com without copying any individual from the Company (Geita Gold Mining Limited). Submissions must not be later than **8.30 AM on the 3rd June 2024.** (the "LOI" Submission Deadline). EOI submissions must not exceed 150MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 150MB, applicants must split the submissions into multiple emails.

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Tea culture reinforces China-Africa relations

BEIJING

GHANAIAN student Samuel Aboagye used to start his mornings with a coffee, but since coming to China, he gets his morning fix from a cup of tea.

Aboagye first encountered Chinese tea when a Chinese friend gave him a packet of jasmine tea. "The taste and aroma attracted me, and I instantly fell in love with Chinese tea," said Aboagye, an international student at Capital University of Economics and Business.

He was just one of many African visitors to an international tea-culture exchange event held in Beijing on May 21, which is also observed as International Tea Day.

The event was hosted by the international cultural exchange and research center of China Institute for Innovation and Development Strategy (CIIDS), welcoming representatives from social organizations and enterprises, as well as diplomatic envoys from African countries and African students studying in China.

Today, Africa is an important market for Chinese tea. Chinese customs data shows that China exported about 367,542 tonnes of tea in 2023, with an export value of nearly \$1.74 billion.

According to the Tea Industry Committee of the China Association for the Promotion of International Agricultural Cooperation, of the top 10 tea-importing countries and regions from China, seven are African countries.

Aboagye said that the event gave him in-depth knowledge of Chinese tea categories

and tea-drinking methods, as well as the history of the tea trade between China and Africa. "I plan to purchase Chinese tea and tea sets for my relatives and friends when I travel back to Ghana," he added.

"Nigerians also like drinking tea, but the tea culture in Nigeria differs from that of China," said Uzodinma Chinenye Gerlof, 28, an international student from Nigeria. "Chinese people enjoy natural tea without adding sugar or milk, while in our country, people are accustomed to adding milk to tea," he explained.

Gerlof combines the Chinese tea-drinking culture with that of his hometown by adding honey to Chinese black tea. "The aroma of tea makes me feel relaxed, and I like to enjoy it in the morning or evening," he said.

"Tea has played an important role in the inheritance and innovation of Chinese culture," said Wang Xiaoming, vice president of CIIDS.

He noted that tea, with its unique charm, has transcended the boundaries of language and region, promoting exchanges and understanding among different civilizations.

"We have found that many tea products feature China-chic packages, and small tea bags have also been developed to cater to the needs of young people, which can also better stimulate African youth's interest in Chinese tea culture," said Zhou Yefan, founder of the China Africa Youth Federation.

"Through drinking tea together, young people from China and Africa can learn about each other's culture, history and values," said Zhou.



Manyara regional commissioner Queen Sendiga (3rd R) commending CRDB Bank procurement director Pendason Philemon (4th L) in handing over classrooms and teachers' office at Muungano primary school, at Daghailo village in Babati District, Manyara Region, recently. Others are the regional administrative secretary Maryam Muhaji and the district commissioner, Lazaro Twange. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Half of all mangrove ecosystems at risk of disappearance by 2050

KELALA

COMMUNITIES living along the receding shorelines of low-lying Vypin Island off India's west coast understand the importance of healthy mangrove ecosystems.

Sea level rise and severe tidal floods have forced many families here to relocate to higher grounds, but they still try to plant trees on the shores of Vypin and the surrounding areas in the Kochi region of Kerala state.

Tidal flooding occurs when sea level rise combines with local factors to push water levels above

the normal levels.

Mangroves can provide natural coastal defences against sea level rise, tides and storm surges, but according to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature these ecosystems are under threat around the world.

This in southern India is among the critically endangered. Other coastlines such as Salinas, Puerto Rico are also threatened by illegal building which results in the clearance and destruction of mangroves.

It's the first time the IUCN has created a "Red List" of endan-

gered mangrove ecosystems.

Its researchers say more than half of all mangrove ecosystems are at risk of collapse by 2050.

They assess that almost a fifth of mangroves globally are classed as Endangered or Critically Endangered which means they are at risk of collapse.

Marcos Valderrabano, one of the lead researchers for the IUCN's Red List of Ecosystems, said sea level rise from climate change causes the greatest damage to mangroves.

"This was the first time we conducted a global Red List of man-

grove ecosystems that assess the risk of the ecosystems collapse globally and the surprising result was that 50 percent of the mangrove ecosystems of the world are threatened, are at risk of collapse.

And the main reason for these is sea level rise, when we look at the models of sea level rise projection into the future, there is 30 percent of the mangrove ecosystems that are going to be affected by sea level rise in the future and they're going to have very low capacities to survive and recruit new plants as we move on," he

said.

Valderrabano believes as climate change increases the mangroves become an even more vital defence against coastal erosion.

That also means the destruction of fisheries, adding to the woes of coastal communities.

"Mangroves are very, very important ecosystems for coastal communities and we learned that a few years ago when we realized that when a very high tsunami arrived to the coast, coastal communities that have strong mangroves can defend much better

against the these high and events, while others without mangroves are much more defenceless," he said.

"As we started digging into the mangrove ecosystem services, we learned that they are essential in providing fisheries nurseries and the fishing industry depends very much on the capacity of fish to reproduce in the mangrove area. And now that we are getting into climate change, the importance of mangrove sequestering carbon and restoring carbon under the roots in the soil, it's also essential."

MZF - Advertising for Recruitment

Job Title

Executive Director

Company Description

The **Milele Zanzibar Foundation (MZF)** is a non-profit, non-governmental organization founded in 2014 with the aim of ensuring sustainable development and improved quality of life for rural communities in Zanzibar. The organization works with government authorities and local communities to reduce the risk of poverty in rural areas and contribute to the development of the islands.

MZF envisions vibrant, resilient, and sustainable rural communities in Zanzibar and strives to accelerate progress in health, education, and livelihood opportunities through holistic and sustainable development programs.

Role Description

This is a full-time on-site role for an Executive Director located in Zanzibar City. The Executive Director will be responsible for overseeing the organization's operations, strategic planning, and program management. They will collaborate with stakeholders, manage staff, develop partnerships, and ensure transparent and participatory processes. The Executive Director will also be responsible for fundraising, financial management, and advocacy efforts.

Qualifications

- 20+ years experience in non-profit management, strategic planning, and program management
- Bachelor's or Master's degree in a relevant field
- Strong leadership and organizational skills
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Experience in fundraising and financial management
- Knowledge of rural development and community-led initiatives
- Ability to collaborate with stakeholders and develop partnerships
- Advocacy skills and understanding of social and political contexts
- Fluency in English and Swahili

Employment Type

Full-time
Location
Zanzibar

Please submit CV to jobs@mzfn.org

Job Title

Marketing Communications Manager

Company Description

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Role Description

This is a full-time on-site role as a Marketing Communications Manager based in Zanzibar City. The Marketing Communications Manager will be responsible for day-to-day tasks such as communication management, creating press releases, developing marketing communications strategies, and overseeing project management related to communications initiatives.

Qualifications

- 10+ of experience in strategic marketing and communications
- Bachelor's degree in Communications, Marketing, or related field
- Strong strategic communications skills
- Proven project management experience
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively
- Knowledge of rural development and community-led initiatives
- Experience in the non-profit sector is a plus
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Attention to detail and accuracy
- Ability to work well under pressure and meet deadlines
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Fluent in English and Swahili

Employment Type

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Location
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Job Title

Director of Finance and Administration

Company Description

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Role Description

This is a full-time on-site role as the Director of Finance and Administration at Milele Zanzibar Foundation. The Director of Finance and Administration will be responsible for financial planning, preparing financial statements, analyzing financial data, financial reporting, and overseeing financial operations. They will also be responsible for managing administrative functions and ensuring compliance with organizational policies and procedures.

Qualifications

- 15+ years of experience in finance and administration within non-profit sector
- Bachelor's degree in Finance, Accounting, or a related field
- CPA requirement
- Financial Planning, Financial Statements, and Financial Reporting skills
- Strong analytical skills
- Knowledge of budgeting and financial management
- Excellent understanding of financial regulations and compliance
- Strong problem-solving and decision-making abilities
- Attention to detail and accuracy
- Ability to work well under pressure and meet deadlines
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- Fluent in English and Swahili

Employment Type

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Location
Zanzibar

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CSOs' Week can focus on reform, not just gender 'praise & worship'

SEEING over 500 participants from various civil society organisations (CSOs) and other stakeholders coming together to prepare for an event to be held four months from now was a little unfamiliar as usually they would only gather when the time arrives.

That sends home the point that the civic groups plan something big when they meet in what is known as the CSO Week, one of the key themes being to explore how to increase civic engagement in democratic governance processes - ahead of upcoming civic polls. The issue is whether there is really much at stake in the polls.

A top Foundation for Civil Society (FCS) official laid out a whole gamut of objectives for the September jamboree and how it is being set out.

The preparatory meeting involved policy makers, private sector firms and development partners, all for ensuring the drawing up of agenda and participatory schedules during the Week, directed towards ensuring optimum participation of actors from diverse sectors.

It is evident that the jamboree will be well attended and well financed, but it is an altogether different matter to see what it actually seeks to achieve or impress upon the society.

Seeking a consensus on major issues of policy from officialdom to CSOs, non-state actors, faith-based organisations, community-based foundations, trusts and representatives of special groups, the usual youth, women and people with disabilities, is a complicated task.

A meeting with few participants can delve more intensely on issues, while large gatherings usually focus on the show, the tone and the pleasure of being converged on some

general demands, not inviting differences but self-congratulation and mutual loyalties.

Sharp expressions of views are discouraged while uniformity is more helpful, the problem being the tone at which a fairly uniform outlook will be pitched.

An illustration of what will be taking place at the week-long event is the CSOs' Shadow Vision 2050, an alternative National Development Vision 2050, where the whole problem of what is to be achieved is noticed.

The vision's outlines and details must be evident to its key participants already, where summary expositions of the document or its objectives say it is intended to underscore the importance of enhancing the quality of life for Tanzanians.

Emphasis is on issues such as food security, healthcare, access to energy, clean water supply, housing and sustainable urban development. That is clearly what everyone needs, whether it is the government, opposition or donors, but how is it done?

An elaboration that the annual event, set against the backdrop of significant global and local shifts, seeks to recalibrate its focus and methodologies, while recognising the pivotal role of democratic processes in shaping the nation's future.

That was a truism for the gallery but not as much in the facts, as democratic processes ensure peaceful transition of power.

However, but the processes routinely bring up what is not just bad but even unacceptable in people, where some people may wish to gain something at the end, but at the expense of the country.

Pro-Mobutu squad in 'coup attempt' was a sad show of ideas, ineptitude

LEADERS who have cared to comment on recent events in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) have condemned all those behind a coup attempt at the weekend in the capital, Kinshasa.

It was not surprising that the bid was nipped in the bud by presidential guard units, as the assailants chiefly sought to attack the nerve centre of power while it is only an expression of societal power which they did not even stare in the face.

One cannot even say that there was a real coup attempt, outside a bizarre attack on public offices and key residences, to absolutely no avail.

Indeed, it is not likely that many people will even remember that event.

Sending 50 or so armed attackers to the residence of the next parliamentary Speaker and waking up to go to the presidential palace was little more than a sordid experiment in a putsch.

There are small countries in Africa where in the 1960s and sometime into the 1970 a mercenary group of that number could remove the government in this or that state, which is no longer the case.

It is bewildering how 50 armed men, not even commandos, could have expected results.

Reports said that Sunday afternoon saw the group raid the residence of Vital Kamerhe, a federal legislator and candidate for Speaker of the National Assembly, the Lower House of the country's bicameral Parliament.

Two policemen and one attacker are reported to have died in the initial fighting, with the remaining attackers then breaking into the State House. Three and their leader,

identified as a Congolese-American citizen, were killed.

Some 40 other people reportedly involved in the attack, including several Americans, were arrested, saved from death only after being fooled into an adventure.

What revealed the attackers' origins and ideas was the fact that they were dressed in military uniforms and displayed the Zaire flag, clearly a relic.

DRC was once known as Congo Leopoldville, then the capital was renamed Kinshasa, and after then army chief Col Joseph-Desire Mobutu overthrew a motley government with provinces on each other's throat. It was renamed Zaire, an ancient name of certain parts of West Africa on the Atlantic Coast.

Reports said the virtually suicidal squad claimed in videos circulating on social media that they wanted to change things in the management of the republic.

There appears to be excessive haste in the manner in which the putsch group tragically conducted themselves, which is comprehensible as one dwells on the details of the leader.

The group's leader is said to have formed the United Congolese Party (UCP) in 2010, militating for restoration of the name Zaire.

As if that was not enough in day dreaming, he created a so-called government in exile in Brussels in 2017, in aspiring for the 'New Zaire'.

The Sunday putsch was thus effectively the moment of 'rapture' and, as in the macabre adventures of Jim Jones, Kibwetere and lately Mackenzie Nthenge near Malindi on the Kenyan coastline, 'rapture' becomes pre-announced death. It was a crudely hard sell.

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Sub-Saharan Africa is a hotbed of illicit trade, UN says

By Special Correspondent

IN the shadowy realm of wildlife trafficking, Sub-Saharan Africa emerges as a hotbed for illicit trade routes and clandestine operations fuelling the multi-billion-dollar industry.

Recent data contained in the World Wildlife Crime Report 2024 reveals this region accounts for a staggering 19 percent share of seizures of wildlife materials worldwide, underscoring its status as one of the most common sources of trafficked wildlife.

Between 2015 and 2021, the flow of illegal wildlife trade surged from Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia, constituting 44 percent of all recorded seizures.

Among the species groups targeted, pangolins bore the brunt with a staggering 32 percent share, highlighting the dire plight of these endangered creatures.

Additionally, elephants, carnivores and pangolins illegally traded as scales, meat, bodies and also as live specimens; ranked among the top five species groups seized during this period, exposing the breadth and depth of the crisis.

A recent report has unveiled Africa as a significant source of trafficked wildlife, accounting for 19 percent of global seizures of wildlife materials. Shockingly, all reported seizures on the continent were concentrated within the Sub-Saharan region, painting a stark picture of the region's role in fuelling this illicit trade. The study, conducted in collaboration with the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (IC-CWC) which includes key stakeholders like Cites, Interpol, the World Bank, and the World Customs Organisation, sheds light on the scale and scope of wildlife trafficking in the region.

Initiated in response to a United Nations General Assembly resolution on Tackling Illegal Trafficking in Wildlife adopted in 2021, the report aims to bolster efforts to combat illegal wildlife trade and protect biodiversity. The report focuses on crimes associated with the illegal harvest and trade of wildlife species, in direct violation of national laws and international conventions.

Drawing on data from over 140,000 seizure records spanning 162 countries and territories, the report sheds light on the staggering scale of the illicit wildlife trade.

From coral pieces to live specimens, medicines to meat, the illicit market spans a vast array of commodities, driven by insatiable demand and organised criminal networks.

Between 2015 and 2021, Sub-Saharan Africa, along with South Asia, constituted the majority of global trade flows in wildlife trafficking, accounting for 44 percent of all recorded seizures where the shipping origin was specified. Among the species groups targeted, pangolins emerged as the most trafficked, comprising a staggering 32 percent of seizures during this period.

Elephants, carnivores, ranked among the top five species groups seized in both Africa and Asia, indicating the



Police display elephant tusks that were seized at Mahiga area in Laikipia West, Kenya

widespread nature of the problem across the two regions.

In Africa, pangolin, rhinoceros and elephant items together made up over 95 per cent of all seizures. In Asia, a large share of seizures involved timber followed by pangolin items.

In Europe, eels led followed by agarwood. In the Americas, timber (cedar) was by far the top taxonomic group using this metric (79 percent), followed by crocodilian and rosewoods (five percent and three percent respectively). In Oceania, the top taxonomic groups involved crocodilians, costus root, snakes, ginsengs and cacti in order of importance.

Coral, crocodilian and snake items were more prominent in the other three regions, with parrots and cockatoos prominent in the Americas and bivalve molluscs in Oceania. Plants also comprised a significant proportion of the records in Europe (e.g. aloes and cacti) and in Oceania such as costus root and ginseng.

The report highlights the devastating impact to biodiversity and ecosystem stability and resilience, undermining environmental, social and economic values and underscores the urgent need for coordinated action to address wildlife trafficking, which poses a grave threat with over 40 percent of species recorded in seizures classified as threatened or Near Threatened, highlighting a looming conservation challenge.

Recent international police operations, such as project Disrupt led by Interpol and UNODC, have revealed the convergence of wildlife trafficking with other illicit activities, such as arms trafficking and drug smuggling, painting a troubling picture of interconnected criminal networks operating with impunity across borders and underscoring the complexity of the issue.

Tragically, the toll extends beyond the natural world, with wildlife rangers paying the ultimate price in their valiant efforts to protect wildlife and enforce conservation laws. According to the report over 2,300 wildlife rangers have lost their lives in the line of duty between 2006 and 2021, with the majority (80 percent) of casualties occurring in Africa and Asia.

As enforcement efforts intensify, traffickers adapt, leading to shifts in sourcing and trafficking routes to evade detection.

This "balloon effect" characterised by changes in trafficking patterns in response to enforcement actions, underscores the need for a multifaceted approach to combat wildlife crime.

Both sourcing and routing shifts in response to enforcement action have been observed in elephant ivory trade and rhinoceros horn trade patterns as illegal traders find other ways around law enforcement.

For example, from about 2018

there was a series of prosecutions of elephant ivory traffickers in East Africa that appears to have influenced illegal traders to switch to exporting ivory from the other side of the continent entirely.

Between 2010-2015, the weight of tusks in seizures made in or intercepted from Kenya and Tanzania dwarfed those connected with Nigeria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo between 2016-2021, the reverse was true.

A World Bank survey of multilateral and bilateral donor agencies, foundations, United Nations programmes and international non-governmental organisations found that over \$1.3 billion had been committed between January 2010 and June 2016 to combat illegal wildlife trade in Africa and Asia, approximately \$190 million per year. Donor funding was allocated to projects in 60 different countries and to various regional/multi-country and global projects.

In total, 63 percent of the funds were committed to Africa (\$833 million), 29 percent to Asia (\$381 million), 6 percent to global programmes and initiatives (\$81 million), and 2 percent to projects covering both Africa and Asia (\$35 million).

The top five recipient countries accounting for \$328 million were Tanzania (8 percent), Democratic Republic of the Congo (5 percent), Mozambique (5 percent), Gabon (3 percent), and Bangladesh (3 percent).

Oral questions afford teachers chance to teach while also assessing students



IN order to improve the teaching and learning process it becomes necessary to know what has been achieved first. There are various methods of assessment which a teacher can use depending on their objectives. This is because competence of learners can be viewed in different aspects such as writing and speaking.

The quality of learners is assessed by different individuals who use different parameters all of which the teacher should consider so as to retain their credibility.

Students learn in different ways. Assessment itself can provide opportunity to learn depending on the way it is conducted. There are teachers who prefer conducting written tests as an assessment method. Although this method is good as it assesses writing skills but it is time consuming because a teacher will need to supervise the doing of the test, find the time to mark and then doing correction in class.

But the same test questions can be turned into questions that will orally be asked in class and assess the understanding level of learners in a short period of time and eventually making necessary corrections as usual. The assessment becomes open and hence giving chances for learners to compete as they are eager to defend their status in class.

Assessing students through oral questions method is more suitable for candidate classes which in most cases have the shortest time period in a particular year of study before they sit for the final examinations. The aim is to make learners ready for examinations.

There are students who cannot concentrate effectively on their own. They need to be pushed to think. With this kind of learners oral questions followed by answers provide a joint revision opportunity. The teacher may do a good job of teaching but if they do not make a follow-up less can be reaped.

Oral questions method of assessment becomes the method which teachers cannot spare because it gives an opportunity for the teacher to both assess and teach at the same time. This method is more interactive than other methods as an answer of a certain learner can spark a discussion which will broaden understanding of

contents. The oral questions methods of assessment suffice this thirst of the teacher to assess learners in many areas of study so as to be confident in their teaching mode.

As the normal test is limited in terms of number of questions, in the oral questions assessment the case is different as the teacher can ask many related questions within a short period of time, thus stimulate learning. Improvement in the way learners study is sometimes by showing their areas of weaknesses so that they can go and work on them.

The oral questions method of assessment helps to boost confidence of learners. Confidence of an individual cannot improve if they do not talk in front of others. The oral questions method of assessment gives learners an opportunity to talk before others and hence improve their confidence. A successful scholar must have self-confidence. If any practice in the teaching and learning process aims at building confidence to learners it can be counted as success.

Again, oral questions method of assessment helps to promote critical thinking. As oral questions method of assessment allows interaction among learners an individual who attempts to answer a question may face challenges from other learners making them think more critically. Critical thinking is among attributes that a successful scholar must possess because rationalism is among the sources of knowledge. We need rational individuals.

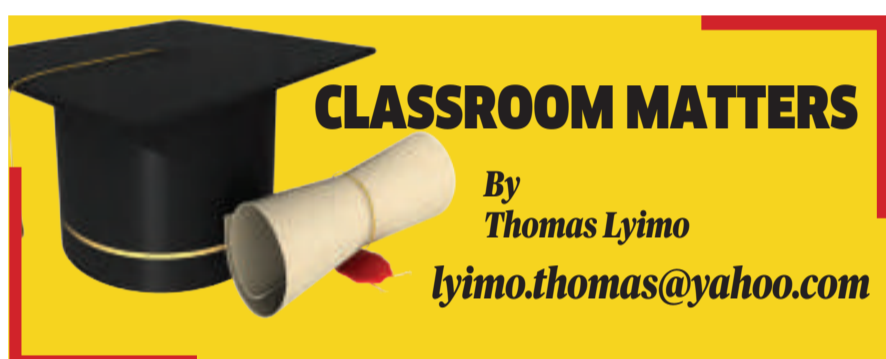
In most cases teachers find themselves under pressure to accomplish the set objectives in limited time. This situation makes them struggle to find a way which will enable them increase efficiency. Oral questions method of assessment becomes the simple to administer and if well conducted quick results can be seen. Teaching is asking oral questions.

the entire class. Teachers should value the oral questions method of assessment because of the following reasons.

The first reason is quick feedback. The oral questions method of assessment provides the quick feedback as within seconds the response of the learner can be known. As the teacher quickly knows the understanding of the learner is as they can do something to either correct or encourage learners to keep on studying hard. The quick feedback enables the teacher not to continue putting much effort on concepts that

learners have already mastered. The efforts are now directed to complex concepts which require much time.

The second reason is wider coverage. With oral questions method of assessment the teacher can assess many concepts or topics in a short period of time. The wider coverage in assessment helps the teacher to plan their teaching well. It is hard to improve the teaching and learning process without having feedback of assessment. For assessment to be of value it must cover a wider scope in the teaching and learning of required



New charcoal technology to save forests in Morogoro Region

By Henry Mwangonde

IN Morogoro Region, a quiet revolution is taking place that holds the key to restoring the region's forest cover which is at risk of disappearing at an alarming rate due to deforestation.

For many years, deforestation mostly caused by careless felling down of trees for charcoal and firewood has put the region at risk of turning into a desert while diminishing its natural vegetation and scenic beauty.

In the last 22 years, Morogoro Region has lost 10 percent of its original forest cover while restoration efforts stand at only 66 hectares per year.

The rate of forest regeneration in Morogoro is slow at 18 percent compared to the rate of deforestation which is at 81 percent, according to data from Helvetas Tanzania—an organization that has come up with a new project on an integrated approach to cooking solutions aimed at improving the livelihoods of rural women and men through a sustainable wood fuel value chain with more efficient energy supply and increased income generation opportunities, while reducing deforestation and mitigating adverse effects of climate change.

The three years project—Sustainable Forest Management and Renewable Energy through Inclusive Community Empowerment (USEMINI) with funding from the European Union (EU) to the tune of 2.222-million euros, aims to facilitate and support communities in the rural districts of Mvomero, Morogoro DC, Ulunga and Malinyi in Morogoro Region. It aims to strengthen sustainable forest management and wood fuel production in an inclusive and market-oriented manner.

Helvetas Tanzania is jointly implementing the project in collaboration with Community Development and Relief Trust (CODERT) and Community Forest Conservation Network of Tanzania (MJUMITA).

The three NGOs have taken on the challenge of addressing critical issues of clean cooking energy management in rural households and the results are life changing.

Apart from educating villagers on sustainable forest management, the project also complements government efforts to save Morogoro's forest from deforestation.

Data shows that the region loses 400 hectares of forests annually while the country is losing 469,000 hectares of forest per year, the number which is high compared to 300,000 hectares that were lost annually in the 1990s.

Africa's net forest loss exceeded 4 million hectares per year between 2000 and 2005 and approximately 3.9 million ha annually between 2010 and 2020, according to a 2020 report by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). The global forest loss between 2015 and 2020 was 10 million hectares per year with a net forest loss of 7 million hectares per year from 2010 to 2020.

Daniel Kalimbiya, Director at Helvetas Tanzania



Margret Ernest from Mikese ward in Morogoro Region cooks using alternative charcoal. Photo: Henry Mwangonde

told The Guardian that the project will help to coordinate efforts among stakeholders on reducing climate change effects. It is also expected to promote inclusive sustainable forest management and wood fuel production.

During the period, targeted communities will be trained on land use planning and sustainable forest management, agroforestry, conservation, agriculture, entrepreneurship development and business planning including commercialization of sustainable

alternative charcoal and other forest-based products, Kalimbiya said, adding it will benefit 2,000 households with 10,000 people in 70 villages in the four districts.

He said the project will build the capacity of villagers on sustainable forest management, proper land use management and use of alternative energy. It will see more than one million trees planted to restore lost biodiversity in areas that have been destroyed by environmental degradation.

Statistics from the Ministry of Energy shows that 33,000 people die annually due to use of dirty energy in cooking.

Margret Ernest from Mikese Ward in Morogoro, who is one of the beneficiaries of the alternative charcoal programme, said the project has brought change to her business including reduced operation costs.

"I used to spend between 7,000/- and 8,000/- to purchase charcoal every day; but now I only use 2,000/- to buy alternative

charcoal that I use for cooking the whole day," she said.

Morogoro Regional Commissioner, Adam Malima said in complimenting the initiative, his office is implementing a programme to plant spices and fruit trees as part of efforts to restore forest cover as well as enable people to generate an income.

Malima said: "There is a need for the general public to be given education on the use of alternative charcoal to save trees," he said.

The impact of the project's initiative goes far beyond individual experiences with Rosemary Nicholas, another beneficiary at Mikese ward, saying she has seen a remarkable change in her business.

"After being educated on the importance of using alternative charcoal, operational costs have decreased. I used to spend 9,000/- on regular charcoal to cook for the whole day but now I spend less than 3,000/-," she said.

Deforestation challenges facing Morogoro region are not unique. Across Tanzania and much of the developing world, deforestation for charcoal remains a serious problem threatening lives, shrouded by poor access to clean cooking solutions.

According to the Global Forest Watch, in 2010, Morogoro Rural had 560 hectares of tree cover extending over 45 percent of its land area. In 2023, it lost 1.96 hectares of tree cover, equivalent to 699 kt of carbon emissions.

On National Day, Israel Prez Isaac Herzog commends PM Modi's support after Hamas attacks

NEW DELHI

ISRAEL President Isaac Herzog on Tuesday commended Prime Minister Narendra Modi (pictured) for pledging support and solidarity with Israel in the aftermath of the horrific Hamas terror attacks on his homeland on October 7, last year, saying the latter "continued to stand on the right side of history".

"Although India is one of the largest countries in the world and Israel one of the smallest, there is so much that we share together. We are both thoroughly modern nations founded on firm democratic ideals, but we are also deeply rooted in tradition. Across so many spheres and sectors, our partnerships thrive from robust trade and commercial ties to meaningful cultural, academic, technological and scientific exchanges."

the President said in a video message during Israel's National Day, or Independence Day celebrations held at the Israeli embassy in New Delhi.

"Of course, the ties we share take on added meaning in times of crisis. Prime Minister Modi was one of the first world leaders to condemn the October 7 massacre. He has continued to stand on the right side of history," he added.

Highlighting the growing importance of India's role in global leadership, President Herzog said that New Delhi has continued to speak loudly and clearly for Israel, for the "value of humanity and civilisation", and in the hope of a further strengthening of the bilateral ties between the two countries.

"As your democracy and economy grow, your role in global leadership grows and expands in turn, a fact that



we in Israel applaud and welcome as an emerging leader. India continues to speak out loudly and clearly for Israel, for the values of humanity and civilisation, and for the immediate return of all our hostages," the President said.

"I am certain that we will see India-Israel ties expressed in a growing range of bilateral and multilateral context," he added.

Israel National Day commemorates the declaration of the establishment of the sovereign state of Israel on May 14, 1948. According to the Hebrew calendar, it falls

on the 5th of Iyar. The State of Israel gained independence from British rule in Palestine on May 14, when Jewish Agency Chairman David Ben-Gurion proclaimed the Jewish state. This event is celebrated annually as Israel's Independence Day.

Significantly, Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra joined the celebrations as the chief guest, along with the Israel ambassador to India, Naor Gilon and other dignitaries.

Speaking at the event, Foreign Secretary Kwatra brought up the Hamas terror attacks, saying that India, itself, is a victim of cross-border terrorism and has a zero-tolerance approach to terrorism in all its forms.

"We join the people of Israel to celebrate a momentous occasion, the 76th anniversary of Israel's independence. It is deeply inspiring that the extraor-

dinary journey of a nation that has not only survived and thrived against all odds, but also transformed itself into a flourishing landscape of innovation, advancement and growth," he said.

"The terror attacks on October 7 has left us all shaken. As you all know, India itself is a victim of cross-border terrorism and has a zero-tolerance approach to terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. There can be no justifications for acts of terror whatever our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the hostages and innocent lives lost in these heinous acts," he added.

Secretary Kwatra also underscored how communal harmony prevails in the country, with people of diverse religions living in one place, including Jewish people, while reaffirming India's bilateral ties with Is-

rael.

"I proudly say that throughout our history, India has been a safe haven and a land of tolerance for people of diverse faiths, including the Jewish community. Jewish communities that have made India a home, enriching our nation with traditions, customs and contributions. India and Israel share a deep bond rooted in historical, cultural and strategic ties," he said.

"Over the years, our partnership has grown exponentially and is marked by mutual respect, understanding and collaboration across various sectors from agriculture to technology defence to water management, India and Israel have worked together to achieve remarkable feats of progress and innovation," he added.

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President Xi extends congratulations to Chad's president-elect

BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping on Monday sent a message to Mahamat Idriss Deby Itno, congratulating him on his election as president of the Republic of Chad.

Xi pointed out that in recent years, China-Chad relations have maintained a good momentum of development, with their political mutual trust continuously deepened, cooperation steadily advanced in various fields, and international collaboration becoming closer.

Xi said he attaches great importance to the development of China-Chad relations and is willing to work with the president-elect to strengthen mutual support and promote friendly cooperation, so as to better benefit the two peoples. **Xinhua**



Missing Bangladeshi MP Anwarul Azim killed in Kolkata, Bangladesh police arrest three

KOLKATA

THE Member of Parliament (MP) from Bangladesh's ruling party Anwarul Azim, who allegedly went missing on May 18, was found dead in Kolkata yesterday.

Bangladesh Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan in a news conference in Dhaka said that the MP was killed in Kolkata. Speaking

to reporters at his residence on Wednesday, the minister said that Bangladesh Police have arrested three persons in this connection, reported Bangladesh Newspaper Daily Star.

"So far, we have come to know that all the killers involved are Bangladeshis. It was a planned murder," the Bangladesh Home Minister said. Asked about the

whereabouts of the body, he said that they were yet to know about it. "We will soon inform you about the motive," the minister said, adding that Indian police are co-operating with the case.

Anwarul Azim, the Bangladesh MP, who entered India on May 12 was last seen on the afternoon of May 13 when he went with friends to a home in Bidhannagar near

Kolkata for a medical check-up.

According to a family friend in Kolkata's Bidhannagar, the MP mentioned he would be travelling to Delhi, but there has been no physical presence or direct contact with him since May 13. Only mobile messages have been exchanged with his family in Dhaka and his friend in Bidhannagar, indicating his intended journey to

Delhi.

Concerned by the lack of communication and his sudden alleged disappearance, the MP's family friend, Gopal Viswas, who was informed by the MP's daughter of her inability to contact her father, lodged a missing person complaint at the Baranagar police station in Bidhannagar. Kolkata.

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Chinese scientists succeed in speed rice breeding in desert greenhouses

A group of scientists from the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) recently announced the success of a trial planting to halve the growth cycle of a conventional rice variety in a desert greenhouse in Hotan, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region.

"We started the breeding in February this year. Supported by soilless farming, temperature control and artificial lighting, it took just 60 days for the rice seedlings to harvest," said Wang Sen, a researcher with the CAAS's Institute of Urban Agriculture (IUA).

China is the first country in the world to cultivate rice. With ordinary farming practices, it usually takes 120 to 150 days on average for rice to mature in China's major rice-growing areas.

Why can the growth cycle of rice be significantly reduced in desert greenhouses of Hotan?

In 2021, Yang Qichang, chief scientist with the IUA, and his team successfully cut the growth cycle of rice by half in laboratory settings in Chengdu, southwest China's Sichuan province. They also achieved



Photo shows rice cultivated in a desert greenhouse in Hotan, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region. (Photo from the official account of the Institute of Urban Agriculture, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences on WeChat)

a technological breakthrough that allows rice to be cultivated throughout the year, without being limited by seasonal factors.

Yang noted that cultivating rice in laboratory settings is costly, adding that he and his team hoped to explore a technical approach that could achieve speed breeding while also significantly reducing costs.

"We found that Hotan is an ideal place for building greenhouses because the land and operating costs are relatively low here with its vast deserts, abundant sunlight and heat resources. Implement-

ing speed breeding here can significantly reduce costs," Yang explained.

In the greenhouses of Hotan, Yang and his team replaced soil cultivation with nutrient solutions and employed multi-spectrum LED light sources and environmental control technologies to regulate the lighting and temperature conditions. After more than two years of experiments, the team finally achieved speed rice breeding in desert greenhouses.

Later, Yang and his team continued to explore key technologies for the fast breeding of other crops

in desert greenhouses, including soybeans, corn, wheat, oilseed crops and cotton.

The successful trial planting demonstrated that speed breeding in desert greenhouses is entirely feasible and provides an effective method to produce more generations of rice each year, Yang said. Besides, the efficacy of low-cost, highly efficient and energy-saving gutter-connected desert greenhouses has also been validated, he added.

"After future integration with new energy and other technologies, construction and operating costs will be greatly reduced, which will make such greenhouses strongly competitive globally," Yang told People's Daily.

People's Daily

Anything that comes out of Swiss conference on Ukraine trifling without Russia – Medvedev

MOSCOW

WHATEVER decisions come out of the conference on Ukraine, which the Swiss authorities plan to hold on June 15-16 at the Burgstock Resort, will be "null and void," Deputy Chairman of the Russian Security Council Dmitry Medvedev (pictured) said on Tuesday.

"The 'conference' on Ukraine in Switzerland is just around the corner," Medvedev stated on his X (formerly Twitter) social network account. "Clearly, the outcome of this get-together will be null and void: peace talks are never held with just one party to the conflict."

As the Swiss Federal Depart-

ment of Foreign Affairs reported earlier, Bern has invited more than 160 delegations to the conference on Ukraine, including from the G7, G20 and BRICS countries.

According to the country's authorities, Russia has not been invited at this point. Russia is not going to participate in the conference on Ukraine in Switzerland, or in any other events on Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky's "peace formula," the Russian Foreign Ministry said.

Commenting on these plans, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov noted that this conference is "a path to nowhere" and Moscow doesn't see the West's readiness for an honest dialogue.

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E-government services provide Kenyan youth with economic opportunities

NAIROBI

THE hum of city life could be heard outside the cybercafe on the second floor of a building on Tom Mboya Street in Kenya's capital, Nairobi. Vehicles honked, toots shouted the names of residential estates to which the cars were headed, and hawkers sang out the prices of their wares.

Inside the cybercafe, two women holding babies on their laps sat before computers, as an assistant moved from one to another giving instructions.

The women were at the internet cafe to apply for their children's birth certificates, a crucial government document in Kenya.

"Type your child's name here," John Gimode, the cybercafe attendant, told one of the women. "And here, type your name and that of the father of the child," he instructed the other. Gimode carefully guided the women through the process to ensure they got it right.

"If they mess up, they won't get the documents," he told Xinhua, adding that the business serves up to 30 clients daily seeking various government documents.

The cybercafe is among those experiencing a boom from Kenya's e-government services. With the rise of online government services, businesses that were once



InABLE Chief Executive Officer Irene Mbari addresses delegates at Inclusive Africa Conference 2024 in Nairobi, capital of Kenya, May 14, 2024. **Xinhua**

struggling due to the surge in smartphones have found a new lease on life.

In turn, these cybercafes have employed many young Kenyans like 22-year-old Gimode to assist citizens in accessing services such as birth and death certificates, smart driving licenses, passports, tax returns, and business and marriage registrations.

With the increase in the number of Kenyans seeking online government services, the number of internet cafes has risen across the East African nation. "I used to be alone here. We are now two, but sometimes the owner adds a third person when demand rises, like at this time when Kenyans are filing their tax returns," said Gimode.

Isaac Ochieng, director-general of E-Citizen, the platform through which Kenyans apply for all government services, said up to 1.2 million Kenyans seek online services daily, a significant rise from about 300,000 a few years ago.

"The online government services have created opportunities for hundreds of young people across the country as they assist those who are not tech-savvy and make some money out of it," Ochieng said, adding that the shift to digital platforms for government services has spurred demand for internet cafes.

The online services have not only improved access for citizens but also increased government revenue, which now collects 800 million shillings (about 6 million U.S. dollars) daily, up from about 760,557 dollars previously, according to Ochieng.

"In a year, we are collecting 1.14 billion dollars through the E-Citizen online services. This is a huge jump in revenue collection for the government as we also create jobs," he noted. Government services have become the lifeline for cybercafes, and the presence of a growing number of youth in these establishments is now apparent across Nairobi and other parts of Kenya.

"Apply for a driving license and birth certificate here! Also, file your tax returns," reads a message on a board outside a cybercafe in Kitegela, a suburb south of Nairobi. Cynthia Karimi, one of the two attendants at the cybercafe, said June is one of their busiest months due to the tax return deadline.

"The whole process takes 30 minutes to an hour, and the charges are 0.01 dollars per minute, which amounts to good money," said Karimi, adding that attendants earn between 61 and 76 dollars base salary plus commissions depending on the number of customers served.

Eliud Owalo, cabinet secretary in the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy, said recently that the Kenyan government is working to create digital jobs for Kenyans through the provision of e-government services and digital training for the youth to access remote jobs. The government has trained some 390,000 young people in digital jobs, with 139,000 working online, including for overseas companies, Owalo added. **Xinhua**

Simba goalie coach to leave at the end of the season



Simba SC goalkeeping coach Daniel Cadena. Agencies

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC goalkeeping coach Daniel Cadena has opted out against extending his contract with the club just one season after joining from Azam FC.

Albeit efforts from the club to keep him, Cadena will leave Simba, and is said to have already informed the team leadership of his intentions to depart from the club.

The Spanish coach signed a one-year deal with an option to extend but he has shown a desire to seek challenges elsewhere.

Although Cadena was not ready to disclose his decision, there are reports that he wants to be close to his family back home in Spain after years of service in Tanzania.

Cadena has helped improve Simba's goalkeepers with noticeable efforts being on Ali Salim, who became the club's hero in a penalty shoot-out in their Community Shield win against Yanga at Mkwakwani Stadium in Tanga.

Although Simba failed to identify

their first team's goalkeeper at the beginning of the season, Cadena helped the club settle the situation after identifying Ayoub Lakred as their number one goalie.

Cadena joined Simba July, last year, as a goalkeeping coach from Azam FC taking the place of Moroccan, Chlouha Zakaria, who was sacked by the Msimbazi Street side.

The 46-year-old coach was born in the Balearic Islands in the city of Mallorca, Spain. Despite being a goalkeeping coach, he also has a UEFA Pro License coaching certificate, the highest in European coaching football.

He served as Simba's interim coach last year after the sacking of Roberto Oliveira following a 5-1 loss to Yanga and later as an assistant head coach before handing over to Abdelhak Benchikha.

His previous stints as a head coach came with U-20, U-18 and U-17 of Sevilla, Real Betis, and Recreativo Huelva all from Spain.

He joined Azam FC in July 2022 from Chinese Super League side Guangzhou Mingtu.

Katwila urges focus and improvement as Mtibwa Sugar's relegation threat intensifies

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

MTIBWA Sugar Football Club's prospects of remaining in the NBC Premier League next season have become increasingly precarious after a 0-0 draw at home against Namungo FC.

The match, played at the Manungu Complex Stadium in Turian, failed to produce any goals, leaving Mtibwa Sugar entrenched at the bottom of the league standings.

The draw, compounded by a series of poor results, has put significant pressure on the team to secure their position in the league. Currently, Mtibwa Sugar sits in last place with 21 points, with only two matches left in the season.

Their head coach, Zuberi Katwila, expressed his disappointment after the game.

"The match was very tough. Namungo FC is a very hard opponent. We all know they have good players with experience. We created a lot of chances but could not use them. That happens in football; we have to learn from our mistakes," Katwila said.

He added: "We will go back to

the training grounds and work on these mistakes. But for the coming matches, we will make sure everything goes well so that we can get points and see what the future holds for us. For now, the important thing is to focus on the next two matches."

With only two games remaining, Mtibwa Sugar must win both to reach 27 points. Even then, their survival in the NBC Premier League will depend on the performance of their rivals, Geita Gold FC and Tabora United FC, in their remaining matches.

The situation is dire for a team that has been a staple in the Premier League since its promotion in 1995 and won the league championship in the 1999-2000 season.

For 29 years, Mtibwa Sugar has managed to avoid relegation.

The club has also played a crucial role in developing and nurturing local talent, producing players like Dickson Job and Kibwana Shomari of Yanga, and Simba's Mzamiru Yassin, who have all excelled in the league.

A relegation would be a significant blow not only to the team but also to the Morogoro region's young soccer players

who see Mtibwa Sugar as a pathway to professional success.

This season, Mtibwa Sugar has struggled significantly. After 28 matches, they have collected only 21 points, with five wins, six draws, and 17 losses.

Their defense has been particularly vulnerable, conceding 46 goals - the most in the league.

The team's recent form under coach Katwila has been poor, with only one win in their last five NBC Premier League matches.

In stark contrast, Namungo FC remains comfortably in the mid-table, sitting in seventh position with 28 points. They have played 28 matches, securing seven wins, 11 draws, and 10 losses.

Their position in the league is relatively secure, provided they perform well in their remaining matches against Tanzania Prisons and Tabora United.

For Mtibwa Sugar, the road ahead is fraught with challenges. Their fate is no longer entirely in their own hands. The team's performance in the next two matches is crucial, but they will also need favorable results from other matches to avoid relegation or at least se-

cure a spot in the playoffs. The club's supporters, players, and staff are all acutely aware of the stakes.

"We need to stay focused and believe in ourselves," said one of Mtibwa Sugar's veteran players, who asked to remain anonymous. "We've been in tough spots before, but we've always managed to pull through. This time, we need to dig deeper and give it everything we've got."

The team's next match is a must-win encounter, and the pressure is palpable. Fans are expected to turn out in large numbers to support their team, hoping that their presence will inspire a turnaround.

As the season draws to a close, Mtibwa Sugar's battle for survival epitomizes the drama and uncertainty that makes football so compelling.

Whether they can defy the odds and retain their NBC Premier League status will be determined in the coming weeks.

For now, the focus is on preparation, resilience, and a bit of luck. The entire Mtibwa Sugar community is holding its breath, hoping for a miracle to keep their proud history and legacy alive in Tanzania's top-flight football.

Dar gears up for spectacular celebration as NBC Bank honors Yanga's Premier League triumph



By Guardian Correspondent

THE City of Dar es Salaam is gearing up for a truly momentous occasion this coming Saturday, as the National Bank of Commerce (NBC) prepares to host a lavish celebration to honor Young Africans SC's triumph in the 2023/2024 NBC Premier League season.

The move is part of NBC's ongoing efforts to enhance its sponsorship of the league.

The championship presentation ceremony is scheduled to take place on Saturday at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam, during Yanga's match against Tabora United.

In a press conference held yesterday, NBC's Head of Public Relations, Godwin Semunyu, and Yanga's Information and Communications Manager, Ally Kamwe, revealed the grand plans in store for this landmark event.

"As the main sponsor of three different leagues in the country, including the NBC Premier League, we, at the bank, are dedicated to ensuring that all league champions are presented with their trophies in a manner befitting their hard-fought achievements," said Semunyu.

The NBC Premier League has witnessed a remarkable transformation in recent years, with the bank's sponsorship fueling heightened competition and improved preparations among the participating clubs.

"Everyone can witness how the NBC Premier League, like other leagues sponsored by NBC, has become better with increased competition. This competition is largely fueled by our sponsorship as a bank in these leagues, which has facilitated the participating clubs to make good preparations without financial challenges," Semunyu explained while insisting the sponsor's determination NBC in congratulating Yanga's success in grand fashion.

Fans of the Jangwani Street-based club can look forward to a day filled with a myriad of exciting events.

In addition to the trophy presentation ceremony, the celebrations will include a post-event vigil, a championship parade through the streets of Dar es Salaam, and a special helicopter flyover to enhance the occasion.

"NBC has honored us greatly in these celebrations as the main sponsors of this league," ex-

pressed Kamwe.

"Besides assisting us in preparing for these championship celebrations, they have also prepared to register our members at the stadium and provide them with modern membership cards, which is crucial in increasing our club's revenue."

The bank's commitment to this celebration extends beyond the mere presentation of the trophy. Semunyu revealed that NBC will be providing on-site banking services and registering Yanga fans for membership cards, a move that is set to boost the club's revenue streams.

"We thank them very much and we urge our members and fans to come out in large numbers on this important day," Kamwe added, emphasizing the significance of the occasion for the Yanga faithful.

As the city eagerly awaits this extraordinary event, the excitement among Yanga supporters is palpable.

The club's championship triumph, coupled with NBC's grandiose plans to honor their success, has set the stage for a truly unforgettable celebration in Dar es Salaam this Saturday.



Eagle youth team players, Hashimu Ali (R) and Abeid Omary fight for the ball during a training session at Mbande in Dar es Salaam on Monday. Photo: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Human rights experts urge FIFA to scrutinize Saudi Arabia before 2034 World Cup vote

DUBLIN

FIFA was urged by international lawyers Wednesday to uphold its own policy and scrutinize Saudi Arabia's human rights record before picking the kingdom to host the men's 2034 World Cup.

A 22-page document was delivered to FIFA headquarters in Zurich on behalf of Mark Pieth and Stefan Wehrenberg of Switzerland and British barrister Rodney Dixon. They offered to work with FIFA on an action plan and monitoring of Saudi Arabia by independent experts.

Their paper calls on FIFA to use its leverage now with Saudi Arabia to comply with international human rights standards that the world soccer body's own policy since 2017 has required of tournament hosts.

"It is obvious that Saudi Arabia falls very far short of those requirements," the document states. "Given this, as matters currently stand, FIFA simply cannot properly permit it to host the 2034 World Cup."

They cite Saudi Arabia's record on freedom of expression and assembly, treatment of prisoners and migrant workers, and male guardianship laws that limit personal freedoms for women.

Saudi Arabia has consistently said it is changing fast as part of the Vision 2030 program to modernize the kingdom's economy and society driven by crown prince Mohammed bin Salman. Hosting more sports and entertainment events is key to the program to be less dependent on oil riches.

Saudi Arabia is the only candidate to host the 2034 World Cup in a fast-track process FIFA opened last October in a surprise move.

By brokering a three-continent, six nation co-hosting deal for the 2030 tournament, FIFA effectively cleared a path for Saudi Arabia to get the following edition without a rival bid.

The Saudi bid must be formally submitted by July and is set to be confirmed on Dec. 11 in an online vote by FIFA's 211 member federations.

The lawyers want FIFA to use the leverage it has now with the bid to comply with the soccer body's own policy drafted seven years by Harvard University professor John Ruggie. He previously shaped the United Nations guiding principles on business and human rights.

"Let's give FIFA a chance," Pieth told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "FIFA has written a very impressive document and I would be really happy to see FIFA live up to its standards."

Pieth previously worked with FIFA between 2011 and 2014 advising on anti-corruption and good governance reforms after a bribery scandal in its presidential election held six months after Russia and Qatar were picked as future World Cup hosts.

After controversy about lack of scrutiny of 2022 World Cup host Qatar – mostly over the treatment of migrant workers needed to build stadiums and infrastructure projects – FIFA acted seven years ago to embed human rights assessments of tournament bidders.

Since 2017, one year after Gianni Infantino was elected FIFA president in fallout from sweeping investigations of corrupt soccer officials, he has built close ties to Saudi Arabia and its crown prince.

Pieth, Wehrenberg and Dixon said their paper to FIFA was written "on behalf of persons who are suffering from serious violations of their basic human rights and freedoms by Saudi Arabia."

"The authors of this submission are ready to engage constructively with FIFA to ensure that these minimum requirements, at least, are achieved," they said.

AP

Salah hints at Liverpool stay, targets trophies next season

LONDON

MOHAMED Salah said Liverpool "will fight like hell" to win trophies next season as the Egyptian hinted he will at least see out the final year of his contract at Anfield.

Salah has just 12 months remaining on his deal and has been linked with a move to the Saudi Pro League.

The Reds reportedly rejected a £150m offer from Al-Ittihad for the 31-year-old last September.

"We know that trophies are what count and we will do everything possible to make that happen next season," Salah posted on social media.

"Our fans deserve it and we will fight like hell."

Liverpool won the League Cup in Jurgen Klopp's final season in charge but missed out on the Premier League, FA Cup and Europa League.

Klopp's departure after over eight years in charge of Liverpool has raised doubts over the futures of a number of star players, who rose to prominence under the German's reign.

Virgil van Dijk and Trent Alexander-Arnold are also entering the final year of their contracts.

Former Feyenoord boss Arne Slot was confirmed as Klopp's successor by Liverpool on Monday.

AFP

Pochettino leaves Chelsea after just one season in charge

LONDON

MAURICIO Pochettino has left Chelsea after just one season in charge by mutual consent, the English club announced on Tuesday.

The Blues finished sixth in the Premier League thanks to a fine run towards the end of the season but missed out on Champions League qualification and a trophy.

"Chelsea FC can confirm that the club and Mauricio Pochettino have mutually agreed to part ways," Chelsea said in a statement.

In just two years under the ownership of an American consortium fronted by LA Dodgers co-owner Todd Boehly and private equity group Clearlake Capital, Chelsea have spent over £1 billion (\$1.3 billion) on new players.

The vast majority of that was spent on rising stars and Pochettino pointed to a lack of experience and a lengthy injury list for failing to achieve consistent results.

Chelsea lost the League Cup final 1-0 to Liverpool after extra-time and pushed Manchester City all the way before losing in the FA Cup semi-finals by the same score.

But there had been signs that Pochettino's project was coming together in a run of five consecutive wins to end the campaign that ensured Chelsea will be in Europe next season.

They will qualify for the Europa League if Manchester United lose to City in the FA Cup final and the Conference League if the Red Devils shock the English champions.

"Thank you to the Chelsea ownership group and sporting directors for the opportunity to be part of this football club's history," said Pochettino.

"The club is now well positioned to keep moving forward in the Premier League and Europe in the years to come."

Chelsea sporting directors Laurence Stewart and Paul Winstanley said: "On behalf of everyone at Chelsea, we would like to express our gratitude



Despite overseeing a late-season surge to finish sixth and qualify for Europe – Mauricio Pochettino's time at the club has ended. Agencies

to Mauricio for his service this season.

"He will be welcome back to Stamford Bridge any time and we wish him all the very best in his future coaching career."

Four managers in two years -

Pochettino is the fourth manager to depart under Boehly's regime after Thomas Tuchel, Graham Potter and Frank Lampard.

According to the Daily Telegraph, Pochettino met Boehly for dinner on Friday before

his departure was confirmed after an end-of-season review with Stewart and Winstanley.

The 52-year-old arrived in west London with the task of getting Chelsea back on track after they finished 12th in the 2022/23 Premier League season.

The Argentine had to bed in another influx of new signings as Chelsea broke the British transfer record to buy Moises Caicedo for £115 million.

He suffered a difficult start as they won just three of their

opening 10 Premier League games.

But led by the stunning form of Cole Palmer, only City, Arsenal and Liverpool picked up more points than Chelsea in the second half of the season.

According to reports Stuttgart's Sebastian Hoernes, Girona boss Michel, Ipswich Town's Kieran McKenna and Enzo Maresca of Leicester are among those in contention to be next in the Stamford Bridge hot seat.

Pochettino began his coaching career at Espanyol before shining in a short spell at Southampton.

That earned him a move to Tottenham, where he established Spurs as regulars at the top end of the Premier League and took the club to a first ever Champions League final in 2019.

Pochettino was sacked by Tottenham just months later before joining Paris Saint-Germain in 2021, where he won one Ligue 1 title and French Cup in 18 months in charge.

AFP

Pochettino's Chelsea exit sealed over 'last supper'

■ Inside the 24-hour talks that sealed Pochettino's Chelsea exit

By Matt Law

AT around 11.30am on Tuesday morning, Mauricio Pochettino shook hands on his Chelsea departure and left the lawyers to finalise a divorce that had not required a relationship expert to predict.

Pochettino is the third permanent manager to leave the club under the Clearlake Capital-Todd Boehly ownership, but this time it was mutual. There was no sacking and no arguments or rancour, just handshakes and an agreement to move on respectfully.

A dinner with co-controlling owner Boehly last Friday night proved to be a last supper for Pochettino, but underlined the goodwill that remained underneath any disagreements or dissatisfaction.

With one year remaining on his two-year contract that was signed last summer, Pochettino will receive a handsome pay-off and can be proud of what he achieved at Chelsea having clinched European qualification in a five-game end-of-season winning run.

While Thomas Tuchel's sacking was a shock, resulting in re-primations, and the dismissal of Graham Potter felt premature and harsh, Pochettino's mutual departure appeared inevitable for some time and would no doubt be regarded as the best thing for both sides.

Pochettino was called into Chelsea's Cobham training ground at around midday on Monday as part of the club's end-of-season review to meet with sporting directors Paul Winstanley and Laurence Stewart. He also spoke with co-owner Behdad Eghbali.

There were no disagreements over who should be in charge of transfers or which players should or should not be sold. The differences are explained as being more philosophical and relate to the dynamics

of working within a club structure.

With a long season only just finished, nobody wanted to make a rash decision that could later be regretted so all parties agreed to sleep on day one of the meeting and reconvene on Tuesday morning. But nothing had changed by day two and by about 11.30am Pochettino's departure was verbally agreed.

Boehly had returned to America after dining with Pochettino last Friday night and visiting him again at Cobham the next day, ahead of the final-day victory over Bournemouth. The billionaire kept in contact by telephone during Monday and Tuesday's discussions.

***No bad blood between Pochettino and club**

Ultimately, Chelsea and Pochettino decided it was better to part now, after completing a relatively amicable 12 months together, rather than trying to push through the final year of his contract and risk a messy end to his reign.

There was also the threat that a bad start to next season or a bad run during the campaign would put pressure on the owners to make a mid-season change, which they have been keen to avoid since sacking Tuchel and Potter.

Chelsea are due to compete in next summer's Club World Cup, which starts on June 15, 2025 and Pochettino's deal was due to run until the end of that month. There were concerns that keeping him another year for the sake of continuity would have created a difficult situation around that tournament.

Five successive home victories at the end of the season proved to be enough to clinch European qualification and Pochettino can leave with his reputation intact after also reaching

a Carabao Cup final and the semi-finals of the FA Cup.

Over a 38-game Premier League season, however, Chelsea fell short of the owners' target to qualify for the Champions League and there were moments when they came under pressure from supporters to make a change before the end of the season.

The plan was always to review the club's performance, including that of Pochettino once the season had finished, but clues over the direction of travel have been there for some time.

It was a few days after the January transfer window shut that Pochettino was asked a relatively innocuous question about the merit of set-piece coaches, which subsequently provided a window into how two worlds were colliding.

It also came in the build-up to the 4-2 home defeat by Wolverhampton Wanderers that left Pochettino fearing for his job.

***Argentine was at odds with club's structure**

Pochettino was dismissive of set-piece specialists, insisting "we are a coaching staff in charge of everything" before later adding: "Football belongs to the players. Not to the specialists."

That was at odds with the structure being built by Chelsea's owners and

sporting directors, who have made it abundantly clear they believe football belongs to the players and the specialists.

Some of those around Pochettino claimed that Chelsea's difficulties at defending from set-pieces could be easily explained by a relative lack of height within the squad, which would point the finger at those who assembled it.

Not only did Chelsea lose to Wolves in the next game at Stamford Bridge, following Pochettino's dismissal of set-piece gurus, they also lost to Liverpool to a headed Virgil van Dijk goal from a corner in extra-time of the Carabao Cup final three weeks later.

Chelsea had wilted badly in extra-time against Liverpool's kids and the nature of Van Dijk's winner just rubbed salt into the wounds of the club's sporting directors and owners.

Pochettino revealed that he met with Eghbali to "share opinions" after the Carabao Cup final. It later became clear, as exclusively reported by Telegraph Sport, that Chelsea were in the process of not only appointing a new set-piece specialist, but were setting up an entire department dedicated to corners and free-kicks.

Bernardo Cueva will start work heading up Chelsea's set-piece department this summer and Pochettino no

longer needs to worry whether or not he will need to make space on the touchline for another body, which he had warned he and he alone would decide.

Those close to Pochettino insist he had come to accept the arrival of Cueva and yet Chelsea's desire to build a club structure that the head coach is part of has caused what proved to be irreconcilable differences in approach. It will not have gone unnoticed inside Stamford Bridge that Liverpool have advertised for a set-piece specialist since the departure of Jurgen Klopp.

***Injury issues plagued club's season**

Chelsea's crippling injury list was a problem for Pochettino on and off the pitch. Pre-season plans went up in smoke when Christopher Nkunku was forced out of the friendly against Borussia Dortmund with a knee problem that kept him out until December.

Nkunku managed only two starts over the entire season and Pochettino regularly had to contend with an injury list that ran into double figures. Rather than trying to apportion blame, the 52-year-old would often lament Chelsea's bad luck. Behind the scenes, however, the situation raised serious questions and has put pressure on all departments of the club.

Pochettino's influence in Cole Palmer's amazing debut season for the club cannot be dismissed, while he also helped guide Nicolas Jackson and Noni Madueke through difficult starts to the season and an unnecessary penalty row in the thrashing of Everton.

Those who have criticised Pochettino's tactics and substitutions have had to eat some humble pie after the decision to invert Marc Cucurella paid dividends and a number of players made an impact from the bench once the injuries cleared enough to give Chelsea options.

But, even throughout the winning five-game run at the end of the campaign, there remained a sense that all was not entirely well. Pochettino claimed it "would not be the end of the world" during a warning that he could effectively choose to quit Chelsea. And he did not hang around on the Stamford Bridge pitch after the final game of the season to applaud and clap the home fans who had stayed behind.

Pochettino had left the supporters to show their appreciation to the players, the people he feels football belongs to. But it meant the only men who got a personal goodbye were Winstanley, Stewart and Eghbali.

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Simba will take top two race right to the wire, insists Mgunda



Simba SC midfielder Said Ntibazonkiza (3rd R) scores their second goal through a well-taken free kick during their NBC Premier League match against Geita Gold at Azam Complex in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday. Photo: Courtesy of Simba SC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

INTERIM head coach Juma Mgunda said that Simba are ready to push Azam to the final day of the season following Tuesday's win over relegation-threatened Geita Gold.

Simba came from a goal down to win 4-1 against ten-man Geita Gold.

Geita Gold's Geoffrey Luzendaze put the visitors ahead in the 11th minute after he slid in Edmund John's cross that was fumbled by goalkeeper Hussein Abel to score from close range.

Returning and ever-green Said Ntibazonkiza scored a penalty just before halftime, sending Geita Gold goalkeep-

er Costantine Malimi the wrong way to get Simba back on level terms.

The Burundian international struck again to put Simba ahead in the 72nd minute with a well-taken free kick.

Youngster Ladaki Chasambi added the third in the 86th minute, finding the back of the net following a pass from Willy Onana.

Chasambi completed his double in the 94th minute, blasting the ball into the roof of the net from a tight

angle.

The result kept Simba level on points with second-placed Azam.

As it stands, the race for a place in next season's Champions League will be decided in the two remaining games of the NBC Premier League season with Azam enjoying a slight numerical and psychological advantage courtesy of a superior goal difference.

"The match was difficult. You cannot underestimate opponents because of their

position on the log or results. I said from early on, the match would be tough and a big challenge because each team has its own aspirations," Mgunda said after the game.

"All in all, I thank God we got three points and four goals. This is over, we are preparing for the next game to see what we can do.

"This is a race. We are in the race, so we will try to make sure that we do well to get good results in every match that is ahead of us.

"Finally, let's see where we will be standing when the marathon is over.

"Azam gets their own results and we earn our own results. When the league ends, we will know where we stand," added the gaffer.

Simba will face two tricky matches against city opponents KMC and JKT Tanzania.

On the other side, Azam also face a tough penultimate round home game against Kagera Sugar before travelling to Geita Gold.

Feisal Salum edges closer to NBC PL Golden Boot

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

IN a riveting NBC Premier League clash at Major General Isamhyo Stadium, Mbwani, Azam FC secured a commanding 2-0 victory over JKT Tanzania on Tuesday.

The win bolsters Azam FC's standing in the league, showcasing their offensive prowess and solid team coordination.

The match's opening goal came in the 30th minute, courtesy of striker Abdul Suleiman, popularly known as 'Sopu'.

Demonstrating precision and composure, Sopu found the back of the net, giving Azam FC an early advantage.

The victory was sealed in the dying moments of the game when Feisal Salum, affectionately dubbed 'Fei Toto', scored in the 90th minute, reinforcing his reputation as a clutch player.

Salum's goal was his 16th of the season, propelling him to the top of the league's scoring chart and surpassing Yanga's Stephane Aziz Ki, who has 15 goals.

This milestone highlights Salum's exceptional form and his critical role in Azam FC's attacking strategy.

"I am so happy that I help my team win matches," Salum said after the match. "What makes me have this good form is my technical bench and my fellow players for the support. I follow what the coach and technical bench teach us."

His dedication to team play and his ability to execute on the pitch have been pivotal for Azam FC this season.

When asked about his rivalry with Stephane Aziz Ki for the Golden Boot, Salum remained humble.

"To be honest, I don't compete with anyone. What I just do is to put the ball in the net or assist where necessary. As a player, what matters the most is for me to help my team win matches," said Salum, the former Young Africans player.

Azam FC has been a formidable force in attack this season, netting 56 goals so far.

Salum has been instrumental in this offensive surge, contributing 16 goals and seven assists, totaling 23 goal contributions.

His remarkable performance has not only propelled him into the Golden Boot contention but also positioned him as a strong candidate for the Player of the Season Award for 2023/2024.

Beyond the league, Salum's impact was evident in the CRDB Bank Federation Cup.

He scored in a 3-0 semi-final victory over Coastal Union, helping Azam FC secure a place in the final.

His ability to deliver in crucial moments underlines his importance to the team's success this season.

Currently, Azam FC is competing fiercely for second place in the league standings.

With 63 points after 28 games, they are neck and neck with Simba, who also have 63 points but lag behind on goal difference. This competition for the runner-up spot adds an extra layer of intensity to the remaining fixtures.

Yanga's Aziz Ki has also been



Azam FC midfielder Feisal Salum 'Fei Toto' celebrates after scoring their second goal against JKT Tanzania during their NBC Premier League match at Major General Isamhyo Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday. Photo: Courtesy of Azam FC

outstanding this season, contributing to 23 of his team's 60 goals with 15 goals and eight assists.

The battle for the Golden Boot between Salum and Aziz Ki is shaping up to be one of the highlights of the season, captivating fans and analysts alike.

As the season progresses, Azam FC will rely heavily on Salum's consistency and scoring prowess.

His ability to maintain his form and continue his goal contributions will be crucial in their quest for silverware and a strong finish in the league standings.

The upcoming matches will be critical

for Azam as they seek to consolidate their position and potentially surpass their rivals. With players like Salum delivering standout performances, the team is poised to achieve great success both in the league and cup competitions.

Azam's 2-0 victory over JKT Tanzania is a testament to their tactical discipline, team cohesion, and the individual brilliance of players like Salum.

As the Premier League season approaches its climax, fans can expect more thrilling performances and intense competition, with every game carrying significant implications for the final standings.

TFF moves Federation Cup 2024 final from Manyara to Zanzibar

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

THE Tanzania Football Federation, TFF, has come to a decision to change the regional host for this season's CRDB Bank Federation Cup final.

Manyara region was given hosting rights for this season's final, infrastructure incapability which has resulted in security concerns has changed the landscape.

At present, the Kwaraa Stadium in Babati, Manyara has one pavilion with a seating capacity of not more than 3,000.

TFF yesterday announced the change of the venue of the Federation Cup final from Kwaraa Stadium to the New Amaan Complex in Zanzibar.

"The final of the CRDB Bank Federation Cup will now be played at New Amaan Stadium, Zanzibar instead of Babati in Manyara region," TFF statement read.

"The decision has been made by the Executive Committee of the Tanzania Football Federation after some of the important infrastructures in Babati were not ready for the final as well as security reasons."

It added that it would give future consideration to the Manyara region on the condition of continuing the rehabilitation of the Kwaraa Stadium and supporting infrastructure.

"TFF has advised the Authorities in Manyara region to continue upgrading their infrastructure so that the stadium can be considered for the upcoming finals and other major championships."

With the change of venue, Zanzibar will host the cup competition final for the first time in history. The final pitting holders Young Africans and Azam for the second successive season will be played on June 2. Kick-off has been confirmed for 2.15 pm.

TFF has invited the Zanzibari Minister of Information, Youth, Culture and Sports, Tabia Maulid Mwita, to be the official guest of honour for the final.

Last season, Kennedy Musonda's goal gave Young Africans a 1-0 win over Azam on the way to a successive domestic double. In 2022, that victory came against Coastal Union.

Young Africans, who have already sealed a record-extending 30th league title, will be hoping to secure their fourth triumph in the Federation Cup, having won it in 2016, 2022 and 2023 since it was re-launched in the 2015/2016 season.

In addition to a trophy, medals for players and the technical bench and Tsh50m prize money, the winner of the Federation Cup earns a ticket to represent the country in the CAF Confederation Cup next season.

However, since both finalists are guaranteed to finish in the top three of the NBC Premier League this season, the CAF Confederation Cup ticket will go to the team that will finish fourth with Coastal Union in a prime spot to snatch it with two games left to play.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

