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By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

MINING firms should be allowed to directly implement corporate social responsibility projects instead of merely giving money to district councils, their umbrella organisation has advised.

John Bina (pictured), the president of the Federation of Miners' Associations in Tanzania (FEMATA), issued this position at a meeting of mining sector stakeholders here at the weekend, convened by the government.

He said there are disagreements on the need to have local government authorities be handed 60 percent of the CSR funds and the community where mining takes place obtain 40 percent of the funds.

FEMATA wants the nearby community to be provided with 60 percent and the

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A foreign tourist enjoys cultural tourism by roasting coffee beans at Materuni village in Moshi Rural District, Kilimanjaro Region, at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent James Lanka

“What the public should know is lawyers fit in settling construction claims or it is engineers who are more relevant”

By Guardian Reporter

RESOLVING local and international commercial and investment disputes through arbitration has significantly reduced the backlog of commercial disputes pending in courts.

Judge Abdallah Gonzi of the commercial division of the High Court, said that the successful use of arbitration arises from awareness amongst lawyers, advocates, the business community, investors and the wider public as to alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.

He made these remarks at a press conference in Dar es Salaam yesterday, on the 7th annual arbitration conference slated for Thursday and Friday this week.

Organised by the Tanzania Institute of Arbitration (TIArb), the conference will bring together over 150 participants from within and outside the country, with virtual participation of interested parties in South Africa, Pakistan, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda, he said.

The conference theme is 'Navigating Complexities: Resolving Construction and International Investment Disputes,' with the judge praising TIArb for helping the court in resolving commercial disputes.

It has assisted those with limited knowledge on judicial matters where arbitration is applicable, he said, noting that this year participants will discuss and share experience on resolving disputes in the construction and investment sectors.

These are among crucial economic sectors whose disputes need urgent resolution, as ending the disputes enables communities involved to be freed from the handicap in economic pursuits.

The High Court administration has been putting into effect rulings provided by TIArb.

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VP: Keep grape farming land clear of developers

By Guardian Reporter

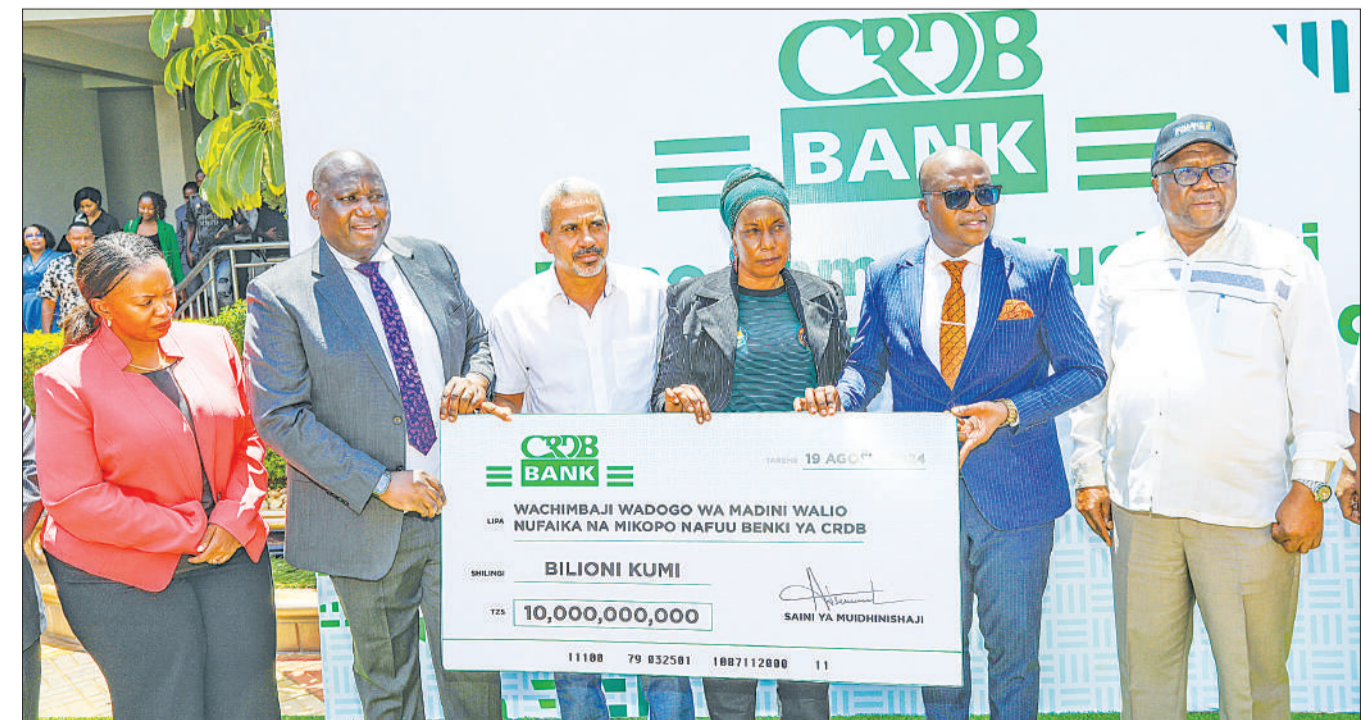
VICE President Dr Philip Mpango has directed the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development to ensure that land designated for grape cultivation is not taken up for residential construction.

He issued the directives yesterday after laying a foundation stone for a grape processing plant in Chinangali II in Chamwino District, Dodoma Region.

In remarks on the first day of a three-day working tour in the region, he said the ministry should work with the regional authorities to ensure the area is safe from developers.

He pointed to the rapid pace of residential construction in the capital, stressing the need for urban planners and land

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Minerals minister Anthony Mavunde (2nd-R) presents representatives of small-scale miners (3rd-R and 3rd-L) with a dummy cheque for 10bn/- issued by CRDB Bank Plc to help in promoting artisanal mining in the country. He is with the bank's Chief Business Officer, Boma Raballa (2nd-L), Shinyanga regional commissioner Anamringi Macha (R) Kahama district commissioner Mboni Mhita. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

IGP shifts embattled RPC to headquarters

Designates Manyara RPC in her place
By Guardian Reporter

CONTROVERSIAL Dodoma regional police commander, SACP Theopista Mallya has been recalled to police headquarters only, hours after a social media storm erupted over denigrating comments suggesting a link between a gang-rape victim and sex work.

DCP David Misime, the spokesman for police headquarters, said in a statement yesterday that Inspector General Camillus Wambura had issued an order to transfer SACP Mallya and designating SACP George Katabazi, serving as Manyara RPC, to take over police command in the capital.

In a statement which went viral on social media yesterday quoted the erstwhile RPC Mallya asserting that the perpetrators who recently raped a young woman in Dodoma might have been intoxicated with alcohol or marijuana.

Police headquarters distanced itself from the remarks and shared a public apology to those who were pained by the report circulating on the internet, saying that the police inspectorate was "investigating the conversation between the officer and the journalist to determine the

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surveyors to maintain the integrity of areas allocated for grape cultivation.

He appealed to residents in the region to increase their efforts in grape farming to maximize benefits from the new processing plant, by intensifying their efforts in grape farming to fully capitalise on the now elevated processing capacity.

Upwards of 19.5bn/- is spent annually to import around 10m litres of grape juice to meet domestic demand, with the new plant likely to solve challenges related to grape processing and preservation, he said.

It will reduce losses arising from inadequate infrastructure for value addition and storage, he said, highlighting efforts to install processing plants for agricultural products like grapes, for domestic needs and export potential.

This is a priority in current agro-sector policy, to achieve 10 percent growth annually in agriculture by 2030, he said, pointing out that the government has included grapes in the list of strategic crops for value addition in collaboration with the private sector.

The Agriculture minister will have to ensure the availability of quality seedlings via the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) liaison with district councils, and supervise extension services for grape cultivation, the VP intoned.

He also urged Dodoma residents to avoid environmental degradation, burning forest patches or in-

discriminate tree cutting, and focus on preserving water sources and wetlands to protect the region from rising impacts of climate change.

"It is important that we invest efforts to preserve water sources and wetlands to protect the region from further environmental degradation," he said.

He further encouraged Chamwino District residents to participate in meetings for the preparation of Vision 2050 by providing their views as well as registering themselves in the Permanent Voter Register.

Agriculture minister Hussein Bashe stated that the grape processing plant was established in response to complaints from grape farmers, who for years lacked a facility to process their produce, resulting in frequent losses.

The second phase of the processing facility will include the construction of tanks for grape farmers so that farmers can sell grapes as fruit or process them into juice.

Significant water wastage in the capital has brought the government to initiate water catchment and irrigation projects, with a water catchment reservoir in Chamwino and an 11,000-hectare irrigation project in Mtera.

The grape processing plant costs 2.1bn/- and is set to process 300 tons of grapes per year and store 220,000 litres of grape juice. Upwards of 120 farmers in nearby areas, including the BBT Chinangali grape farm will deliver their produce there, he added.



Clerk of the National Assembly Nelnelwa Mwihambi (L) welcomes newly appointed Attorney General Hamza Johari, who paid him a courtesy visit to introduce himself shortly after taking an oath at State House in Dar es Salaam on Thursday. Photo courtesy of National Assembly

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LGAs to getS the 40 percent cut as district councils have other sources of income, the federation president noted.

Mining stakeholders appealed to the government to review the Mining (Corporate Social Responsibility) Regulation 2023, saying its application in some mining areas is inappropriate.

Dr Stephen Kiruswa, the Minerals deputy minister, said at a stakeholder meeting here at the weekend that operators holding mining licenses have appealed for a review of contentious clauses in the regulations.

Some mine operators have made informal changes in the regulations that came to force mid last year, as on 23 June 2023, the minister published the regulations via Government Notice No. 409 of 2023.

The regulations institute procedures for holders of mining licences, who can be individuals or entities holding rights to exploration or mining, thus encompassing prospectors, gemstone prospecting, mining, processing, smelting and refining.

The regulations affirm that those holding rights to minerals are required to set out an effective corporate social responsibility plan for improving the community environment in which they operate.

Any envisaged plan must be jointly agreed with the relevant local government authorities in the area, such that projects proposed in the

plans be deliberated upon by ward development committees in a joint meeting with the mining sector entity.

The proposals are similarly required to be submitted to the relevant district, town, municipality, or city council for extensive review by October, three months into the start of a new financial year.

At the stakeholders meeting involving members of the relevant parliamentary committee, district council chairmen and district commissioners, the deputy minister said the meeting was intended to get views on how to improve the regulations.

He said that the government formulated the regulations to provide guidelines on the sums involved or feasible projects by mining companies to communities as social responsibility.

The intention is to facilitate cooperation between the communities and the companies in respective mining areas, but implementation has raised complaints and disagreements between mining firms and district councils.

Mining projects where the relevant company is not operating fail to carry out demands of the regulations, thus the plea for review, he said.

After receiving the call for review, the minister promised to convene a stakeholders meeting to get usable opinions on how to improve the regulatory setting, he added.

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he said, noting that most of the disputes arise from mistakes in drafting contracts, with the two parties differing in expectations and at times, conflicts of laws with legislation in the countries of origin.

Aderickson Njunwa, the TIARB vice president, earlier said that the

institute was educating the public on the importance of using alternative dispute resolution and the number of willing companies is increasing.

"We have chosen to discuss issues related to arbitration of commercial cases in construction and investment to help the government create a conducive business and in-

vestment environment," he said.

The country is open to investment and the availability of alternative channels to resolve disputes is an additional assurance to prospective investors, he elaborated, pointing at construction projects as a major area of concern in arbitration.

"What the public should know is lawyers fit in settling construction

claims or it is engineers who are more relevant," he said, hinting at issues of best practices and strategies for managing or resolving international commercial disputes.

The institute is also tasked with developing skills and capacity of alternative arbitration personnel all over the country as it is a profession that requires expertise, he added.



Special Seats legislator Halima Mdee (gesturing), Chairperson of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Local Government Accounts, chairs one of the committee's meetings at the National Assembly complex in Dodoma city yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

UN urges safety of aid workers in South Sudan

JUBA

THE United Nations relief agency has called on all stakeholders to prioritize the safety and security of aid workers in South Sudan.

Anita Kiki Gbeho, the UN humanitarian coordinator for South Sudan, said 24 attacks on aid workers have been recorded so far in 2024 as the country remains one of the most risky environments for humanitarian workers.

"Without a safe space for aid workers, we risk failing the millions who depend on it," Gbeho said in a statement issued in Juba, the capital of South Sudan, to mark World Humanitarian Day.

According to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), access constraints across the country hamper efforts to deliver urgent, life-saving assis-

tance to the most vulnerable populations.

The UN agency said the ability of the aid workers to operate without fear is vital to ensuring that life-saving assistance reaches those in need.

According to OCHA, about 7.1 million people, or 56.3 percent of South Sudan's total population, are projected to face crisis-level or more severe food insecurity in 2024.

The statement said that the Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan, which seeks to assist 6 million people with an appeal of 1.8 billion U.S. dollars, remains underfunded at 31.5 percent.

Between January and July, OCHA said, 267 humanitarian access incidents were reported, with 135 incidents involving direct violence against humanitarian personnel and assets, including 28 incidents of looting and theft.

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authenticity of the social media reports."

"The police force would like to apologise to everyone who was touched and offended by the statement circulating in the media while monitoring is being done to find its accuracy," the spokesman affirmed.

He said that the officer was requested by reporters from a local media outlet to comment on the whereabouts of investigations into the matter, as reports claimed it involves people in the police force and elsewhere.

The police spokesman suggested that remarks by the reporter in the video alleging that the victim in question is claimed to be a prostitute, hinting that the sources were wrongly interpreted, "and the media report further created havoc in the social media."

He made an effort to explain that RPC Mallya told the reporters that even if the young woman was a prostitute "she didn't deserve what was done to her," in which case an investigation is being conducted to determine the veracity of the officer's remarks.

The statement indicated that the suspects involved in the case would be hauled to court later yesterday, as on Sunday, the director of public prosecutions (DPP) Sylvester Mwakitalu had indicated that the case file was yet to be reviewed as investigations were being pursued.

Investigation is still ongoing, he said, affirming that once the file reaches his desk it will be a matter of finalising the procedural requirements. A video of the assault, which went viral on social media on Sunday August 4, shows five men sexually assaulting a young woman,

while another video shows the suspects interrogating the victim and forcing her to apologise to someone referred to as a 'commander'.

Earlier the same week, police headquarters had clarified that the incident occurred back in May in the Swaswa area within the capital, with the men involved identified as Clinton Damas, Praygod Mushi, Amini Lema and Nixon Jackson.

They were later apprehended in Dodoma and Coast regions with a search still on-going for two additional suspects, in the wake of their self-made video going viral.

MOI to do hip and knee surgeries on 20 patients

By Correspondent Christina Mwakangale

THE Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute (MOI) in collaboration with the University of Oxford is set to perform hip and knee surgeries on 20 patients in the four-day camp, which began yesterday.

Dr Lemer Mchome, MOI acting director made the statement in Dar es Salaam yesterday at the commemoration of the institution's 20th anniversary.

He said the camp is part of the institute's efforts to address the increasing need for the surgeries, noting that a growing demand for such surgeries in the country, with around 12,000 patients having already undergone these procedures. Many of these patients are over the age of 50.

He explained that the camp is being conducted in collaboration with specialist doctors from University of Oxford and Australia to facilitate the surgeries.

Dr Mchome highlighted that over the past 20 years, MOI has treated more than 5,000 patients through hip and knee replacements, thanks to significant government investment in equipment and infrastructure.

"We have the necessary equipment and infrastructure to perform these surgeries," he said, adding that "among the patients we have treated, over 8,000 have undergone knee surgeries. Some of these conditions do not require replacements but alternative treatments."

"In Arusha alone, during this camp, we encountered 104 patients already waiting for hip and knee surgeries as well as over 50 patients in the queue for repeat surgeries," Dr Mchome clarified.

Dr Anthony Assey, director of orthopedic services at MOI, expressed satisfaction with the institute's achievements over the past two decades in the field.

He noted that the services have been extended to hospitals across the country, including Bugando Zonal Referral Hospital, Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH)-Mloganzila, Benjamin Mkapa Hospital (BMH),

and Mnazi Mmoja Hospital in Zanzibar.

"The current camp, conducted with specialists from Oxford University and funded by Signature, an Australian company, includes repeat surgeries for eight patients and first-time surgeries for another 12."

Dr Assey highlighted the prevalence of knee issues, noting that individuals over 50 often experience problems, with 50 percent of those over 60 likely to suffer from some form of knee or hip pain.

"As people get old, surgery becomes necessary, and it typically needs to be repeated after 15 years due to wear and tear," he said.

Dr William Stocks, a hip and musculoskeletal specialist from Houston, Texas in the US explained that access to such services in developing countries is often limited by the high cost of surgeries, which can exceed \$2,000.

"Our institute chose to collaborate with MOI to provide these important services in the region as part of a humanitarian effort. We aim to assist many Tanzanians facing these challenges," he said.

“We have the necessary equipment and infrastructure to perform these surgeries,” he said, adding that “among the patients we have treated, over 8,000 have undergone knee surgeries. Some of these conditions do not require replacements but alternative treatments”

Scientists caution of surge in mosquito-borne diseases

By Special Correspondent

THE African continent is facing a rise in mosquito-borne infections, including malaria and dengue fever, which is placing immense pressure on public health systems, scientists warned Monday during a virtual forum held ahead of World Mosquito Day.

Michael Charles, chief executive officer of the RBM Partnership to End Malaria, an international health lobby, highlighted the increasing threat posed by mosquitoes in Africa, which are exacerbating the burden of diseases such as malaria, dengue fever, and yellow fever.

"And climate change is fuelling the spread of mosquitoes responsible for malaria and dengue fever transmission in Africa, impacting negatively on economic growth," Charles said.

Globally, there are 3,500 species of mosquitoes, with 837 of them found in Africa. Charles noted that efforts to eradicate these mosquitoes are becoming more challenging due to rising temperatures, gene mutations, and insecticide resistance.

He added that environmental pollution, weak surveillance systems, and limited awareness of the benefits of using insecticide-treated nets have worsened the spread of female mosquitoes, which are responsible for the increase in malaria and dengue fever cases.

Charles emphasized that a 20 percent reduction in malaria in the most affected African countries could contribute an additional 60 billion U.S. dollars to their gross domestic product annually, while also improving health outcomes for pregnant women and young children.

Philip Chigiya, secretary of the African Leaders Malaria Alliance

Youth Advisory Council, stated that stopping the spread of disease-causing mosquitoes would require enhanced environmental hygiene, universal access to treated nets, and research into the mutation patterns of the insects.

Chigiya stressed that investing in a climate-resilient future would help the continent mitigate the burden of infectious diseases such as malaria, dengue fever, cholera, and the Zika virus.

Observed annually on Aug. 20, World Mosquito Day aims to raise awareness about the insect's anatomy and its ability to transmit fatal ailments to humans.

Krystal Mwesiga Birungi, field entomology coordinator for Target Malaria Uganda, a consortium based at the Uganda Virus Research Institute, warned that mosquitoes have gradually evolved, and a newly discovered invasive species in Africa is hindering efforts to control these insects.

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Industry and Trade minister Dr Selemeni Jafu (R) speaks at a meeting in Dodoma city at the weekend at which he instructed all mainland Tanzania regions to introduce factories as part of the implementation of the Industrial Programme (2025-2030), whose thrust is chiefly on creating jobs and promoting the economy. Photo by Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

Bad weather postpones flight reception in Z'bar

THE reception of the Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner has been postponed due to weather conditions, Air Tanzania Company Limited (ATCL) has confirmed.

The aircraft was scheduled to be received yesterday at Abeid Amani Karume International Airport in Zanzibar, whereby Isles' President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi was expected to lead people to welcome the new flight from Seattle, USA.

The ATCL-owned flight can carry 262 passengers, with 22 seats in business class and 240 in economy class. It also can carry 15 to 20 tonnes of cargo, depending on passenger and cargo volume.

Earlier in the morning, secu-

rity personnel from the Zanzibar government were stationed at the main entrance of the airport to turn away citizens and various officials who had arrived to attend the event.

According to a statement from ATCL, the weather changes have led to a rescheduling of the aircraft's flight plan, which was in the United States and was expected to be received in Zanzibar.

Zanzibar Minister for Infrastruc-

ture, Communication, and Transport, Dr Khalid Salum Mohamed, stated that the postponement of the aircraft's inauguration is due to weather challenges, and the public will be informed about the new arrival time of the aircraft once the weather conditions improve.

"Indeed, we were scheduled to receive the new aircraft today, but due to the weather conditions in the United States, the plane was unable to travel here. We are

awaiting information on when the weather will improve, and we will notify you of the new arrival time," said the Minister.

The arrival of this new long-haul aircraft will bring ATCL's total fleet to 16, including 15 new planes purchased as part of the ATCL revival plan that began in 2016, and one old aircraft. Additionally, seven planes have been acquired during the Sixth Phase Government's tenure.



Tanga regional commissioner Dr Batilda Buriani (3rd-L) has a word with residents of Lusanga ward in Muheza District at the weekend when inaugurating a free eye screening and treatment camp organised by the Modewji Foundation at Samia Suluhu Hospital. She is flanked by Modewji Foundation programme coordinator Amina Ramadhan (R) and Muheza district commissioner Zainab Abdallah. Photo: Correspondent Steven William

Technological cooperation, digital innovation key to deepening China-Kenya ties, says expert

NAIROBI

TECHNOLOGICAL cooperation and digital innovation are key to fostering mutual growth and prosperity and deepening the relationship between China and Kenya, a Kenyan expert has said.

"China is very strategic in offering affordable technology," which is crucial for Kenya to leverage, especially considering the expensive technologies from Europe, said James Shikwati, a Kenyan libertarian economist and the director of the Inter Region Economic Network.

Shikwati underscored China's

importance as a major importer of Kenyan avocados and expressed Kenya's eagerness to enhance its agricultural value chain.

He emphasized the need for Kenya to create platforms for research exchanges with China.

Kenya could tap into areas of synergy with China by facilitating expert exchanges and transferring relevant technologies, Shikwati said.

He spoke of China's prominence as a digital powerhouse, citing platforms like Alibaba as an example, and emphasized the potential for collaboration with Kenya's M-Pesa system.

"There's an opportunity for ex-

changes in digital technology," he said, adding that a regulatory framework facilitating e-commerce and interoperable payment systems could be of great value.

Shikwati also touched on China's support in helping Kenya achieve its sustainable development goals, particularly through the adoption of solar technology, and the importance of Chinese manufacturers in supplying solar panels for private use in Kenyan households.

The Kenyan expert spoke highly of the Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation to be held in Beijing in September, expressing his hope for Africa to become a major

player in the Chinese market. Looking into the future, Shikwati stressed the need for Africa to be actively engaged in the developments of digital technology and artificial intelligence.

It will be strategic for China to prioritize involving Africa in learning about the latest trends and create training opportunities for Africans, he said.

Shikwati voiced optimism for a shared future that promotes culture, peace and prosperity.

"Creating possibilities for a shared future aligns well with the aspirations of both China and Kenya," he added.

NFRA set to sell Zambia 650,000 tonnes of maize

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Tabora

THE National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA) has entered into a contract to sell a total of 650,000 tonnes of maize grains to Zambia in the current agricultural harvesting season.

The sealed contract will see the state-owned food reserve agency, through its Songwe centre, exporting the said tonnages of maize grains through Tanzania-Zambia Railway line to the neighboring country.

The development has been unveiled by Dickson Nyika, the zone manager for NFRA in Tabora region during a special interview to this publication.

"So far, we have entered into a contract to market a total of 650,000 tonnes of maize grains to Zambia," he said, added that the maize will be sourced from the 2022/23 reserve.

In order to stand at comfortable side to serve the contract, Nyika said after attaining the set food storage targets, the plan is to ensure surplus maize grains collected from other zones are channelled to the Songwe centre in readiness for exportation.

He said the Tabora centre is serving for the NFRA's lake zone, overseeing at least eight regions of Shinyanga, Tabora, Kigoma, Geita, Simiyu, Kagera, Mwanza and Mara.

"In this season, our zone, with a total of six crops buying centres has set to purchase a total of 10,000 tonnes of cereal crops, 4000 for maize and remaining 6000 of paddy," he said.

He said up to yesterday, the zone has managed to purchase over 548 tonnes of maize, and 127 tonnes of paddy, saying the centres are currently busy continuing to receive the produced from the farmers in order to meet the set collection targets.

The manager added that the vast zone has food storage facility with capacity to reserve at least 26,500 tonnes of food, chiefly maize grains paddy.

He unveiled the cereal crops buying centres available in the zone as Igunga and Busondo (Tabora), Bukombe (Geita), Shinyanga, and Nyankitonto centres in Kigoma, which are specifically for purchasing maize grains and paddy.

However, he said the Bukene centre in Nzeza, Tabora is dealing with paddy.

Following a patriotic move by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to set a rewarding prices in purchasing of the cereal crops, which now stands at 900/- and 700/- for one Kilogramme of paddy and maize grains respectively, he said most farmers have been sensitized to sell their produce at the NFRA's centres.

"And as part to improve our service delivery, in this season we have decided to adopt a better system, through which we have entered into contracts with a record number of small scale farmers, and those in Agricultural Marketing Cooperative Societies (AMCOS), as well as crops dealers in order to ensure for availability of needed volume of crops," he said.

Divulging more plans, he said NFRA in the zone was expected to increase the number of centres for procuring crops, at least to ten, from the current six.

"The envisaged plan will go in tandem with expansion of our food storage capacity," he said.

Nyika expressed gratitude for the manner to which president Samia has injected the agency with enough budget to support executing their daily roles professionally, the development which he expressed enabling them to purchase enough food and reserve it for the national security.

"We're also looking forward to venture into a joint intervention with the local government leaders to impart the farmers with recommended practices on post-harvest management," he said.

Through the initiative, he said the farmers will be trained on maize grains grading, pesticide management, harvesting and to curtail post-harvest loss.

"Records shows that at least 30 percent of grains are lost at different processes in post-harvest, including harvesting, storage and transportation," he said.



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Watumishi Housing Investments chief operations officer Sephania Solomon (L) briefs Deus Clement Sangu (2nd-L), Deputy Minister of State in the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance), in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the WHI housing project being implemented in the city. The latter was on a tour of WHI offices and Public Servants Housing Scheme in the city's Magomeni suburb. Right is WHI chief executive officer Fred Msemwa. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Save environment to avert climate change, minister urges Tanzanians

By Guardian Correspondent, Njombe

MINISTER for Natural Resources and Tourism, Dr Pindi Chana has urged Tanzanians to inculcate and promote a culture of conserving the environment to address the impacts of climate change, which of late are causing great effects in society.

Speaking at a meeting of the CCM Women's Union (UWT) in Njombe Region over the weekend, Dr Chana stressed the importance of environmental protection for the country's sustainable development.

She called for collective efforts to intensively educate the public to end tree cutting, emphasizing that tree planting is crucial for ensuring sufficient rainfall and food security. "Let us plant trees abundantly. This will help guarantee rainfall, prevent desertification, and secure our food supply," she said.

The Minister further invited tourists to visit the region, noting its exceptional attractions such as Kitulo National Park and Mpanga Kipengele Wildlife Reserve.

She also commended President Samia Suluhu Hassan's efforts in promoting

Tanzania through the Royal Tour Documentary and using Swahili in international forums.

Julius Peter, Njombe region CCM secretary encouraged party members, particularly women, to actively engage in motivating others to register for the permanent voter's book and to prepare for the upcoming local government elections in November.

Scolastica Kevela, UWT chairperson in Njombe Region, called for community action against gender-based violence affecting women and children.



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Former Dodoma city deputy mayor Asma Karama (R) congratulates her newly elected successor, Fadhili Chibago, at a councillors' meeting held in the national capital yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Peter Mkwavila

Be innovative and, identify economic opportunities, Tanzanian youth urged

By Correspondent Wilhelm Mulinda, Mwanza

TANZANIAN youth have been urged to be innovative and identify economic opportunities to combat poverty and improve their living situations.

Edward Lalika, programme officer at the Tanzania Youth Coalition (TYC), made the call here yesterday during a training session on the Enhancing Youth Integrated and Gender Equality for Improved Livelihoods Project (EYIGEL) held.

Currently, TYC is implementing the EYIGEL project in Iringa Rural, Mufindi, Ilemela, Sengerema, Moshi Rural, Hai, Chamwino Districts, and Dodoma Town with the support of WE Effect.

Lalika emphasized that if youths properly identify and utilize the economic potential around them, they will be well-positioned to fight poverty. For example, he suggested that youths could use land as collateral to secure loans from banks for investment in agriculture or other businesses.

He pointed out that by taking advantage of such opportunities, youths can improve their living standards and contribute to the nation's development.

Lalika also advised youths involved in entrepreneurship to be part of the official system to facilitate easier access to bank loans and gain trust in their business ventures.

According to Lalika, the EYIGEL project, which began in 2022 and is set to conclude in 2027,

aims to strengthen youth-led organizations, ensure sustainable livelihoods for youths, and enhance their ability to address gender violence, among other goals.

The project aims to reach 11,606 youths, with 6,606 being women, through various groups engaged in agricultural and innovative activities.

One of the beneficiaries, Flora Musa from the Kariakoo group based in Igombe, Ilemela District, shared that the training has been beneficial in learning how to save money generated from their activities to sustain their livelihoods. She also noted that the training has provided valuable insights into conducting agricultural activities about climatic changes.

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

Electricity infrastructure levy increase is improper, says ACT

Zanzibar's economic development.

THE opposition-ACT Wazalendo has condemned the recent increase in the electricity infrastructure levy from 2 percent to 7 percent in Isles, declaring it unconstitutional.

Ismail Jussa Ladhu, ACT Wazalendo Vice Chairman (Zanzibar) made the remarks yesterday when addressing a public rally at Kijini Matemwe in Unguja North.

Jussa argued that the Zanzibar Constitution of 1984 designates the House of Representatives as the authority responsible for approving changes in tax levies.

He criticized the fact that the new levy was introduced without legislative approval and has begun affecting citizens' electricity bills, thus exacerbating the cost of living.

"Recently, electricity prices were increased without any prior notification. If you check your electricity receipts, you will notice that what was once a 2 percent infrastructure tax has now been raised to 7 percent," Jussa said.

He further explained that, according to the Zanzibar Constitution, any changes to taxes must be approved by the House of Representatives, which has not occurred. This legislative body is meant to represent the interests of the citizens.

Jussa highlighted that the levy increase represents a 250 percent rise, which he believes will significantly impact the cost of living, given the crucial role of electricity in

On infrastructure, he criticized the stalled construction projects of Pemba Airport, Mkoani-Chakechake Road, Tunguu-Makunduchi Road, and the Kisauni-Fumba Road.

He said that the projects have been hindered by personal interests and called for a review due to their importance in enhancing transport in the region.

He also stressed the need for an international auditing firm to address mismanagement and corruption in 27 community service and infrastructure development projects.

Former ACT-Wazalendo secretary, Nassor Ahmed Mazrui, who is the current Minister for Health-Zanzibar, spoke about his political upbringing under the late veteran politician Maalim Seif Sharif Hamad.

Mazrui asserted that he remains committed to the teachings and principles of Maalim Seif, emphasizing the party's agenda for Zanzibar's full autonomy and economic potential.

Mazrui's recent praise for President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi's development work has sparked debate among party members, causing some concern within the party.

Mansour Yussuf Himid, a member of the ACT-Wazalendo central committee, addressed the ongoing restrictions on oil and gas exploration in Zanzibar.

He recalled that during his tenure as Minister of Works, Energy, and Lands, there were efforts to introduce an international company for revenue-sharing research.

However, the proposed plan, which suggested Zanzibar should receive 40 percent of the revenue while the Union government would get 60 percent, faced opposition and was not implemented.

Himid explained that this opposition led to a decision to prevent the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) from exploring Zanzibar's coastline, due to concerns that resources would be extracted without benefiting Zanzibar.

"The previous administration, during my tenure as minister, stopped TPDC from distributing exploration blocks in Zanzibar's territorial waters from south Unguja to Pemba, due to fears that Zanzibar's assets would be exploited without proper benefits to the region," Himid said.

ACT Wazalendo continues to address various issues through public rallies across constituencies, focusing on electoral law deficiencies, bureaucracy in obtaining essential documents like birth certificates and resident identification cards as well as criticizing mismanagement in community service and infrastructure projects in Zanzibar.

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WHD 2024: Govt challenged to establish national disaster fund

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

THE government has been advised to establish a national disaster response fund that would be used to support children, and women involved in various disasters.

Angel Kauleni, Country Director of Save the Children Tanzania made the call in Dar es Salaam yesterday during World Humanitarian Day, themed: "The time is now to #ActforHumanity and #ProtectHumanity."

She said: "We propose setting up a robust national disaster fund where the government allocates a budget annually, alongside contributions from other partners and wider aid organizations and private sector entities, to avoid solely relying on emergency responses, which are unsustainable."

On building resilience she said that with regards to environmental conservation strategies, each ministry should incorporate climate change mitigation and disaster risk management into their plans to ensure environmental conservation and disaster control activities become a part of every ministry's operations.

According to Kauleni, Humanitarian Day serves as a reminder of the tragic bombing in Baghdad in 2003, where around 22 United Nations workers, including Sergio Vieira de Mello, lost their lives.

Since then, August 19 has become a significant day to remember and honour humanitarian workers around the world for their bravery and dedication, even in challenging circumstances.

"In Tanzania, in recent years, there has been a significant increase in humanitarian challenges, including those caused by climate change drought and the prolonged presence of refugees from neighboring countries."

These conditions, along with the impact of climate change, have heightened the need for humanitarian services in an unprecedented manner. Disasters such as floods caused by heavy rains, El Niño effects, hunger, cyclone threats, landslides, and outbreaks of infectious diseases have become a constant reality in our emergency response operations.

Climate-driven crises will increase in number, scale, frequency, and intensity in the coming years and will impact the most vulnerable, including children, extremely poor, and conflict-affected communities, that

is refugees entering Tanzania from other countries, worst.

Neither the current models for funding nor operational capacity can cope with the alarming increases in humanitarian needs.

Children, who constitute 51 percent of the country's population, and vulnerable communities face significant challenges, including the alarming rise in severe violence and killings, particularly of children with albinism in various parts of the country.

In this environment, Save the Children Tanzania has been tirelessly working to ensure that children have the opportunity to survive and thrive.

With the support of our donors, Save the Children has consistently provided effective services and has been able to reach various victims before other stakeholders could arrive at the affected areas.

She said, "Last year, in 2023, we managed to reach over 853,000 children through our emergency and disaster response services, as well as our other programs, including maternal and child health, nutrition, education, and child protection."

Our programmes have achieved significant successes, particularly in the following areas: Disease outbreaks: We have taken steps to combat diseases like cholera, leptospirosis, and Marburg through surveillance, training healthcare workers, and public health campaigns to provide accurate information on prevention measures and control the spread of infections at the community level, while also improving water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH).

Food Security: We initiated school feeding programmes for over 26,000 children and supported farmers with better agricultural practices, particularly in Handeni and Mkinga districts in 2022, to combat hunger.

Disaster Response: During the recent landslides in Hanang and floods in Kilwa, we provided rapid assistance, including psychosocial support, school infrastructure rehabilitation, and essential supplies like mattresses and school materials such as notebooks, and pens, among many others for the affected children.

Save the Children wishes to see emergency and strategic actions taken more swiftly in response to predicted disasters, driven by community influence.



Korogwe district commissioner Zephaniah Sumaye makes remarks at a recent brainstorming meeting with the members of Moshi-based NGOs. He underlined the need for collaboration, transparency and timely reporting of progress in the implementation of development projects. Photo: Correspondent James Lanka

By Frank Peter, UDSM

RESIDENTS at Msewe Ward in Ubungo District, Dar es Salaam have expressed gratitude to the government for the ongoing road repairs at a concrete level.

The project, managed by the Ubungo District Council and executed by Mpeha 2000 Co. Ltd. involves the repair of four roads that connect the Msewe ward for 154m/-.

In separate interviews residents in the area, praised the road rehabilitation, noting that it has helped improve their daily lives and boosted local economic activities.

Sarah Peter, a resident of Golani Street, thanked the government, particularly President Samia Suluhu Hassan for the intervention.

She stated: "Our president truly cares for us. Without her determination, these road repairs might not have happened. It's clear that she provides tender care to her citizens, and we will continue to pray for her. It's up to us to protect and maintain these roads, as no one else will remind us."

Govt wins accolades for revamping roads

She said for years the residents have voiced concerns about the poor road conditions, particularly during heavy rains, which had led to significant transportation difficulties.

As a result, transport operators like motorcycles (bodabodas) and tricycles (Bajaj's) increased their fares to cover the repair costs for their vehicles, which were frequently damaged by potholes and ruts.

Wilbright Kweka, another resident expressed relief at the improvements saying: "The road repairs have made it much easier and cheaper to travel to the city. We are grateful to our leadership for listening to our long-standing concerns."

He said residents in the area have endured hardships, especially during heavy rains, with dirty water and sewage

affecting homes.

Bosco Hamza, chairman of the motorcycle riders group in the area, noted that the development has reduced their operating costs and minimized vehicle damage.

He urged residents to respect and protect the new infrastructure, which supports their livelihood.

William Kachwele, Golani Street chairman, commended the swift action taken by the government under President Samia.

He encouraged residents to actively maintain the roads and avoid misuse.

Kachwele highlighted the benefits of the road construction, including improved travel from neighbourhoods to main roads like Ubungo and Kimara-Mbezi.

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Envoy urges media to report pro-dev't issues

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

TANZANIAN media has been urged to report key issues that will spur the country's socioeconomic development.

Ambassador of Sweden to Tanzania, Charlotta-Ozaki Macias made the call here recently when visiting various projects implemented by the Media Club of Kilimanjaro (MECKI) under the umbrella of the Union of Tanzania Press Clubs (UTPC). UTPC is one of the institutions supported by the Swedish government.

Ambassador Charlotta said that it's important for the country's media industry to concentrate on reporting development issues that have direct impacts on people from all economic backgrounds including those who are in remote areas.

"This will make the country develop in various sectors," she stated, asking media practitioners to make sure that they continue to learn more as far as the journalism work was concerned to catch up with the ongoing growing Information Technology (IT).

According to her, Sweden has played a big role in your country's EP4R educational programme, and contributed to the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) programme.

She also stated that the Scandinavian country has been very close to the country's National Audit Office and played a big role in rural electrification development projects as well as supporting the country's media sector.

The envoy explained that Sweden has been very close to Tanzania in many areas which is a result of the long-time friendship between the people of the two countries since Tanzania's independence.

Kilimanjaro Regional Administrative Secretary (RAS), Kiseo Nzowa recommended the role played by the Swedish government in supporting various development projects in the country.

Nzowa said that Sweden has been supporting Tanzania in various fields, which has contributed a lot to improving the well-being of Tanzanians.

"The support you offered and which you continue to offer our country in the form of both activities and technical advice, compliments our government's ongoing efforts meant to improve the well-being of its people."

Kenneth Simbeye, Union of Tanzania Press Clubs (UTPC) Executive Director said that Sweden's support to the media sector for more than ten years has transformed the information sector in the country as well as the journalists' performance during their daily reporting routines.

"Through Sweden's support, journalists have been able to provide clients (readers, TV viewers, and radio listeners) with news they produce; we are looking forward to doing more of this with the continuing support from Sweden, the government, and other stakeholders," he noted.

Bahati Nyakiraria, MECKI chairman said that since its establishment in 1999, the media club has united journalists working in the region with other stakeholders.



Capital Markets and Securities Authority CEO Peter Nalitoela (L) and CRDB Bank Group CEO and managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela pose for photo in Dar es Salaam at the weekend shortly after talks on collaboration in exploring innovative products to enhance investor participation and boost economic growth. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Southern African region countries call for urgent measures against mpox

HARARE

LEADERS of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) on Saturday urged the regional bloc's secretariat to convene an urgent meeting of health ministers to assess the impact of mpox in the region.

The summit also urged member states to strengthen disease surveillance, diagnostic testing, clinical care and infection prevention and control, SADC Executive Secretary Elias Magosi said when delivering a communiqué at the end of the 44th Ordinary SADC summit of heads of state and government here in the Zimbabwean capital.

"The summit directed the secretariat to convene an urgent meeting of health ministers to assess the impact of mpox and facilitate a coordinated regional response to control the spread of the disease," he said.

He said the summit had noted the mpox situation on the continent and in the SADC region and the declaration by the World Health Organization (WHO) of mpox as a public health emergency of international concern.

The summit extended solidarity and support to member states affected by mpox and further requested WHO, the African Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and partners to avail resources towards the mpox response in the region, Magosi added.



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Race to support detainees, inmates with legal aid to kick off in October

By Correspondent Emmanuel Onyango

A DAR ES SALAAM-based legal aid organisation is set to host a long-distance marathon to raise funds to support the provision of legal assistance to marginalised detainees and remanded inmates.

Addressing reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Shehzada Walli, Utu Kwanza chairman said that the charity race will take place on October 6, this year.

The marathon will cover a distance of 60 kilometers, beginning in Bagamoyo town, Coast Region, and concluding in Dar es Salaam city.

"This will be the longest race

organized by our firm to date, aimed at supporting those who need bail before they face remand or the fifteen-day expiration period," Walli said.

He said Utu Kwanza's legal aid desk operates with a legal empowerment approach, focusing on providing detainees and remanded inmates with essential legal information and education.

The firm's goal is to reduce unnecessary remand and improve legal awareness and empowerment among marginalized communities.

"The firm's lawyers are actively working to raise awareness and encourage participation in the marathon. Interested individuals can

register through the firm's partner, Selcom Company," he said.

Since its inception in 2018, Utu Kwanza has assisted over 150 marginalised inmates in Kinondoni District, Dar es Salaam, who faced various criminal charges. The organization aims to raise nearly \$100,000 by December 2024 to expand its legal aid desk services to the Primary Court of Kariakoo, the Resident Magistrate Court at Kisutu, and the District Court at Ilala by the end of this year.

Shumbana Walwa, head of the market department at Selcom Company, noted that her organisation is handling the registration process for the marathon and managing payments from

participants.

The registration fee is 35,000/- per person and so far, about 20 participants have registered out of a targeted 50 from Dar es Salaam.

Utu Kwanza is dedicated to preserving human dignity and self-respect by supporting both convicted and remanded inmates and their families. The organisation also focuses on aiding disadvantaged communities in Tanzania, including children, youth, women, and the elderly who struggle with poverty.

The firm is committed to treating the community with respect and addressing their needs while upholding legal standards.

Donkeys engaged in collecting household waste in Mali capital

BAMAKO

IN Mali's capital, Bamako, donkeys are being put to work picking up garbage. Yacouba Diallo uses two donkeys, Keita and Kanté, to pull his cart around the city.

It is drowning in waste, and he is one of many people paid directly by households to collect their trash, earning up to \$165 a month.

And donkey carts are a more affordable transport method than motorised vehicles.

"I want to do this work with a truck, but I don't have the means to buy one, so I use the donkeys and the cart," he said.

Like other garbage collectors, he takes his haul to dumpsites like the one at Badalabougou with its mountains of waste.

Managers record the names of collectors and the carts arriving on the site in a notebook and manage the money at the end of the month.

"The advantage of using donkeys for this can't be overestimated. We work with the donkey carts, a car can't even access this place," said manager Mamadou Sidibé.

The donkey cart network runs entirely outside of the state's control.

Bamako has more than doubled its population in recent years and struggles to manage its garbage. State waste management services are completely absent.

Experts say it needs better infrastructure to cope with the city's mounting piles of refuse.

"The institutions that must intervene and deal with the issue of waste management are not fully playing their role. For example, the state," said waste management specialist and former city employee, Bamadou Sidibé.

"The state must build the infrastructure, and among this infrastructure, there is the construction of landfills that must receive all the waste from the city of Bamako," he said.

Sidibé added that Bamako does not have operational landfills that meet the accepted standards.

Local authorities acknowledge there is a waste problem in the city, but blame residents saying they don't care about their environment or health.

And with no solution in sight, the giant mountain of trash keeps growing.



Mkinga district commissioner Gilbert Kalima (R) takes tablets from a medical practitioner at the weekend's launch of a programme involving the taking of preventive measures against a viral disease caused by Ceratopogonidae and known as 'usubi' in Kiswahili. Ceratopogonidae is a family of flies commonly known as no-see-ums, or biting midges, which includes more than 5,000 species distributed worldwide, apart from the Antarctic and the Arctic. Photo: Correspondent Cheji Bakari

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Shocking if antimicrobial resistance outweighing HIV/Aids, TB, malaria

GLOBAL disease control data show that the likelihood of falling ill or dying from diseases that resist treatment has escalated in Africa.

Many people will be shocked upon learning that the threat has now eclipsed the likelihood of patients succumbing to Aids, tuberculosis or malaria.

There was already plenty of information to the effect that resistance to most traditional antibiotics was at an advanced stage, but a new impression is emerging that the situation is nearing pandemic proportions.

With each notorious antimicrobial resistance case registered in hospital, chances are that some of the patients stand to lose their lives.

A recent report by the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) shows that the danger is first with children and other vulnerable groups, with the continent facing the world's highest mortality rate from antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

The 27.3 deaths per 100,000 is said to exceed the combined death toll from HIV/Aids, TB and malaria, while Africa already bears a huge burden of infectious diseases.

The continent is reported to be the source of up to 95 per cent of malaria deaths, 70 per cent of people living with HIV, and 25 per cent of TB deaths globally, going by the data. And yet drug resistance overwhelms all this.

One surprising aspect of remarks made as the report was being delivered at the weekend at the African Union headquarters was an appeal that "we should not ignore this silent threat that disproportionately impacts the most vulnerable among us".

There wasn't much that anyone could do precisely, as microbial resistance is not the lack of medicine but that medicine just does not work. Solutions to the situation have been tried time and time again but usually in a non-authorised manner, one being a massive increase in the dosage.

Antimicrobial resistance occurs when micro-organisms like bacteria,

viruses, fungi or parasites develop resistance to antimicrobial drugs.

The causes are wide-ranging or at least plural, often depending on a particular patient, but experts mostly focus on the things that can be touched by policy or awareness campaigns.

Anti-microbial resistance is said to be hastened by human behaviours such as the misuse or overuse of the drugs in healthcare, agriculture and food systems. That is correct, but plenty of data show that climate change fortifies antimicrobial resistance capacity.

Earth warming has facilitated the growth of shrubs or water plants that were out of the way when seasons were predictable, and cooler.

If that is the case for plants, it also makes sense for animals or microbes as all living things are microscopic at the base - and this variation in sustenance with microbes is no surprise.

The issue is what can realistically be done, without laying the blame on victims. Often drug overuse has to do with over-prescription at hospitals and other care facilities ostensibly meant to boost sales and earn more.

An equally pervasive situation for developing antimicrobial resistance is the noted habit of medical authorities and drug dispensation regulators working with Big Pharma at a global or even local level to alter prescription amid plausible evidence of drug resistance for a portion of patients.

Chloroquine tablets and quinine infusion were once effective for up to more than 75 per cent of patients, but authorities obtained UN approval to remove the standard drugs in favour of inadequately proven alternatives.

This resulted in malignant skin infections, blood poisoning and other tangible symptoms for a portion of users which would have been contained with better research.

These are shocking facts painting a horrendous scenario. We hope and pray that the strenuous efforts all manner of experts are investing in studies seeking to make humankind get over all this mess soon and safely will bear the fruit we all long and wish for.

Equipment to expand rice farming project need careful return on value

FOOD security efforts and global cooperation channels are steaming ahead since the international conference held in Dar es Salaam mid last year.

Part of the focus of a project being implemented in Tanzania, Ivory Coast and the Philippines is on improving rice farming in Dakawa and Ifakara areas of Tanzania's Morogoro Region, with US\$65,000 (173m/-) worth of equipment being delivered by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

The funding involved is not all that hefty but it needs a usable system for it to bring about the desired results, including by being supplemented with local funding.

This instance of equipment delivery is another moment of experimentation as to how far the various systems involved can work in harmony, which is yet to be fully resolved as it is an aid project.

While the machinery itself has not been provided on a commercial basis, those releasing the funds expect implementation organisations and policy makers to have done their homework to satisfaction.

They presumably wish to provide seed capital for rice farming, after which the country benefiting can purchase such equipment or put them in place locally.

Just how far equipment is being delivered on the basis of proceeding with modern rice farming equipment to enhance yields in a sustainable manner under the aegis of a research outfit is uncertain.

The manager concerned has

underscored the importance of promoting effective practices for rice farming to boost productivity.

That shows the need for improved equipment, but it leaves out the issue of how the machines will be taken care of, even as the centre will use a renting out or hiring system.

The machines will ultimately be the property of the centre, with the emphasis still being on the need for farmers to access the tools to improve rice production efficiency.

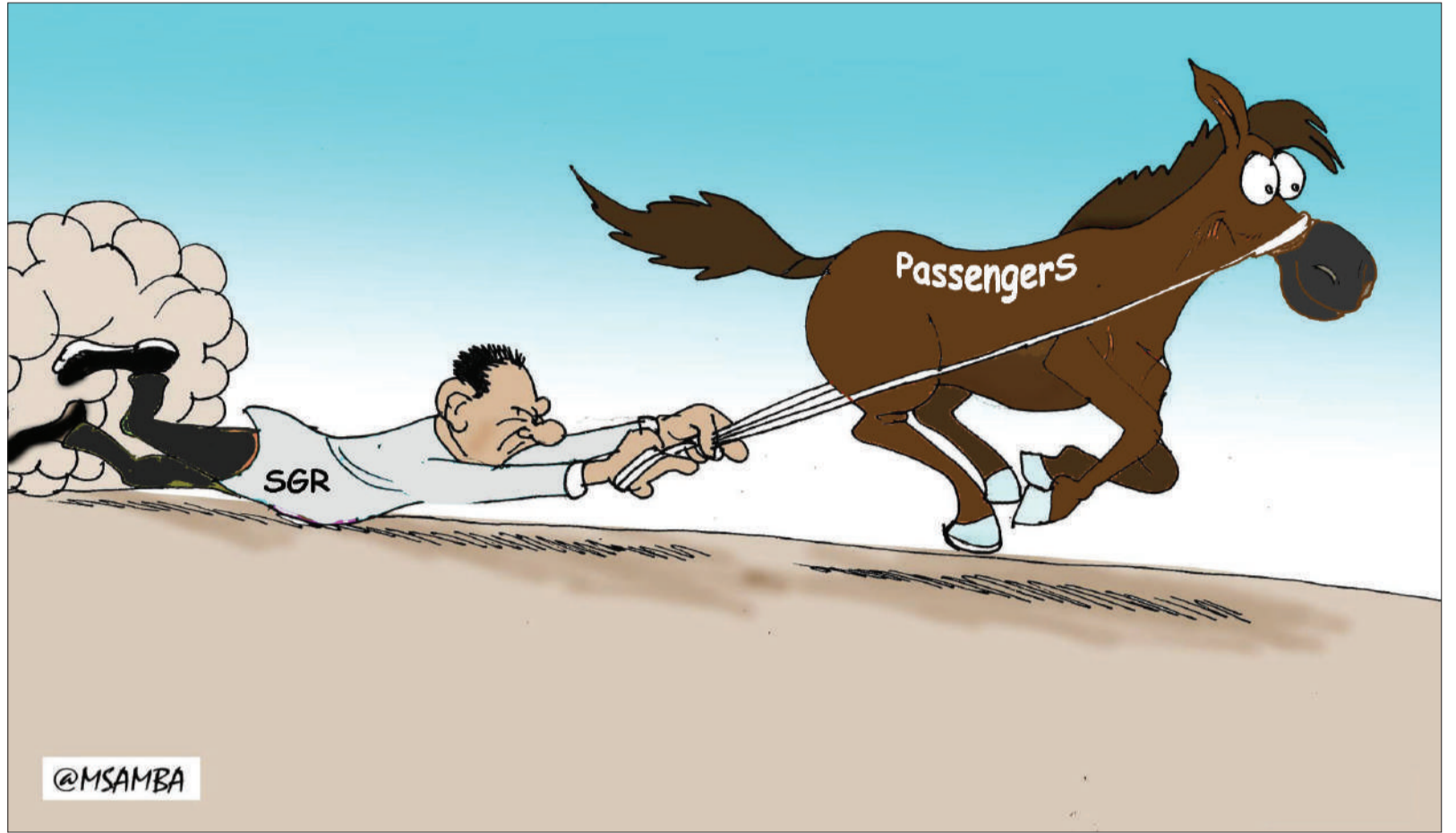
This point is not irrelevant as there are many cases where subsidy and lessened payments are inadequate, as farmers demand that the tools be provided virtually for free.

When there are cases where some farmers are not pushed to pay for the services, others will demand similar treatment and still possibly have their way.

These worries are in right order since anything procured or used as public property and seen as a communal facility, a gift from donors or suchlike, all too often reproduces poverty instead of developing into a cycle of sustainable use and growth as usually anticipated.

The UN's idea for delivering the machinery as well as that of the Korean authorities funding this effort is to get local stakeholders appreciate the need for such machinery and thus buy them.

Getting agro-sector firms to hire equipment with the rates set by regulatory authorities to have a 'win-win' situation can work, not more aid, so policymakers need to look into that feasibility instead of seeking more deliveries.



How to get ahead of everybody else by behaving like an 'executive'

By Daniel Rizea

WHEN I entered the job market as a junior engineer, I wanted to become an executive, but I didn't know what that meant. From the outside, it looked like somebody with a lot of decision-making power who managed important organisations and projects and was busy all the time. In fact, I was clueless about what an executive actually does.

Ten years later, after becoming a Google Executive, I fully understood and realised that being an executive is not in the title or scope handed to you; it is in the results one gets.

The value of executives is not in how busy they are, but in the results they bring. Effectiveness is required more than efficiency.

Any knowledge workers can act similarly to an executive, and acting as such will increase their value to the business and, in turn, increase their rewards.

Effectiveness is a general skill that can also be employed in other areas of life, not just in business, and can dramatically change the results one is getting.

There are actions one can take now that will make one more effective and will change for the better the results one is getting. The biggest one is claiming back one's time and prioritising well.

Who is an 'Executive'?

Any knowledge worker in a modern organisation is an "Executive." This is because of their position or knowledge, which allows them to materially impact organisations in getting results.

The term "knowledge worker" was first coined by Peter Drucker. A knowledge worker is anyone whose main job involves problem-solving and not physical labour. They can be programmers, writers, researchers, managers, pharmacists, lawyers and so on.

Two important things for knowledge workers: they have to make decisions along the way and not just carry orders and they must take responsibility and ownership of their decisions and outcomes.

Regardless of the business they are in - a tech company, a hospital, a university or a government agency - the first expectation from an "Executive" is to get the right things done.

There are very few correlations between people's intelligence and their effectiveness, says Peter Drucker.

Drucker argues in *The Effective Executive* that effectiveness is not something people are born with but can be learned easily. We will explore some of those hints. Don't

forget, the main task here is to become effective.

Efficiency vs. effectiveness

There is a difference between manual work and the knowledge workers of modern organisations. In the past, the big focus was on efficiency. Doing the work more efficiently meant producing more units of a specific good. This was profitable for businesses.

For the past hundred years, we have been defining efficiency and quality for manual labour. Knowledge workers were very few, at the top, running factories and giving orders. Until recent times, the only issues were with efficiency in manual workers' performance.

Doing things right was more important than getting the right things done. Thinking is the "doing" of the knowledge worker. It is not easily measured, but you can see the impacts and results.

Knowledge work should not be defined by quantity or by costs; it should be defined by its results. There is a trend now in pushing for more efficiency. In my opinion, the push should continue to be on effectiveness for organisations that rely heavily on knowledge workers.

If a team delivers a software project twice as fast but fails because nobody double-checks that that is the right thing for customers, the project still fails. The delivery was efficient, but the outcome was not effective.

Getting the right results

The think - plan - act framework is a simple one that can give tremendous results. Acting is the way we inflict changes on the environment.

For manual labour, just acting is enough. Most of the time the plan is developed by a "knowledge" worker and everyone executes on the plan.

To get more output you need more input and the two correlate almost linearly. The emphasis with physical labour is put on acting and doing things right.

Similar to Executives, knowledge workers focus on getting the right things done. Having the right plan is crucial but before any plan can happen there is need for thinking and reflection on the current problem.

Thinking has more weight than acting but you need the full cycle of thinking, planning and acting in order to inflict changes.

As Naval Ravikant said: "Pay me for my judgment and not for my time."

This is mainly something for knowledge workers where physical effort does not translate linearly to results. That is why some big

companies have all sorts of perks and schedule flexibility. It's because they are interested in the results and not necessarily in the hours they put in.

Think about it: the Think, Plan, Act framework has been producing technical advancements and results from the invention of the wheel to Newtonian and quantum physics. Knowledge workers thought about doing things differently, created a plan for experiments, and acted on it.

Did their effort pay out? Definitely, it propelled society through the various technological breakthroughs.

The way to be effective is to focus on working on the right things. Your time will be limited so you will have to use your judgment to prioritise and choose the activities that have the most value add.

How to become more effective

We now discuss ways to become more effective. This applies to work, but you can also apply it to other areas as well. Like with Executives, your time is overrun by various activities and people that demand a portion of it.

I haven't seen a person who is unable to come up with solutions to a problem if he or she has time to think, but I have seen people who literally have no time.

The first and most important thing is to take time to reflect, plan and act. These actions produce all the results that you can get as a knowledge worker.

Time is the key

Time is the most valuable commodity we have, yet somehow, we give it less importance than money. You can always make more money, but you can never get your time back once it passed.

An "Executive" needs to exercise critical thinking to spot issues and opportunities that will improve things in a business. For this, you need to have time.

Time management is the key skillset that will help you have extraordinary results.

I have seen this mistake happen to fellow colleagues on multiple occasions. Life and work have a way of putting you on autopilot and moving you from the Executive mindset into a fully operational one. I have been guilty of this myself on a couple of occasions.

Having time carved out to think is crucial and is the foundation of everything else. The only way to improve your company, team and life is to change them. To accomplish this, you need to put together a plan, and this requires time for you to think.

Before my promotion to Director of Engineering, I was so busy doing things that I missed the big picture. I was not able to advance until I carved out time for myself to think and start projects that impacted the business at the next level.

I was mixing business and effectiveness with efficiency, which was a big mistake that was holding me back in my career. This is one of the most common mistakes that I see people around me make when wanting a promotion. They think that doing more at their current level will get them there, but the truth is that they need to do things differently.

To manage your time better, you need three elements, one being to measure where your time goes. It's easy to do, but you need to be consistent. Just look at your calendar, hold a daily journal, and record where your time goes.

You will be amazed at the end of the week to see all the activities that suck out your most valuable resource.

I was shocked when I found out. I was going to meetings that didn't have any returns for the projects that I was running. I was suffering from the fear of missing out. "What if something critical would be discussed in that meeting?" Something needed to change.

Two: Do some hard calls and start getting your time back. Immediately, I started to remove myself from meetings that did not impact me. Where possible, I sent delegates who would also benefit from the extra exposure. So, it was a win-win for everyone.

It is not enough to just get your time back; you need to free up "focus chunks", as I like to call them.

Friday is a day I keep as a rule for focus time, or thinking time, as I like to call it. It is when I think about what the organisation or projects need to be successful and start working on those things.

Three: Consolidate. Having fewer meetings is not helpful if your calendar is painted like a chessboard. You need at least 1.5 hours straight to do any meaningful work. In these 1.5 hours, you need to remove all interactions or distractions. No notifications on your phone, no social media breaks, or water breaks. You get everything you need, and you just focus on doing the work.

Any distraction will set you back and will render the focus time slot ineffective. Remember, you don't need to stay there for 1.5 hours; you need to get results.

You should start moving things around to unblock these slots and schedule focus time for yourself on your calendar. You are the one who needs to guard it; everyone else will

How to get ahead of everybody else by behaving like an 'executive'

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You got some time back, now what? Using that time to play video games would most likely not help that much unless your team is developing the game.

Prioritise like crazy
The things you will do are limited, so you had better make sure that the things you do are the most important. You need to prioritise what needs your attention, what can be delegated, and what should not be done.

Most of the time you will have more things that you can work on than actual time. This is where figuring out what the right things to work are on comes in very handy.

Become a magnet for organisational knowledge. It is not the Executives' job to know everything, but it is their job to channel organisational wisdom and then act on the information provided. As Executives, you need to get the most relevant insights and knowledge from the organisations.

Questions like: What needs to be done? What is right for the company? What would the customer need? These are good questions that flush out the collective insights so that the right decisions can be made.

The best Executives I have seen had the gift of extracting all the insights in the meeting and, in the end, doing a perfect summary that provided a forward path and aligned everyone in the process. That is the level of skill you need to develop. It involves active listening, logic, and soft skills.

Act decisively
An executive has two options: act or not act. There is no middle ground. Half measures are more disastrous than choosing the wrong option, in my opinion. The only caveat here is that if they choose not to act, that is deliberate and needs

to be communicated properly, along with the reasons implied. Not acting is the action of deciding not to act with the information provided and in the current context.

Develop 'executives'
You need to solve the most critical things, but somebody needs to take care of the rest. To spend your time well and avoid being pulled into all sorts of fires, you need to scale. The only way to scale is to develop other people in the organisation to be "executives" at their levels.

Keep your eye on the end goal
In large companies, it is very

easy to get lost in internal processes, struggles and drama and forget that the way you assess results is with the outside. The clients have the final say in whether a product is good or not, whether it solves their needs or not.

Start with the finish line. Effectiveness measures results. Think about what favourable results you need. This will help you set metrics so that you and your team don't steer off course from your mission.

Look outside; don't get caught up only looking inside. Becoming effective will impact your work and life. It will focus you on the one thing that mat-

ters: obtaining the right results. Working harder is not all there is for knowledge workers. They are not measured on effort but are measured on results. Once you understand this, it will change the way you look at the work you are doing.

Most people get caught up in the everyday motions and forget to pause and think: Is this the right course? Am I working on the right things? How can I contribute better? Always shoot to get results, and you will stand out from the crowd.

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Child abuse education programmes are crucial for parents and caregivers

CHILD abuse encompasses various forms of harm inflicted on a child, including physical abuse, neglect, sexual exploitation, emotional, and psychological maltreatment, often perpetrated by a parent, guardian, or caregiver.

It can also be described as any act by a parent or caregiver that results in actual or potential harm to a child. This abuse can occur in the child's home, as well as in organizations, schools, or communities where children interact with adults.

Child abuse has now become a growing concern, increasingly common in local communities, highlighting the severe negative effects of childhood abuse, whether physical, sexual, or emotional.

In the past, cruelty to children was not taken seriously, but today, the reality is starkly different—child abuse happens more frequently than what people think.

In view of the prevailing situation, the government has recognized that "investing in early childhood education and care has the potential to offer immense opportunity for all children, regardless of social-economic background".

Children who are maltreated may not learn how healthy relationships work, thus making it hard for them to find love and support in life, unless they have the resources that enables them overcome their perpetrators.

Child abuse prevention starts with creating a genuine bond of trust. Parents and caregivers must do everything in their power to make sure children under their care get opportunities to talk about abuse or any behavior that is making them uncomfortable.

Child abuse education programmes are necessary in order to teach parents and caregivers, thus make them understand the devastating impact caused by signs of abuse to children and how to encourage children to report any inflicting body harm, and how to proceed once a disclosure of abuse has been made. These programs aim to help adults to better protect their children both online and offline.

Although Tanzania is bound by regional and international laws to protect children and uphold their right to education and ensure their freedom from any form of violence, there are certain issues subjected to violations which remain largely unaddressed.

Many violent cases are settled outside of the country's judicial systems through traditional means, for instance, sexual violence linked to early marriage whereby pregnant girls are forced out of the education system. This is partly because of lack of political will and the reinforcement of the culture of silence.

There are a number of cases linked to child abuse that in recent months have been reported at different parts of the country, with law makers taking drastic actions to deal with the perpetrators in accordance with the laid down laws, rules and regulations.



A treatment room at a health centre's quarantine area in the Central African Republic

One typical example is a recent spate that was committed by one house maid at Goba in Dar es Salaam. The house helper deliberately slashed the throat of a six year old child Maliki Hashimu with a sharp object in a domestic fiasco and disappeared.

When news of this horrific action broke out, it caused tension and fear with scores of people around describing the action as most abusive to have happened in local communities.

The inflicted child was later on admitted at a nearest local hospital while in a critical condition and his father who lives in Goba in Kinondoni district where the brutal incident happened appealed to stakeholders and community members to assist his family manage to overcome the traumatic incident.

When information on this brutal action spread all over the country, human activists frowned upon it and called upon law enforcers to take appropriate actions.

When the disparaging reports reached at State House, President Samia Suluhu Hassan directed physicians at the hospital to make an immediate transfer of the stabbed little boy to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of the Muhimbili National Hospital for treatment where he was admitted for 13 days and had his cost

covered by the Head of State.

Another incident that has caused tension in local communities is child abductions. In recent months there have been reports about child disappearances in Dar es Salaam city and its surroundings, putting parents and schools on high alert and prompting additional measures to ensure child's safety.

The concern under this tension was exacerbated by a recent incident which occurred in Mbagala suburb in Temeke District, Dar es Salaam region where a first grade student Yusra Mussa at Mbagala Kuu primary school was killed allegedly with some of her body parts including a kidney removed.

Parents should be extra vigilant to protect their young ones, as many cases of child disappearances go unreported because children do not inform their parents. Although this type of abuse is often linked to kidnapping, it can discourage parents from allowing their children to play freely.

For decades, civil society organizations and policymakers have advocated for play to be recognized as a fundamental right for all children, regardless of who they are or where they are born.

Play is crucial for children's development; it is how

they learn, become physically active, understand their abilities, and explore the world around them.

As a fundamental right for children under 14 years, play also helps build confidence as children engage with social issues. However, for play to be safe, children need time and secure spaces—something that remains a distant reality for many.

Governments need to integrate play into education and community settings. In primary schools, they used to have a period of PE meaning—physical education. Statistics shows that 95 percent of the brain develops by the age of five. Whenever children are playing in an open space, they learn as the activities being undertaken brainwashes their mindsets.

Medical experts says that, regular playing of children makes them heal and helps develop holistic skills like creativity, cognitive and social-emotional skills that are vital to survive and thrive in this rapidly changing world.

Tanzania is grappling with a sharp rise in crimes against children despite efforts by the police force on public safety. Reports by the police force have shown that, child abductions have raised by 10.1 percent from 59 cases in 2022 to 73 cases in 2023.

A total of 13,748 crimes were reported from January to December 2023, compared to 11,118 in 2022, an increase equivalent to 23.7 percent.

Crimes with the most significant rise include rape 1,864 cases and sodomy 902 cases, surging by 56.9 percent from 1,586 victims in 2022 to 2,488 in 2023. These statistics are part of the criminal analysis section in the 2023 crime report by the police force.

There are ways to prevent such incidents in various local homes. Child abuse prevention and education is key to create awareness among parents and caregivers towards making the world a safer and happier place for children.

In June this year, President Samia reiterated her government's commitment to work in collaboration with parents and community to ensure children acquire good and proper upbringing.

The Head of State engaged children in celebrations as part of activities to mark the African Child Day (ACD) that was held at State House in Dar es Salaam and said good and proper parenting is critical in nurturing well mannered and patriotic citizens.

She insisted that ensuring child safety is everybody's responsibility.

Building financial resilience, reducing expenditures vital to excel financially

By Thomas Lyimo

FINANCIAL freedom is power. Power is something that everyone desires because it grants influence. However, the challenge lies not just in attaining that power but in retaining it. In today's world, everyone is striving to take the lead in the economy, seeking influence and a promising life.

Unfortunately, some individuals thrive on other's mistakes, whereas for them, one person's mistake is an opportunity. Therefore, hard work is essential before success can be achieved.

One of the most pressing challenges is that nearly all forms of investment require capital, which is often scarce. Economists tell us that money needs to be scarce to maintain its value. Since money is necessary for investment and is not always readily available, discretion is crucial for making progress.

Capital serves as a spark in the investment process, making it vital for individuals to

be educated on how to manage their finances to achieve their objectives and lead more meaningful lives.

For anyone aspiring to succeed, the challenge is in multiplying the little they have. Wealth appreciation occurs when there is an increase in the size of one's assets. It's undeniable that life is a competition, but it must be a fair one. As people of the 21st century, often referred to by historians as Homo sapiens (meaning 'wise human beings'), success requires thinking from a broader perspective to maintain influence.

A crucial point to consider is that some individuals excel despite facing numerous challenges that others may struggle with. This reality invites us to think critically about how to increase our chances of financial success. Just as every game has its rules and strategies, so does the pursuit of financial freedom.

There are techniques that individuals need to familiarize themselves with to en-



hance their chances of success. The positive aspect of being human is the capacity to learn, making it profitable to educate people on acquiring and internalizing the skills necessary for financial independence. By doing so, they can invest wisely and expand their financial base.

One of the effective strategies for achieving financial freedom is reducing unnecessary expenditures. This can be accomplished in several ways, which should be care-

fully considered and implemented.

Waking up early

Some individuals incur unnecessary costs when they wake up late in the morning. Rushing to get to work on time, they may feel compelled to hire private transportation, such as a motorbike, which is often more expensive than public transport like a bus. This is one way expenses start to increase, making it more difficult for someone to

achieve the set financial goals.

The solution is to wake up early. Proper planning and time management can prevent the need for costly alternatives and help maintain interest and satisfaction in a job, ultimately reducing unnecessary expenditures.

Extending working hours

Idleness can lead individuals to spend money on unplanned activities, such as impromptu visits that may require financial outlays. Keeping the mind engaged in productive tasks leaves little room for thoughts of leisure and time-wasting activities.

Working longer hours not only keeps one focused but also increases income, helping to achieve financial goals more quickly. Maximizing our potential through extended work hours is a practical way to move closer to our objectives.

Updating yourself with current affairs

Radio and TV are more cost-effective sources of news and information compared

to the internet. While internet services typically require payment, many radio stations and TV channels are free. By cultivating a habit of using radio and TV, individuals can reduce their expenditures. The internet, though rich in information, can tempt users to spend significant time and money online. Without caution, this can lead to internet addiction, making the pursuit of financial freedom more challenging as resources are drained by unnecessary online activities.

Avoiding temptation

It is often said, 'out of sight, out of mind'. It is important for someone to avoid places that might provoke them. Achieving financial freedom requires discipline and self-control. Developing self-discipline allows individuals to effectively manage both, themselves and the environment as they struggle to achieve the set goals. It is important to recognize that one cannot do everything; some tasks must be left to oth-

ers if financial success is the goal. To achieve positive outcomes, life must be regulated with intention.

Life can be seen as a battlefield requiring various strategies. What people often admire is the story of success; even when failure is understandable, it's rarely celebrated. To maintain fame and honour, one must accomplish their objectives. When the possibility of gain diminishes, a wise choice is to control spending. The issue is not that people don't earn money, but that they often struggle to multiply it. As one learns how to increase their income, they should also practice reducing unnecessary expenditures. If someone cannot manage a small amount wisely, they are unlikely to excel even if given a lot. Financial success is impossible without discipline on managing available resources.

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Long-doubted by Democrats, Kamala Harris faces her biggest political moment

WHEN Kamala Harris steps onto the stage at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago this week as the party's presidential nominee, she'll do so knowing that many in the audience cheering her on once counted her out.

Harris, 59, has faced years of doubt from some within her party about her ability to run for America's highest political office - including from President Joe Biden, the man whom she continues to serve as vice-president.

Since replacing Biden as Democratic nominee in mid-July, Harris has seen a tidal wave of enthusiasm for her candidacy - reflected in polling, fundraising and the enormous crowds that have come out to see her at rallies across the country.

But the political momentum and energy she has generated in recent weeks among Democrats was never a given.

After failing in a short-lived presidential bid in 2019, she began her vice-presidency on a shaky footing, beset by stumbles in high-profile interviews, staff turnover and low approval ratings. And for the last three-and-a-half years in the White House she has struggled to break through to American voters.

Advisers and allies say that in the years since those early struggles she has sharpened her political skills, created loyal coalitions within her party and built credibility on issues like abortion rights that energise the Democratic base. She has, in other words, been preparing for a moment exactly like this one.

On Thursday, as she formally accepts the Democratic nomination, Ms Harris has an opportunity to reintroduce herself on the national stage with fewer than 80 days until an election that could see her become the nation's first female president.

At the same time, she'll have to prove that she is capable of leading a party that never saw her as its natural leader and remains divided over the war in Israel and Gaza.

But above all, she'll need put to rest any lingering doubt among the Democratic faithful that she can meet the challenge of defeating former president Donald Trump in what remains a tight and unpredictable contest.

Path to the White House

Before Kamala Harris became a national figure, the former San Francisco district attorney and California attorney general had forged a reputation as a rising star in the party, landing the endorsement of President Barack Obama in her 2010 race to become the state's top lawyer.

But those who followed her career closely saw a mixed record. As a prosecutor, she faced public outcry for refusing to seek the death penalty for a man convicted of killing a young police officer. And then as attorney-general, she upheld the state's death penalty despite her personal opposition.

Having reached the peaks of California state politics, she was elected to the US Senate the same night that Donald Trump defeated Hillary Clinton in the 2016 presidential election. In her brief tenure, she made headlines for her searing and direct questioning of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh during his testy 2018 confirmation hearings.

"Can you think of any laws that give government the power to make decisions about the male body?" she asked the Trump appointee, in an exchange that cascaded across social media and late night television.

Like Obama, she was a young senator of limitless ambition. Halfway through her first term, she launched a presidential campaign.

That campaign, like this one, was met with great fanfare. More than 20,000 people gathered in her hometown of Oakland, California, for its launch. But her effort to become the Democratic nominee sputtered and collapsed before the first presidential primary ballot was even cast.

Harris failed to carve out a clear political identity and distinguish herself in a field of rivals that included Mr Biden and left-wing senator Bernie Sanders. Critics said she endorsed a range of progressive policies but seemed to lack clear conviction.

A breakthrough June 2019 debate moment in which she challenged her then-opponent Mr Biden's record on the racial desegregation of schools resulted in a brief surge in polling. She attacked Mr Biden for an earlier campaign moment in which he fondly recalled working with two segregationist senators, before accusing him of opposing the bussing of students between schools to help integrate them.

"There was a little girl in California who was part of the second class to integrate her public schools, and she was bussed to school every day," Harris said. "And that little girl was me."

But campaign infighting and indecision on which issues to emphasise ultimately sank her presidential bid.

The campaign was marked by "a lot of rookie mistakes", said Kevin Madden, an adviser on Republican Mitt Romney's 2008 and 2012 presidential campaigns. "The substance that needed to be there to pass the commander-in-chief test and to really fill in some of the blanks for voters, it just wasn't there and as a result her opponents filled it in for her."

Eight months later, Mr Biden put aside their primary rivalry and announced Ms Harris as his running mate. She became the first woman of colour to ever be nominated in that position - and in January 2021, the first female vice-president in US history.

A rocky start

It was five months into her job as Mr Biden's vice-president that Ms Harris endured her first public stumble during a foreign trip to Guatemala and Mexico.

The trip was meant to showcase her role in pursuing economic initiatives to curb the flow of migrants from Central America to the US southern border, a foreign policy assignment given to her by Biden.

But it was quickly overshadowed by an awkward



exchange in an interview with NBC News' Lester Holt, in which she dismissed repeated questions about why she had not yet visited the US-Mexico border.

Later that day, during a press conference with Guatemalan President Alejandro Giammattei, Ms Harris tried to recapture the narrative, delivering a stark message to migrants thinking of making their way to the US. "Do not come," she told them. "Do not come."

While the NBC News interview fuelled Republican attacks that continue to this day, the latter comments drew the ire of progressives and were quickly panned on social media, even though other administration officials had echoed the same rhetoric.

The vice-president's allies blamed the White House for failing to adequately prepare her and assigning an unwinnable issue. They complained that as the first woman, African-American and Asian-American to serve as vice-president, outsized expectations had been imposed on her from the very start of her term, giving her little time to settle.

"There was immense pressure in the beginning to own things," said one former aide who was granted anonymity to speak candidly about their time in the White House.

In the months that followed, Ms Harris endured more scrutiny as she faced high staff turnover, a slew of negative headlines about her performance and underwhelming media appearances. Hemmed in by Covid restrictions, she was limited in her public engagements, fuelling the perception that she was invisible.

When critics labelled her a prop for standing behind Mr Biden at bill-signing ceremonies - as her white male predecessors in the role regularly did - a decision was made to remove her from those events altogether, according to aides, triggering more criticism that she was absent.

"People had an expectation to experience her as vice-president as if she was Michelle Obama, but she was in a job... built for Al Gore or Mike Pence," said Jamal Simmons, a longtime Democratic strategist who was brought in as her communications director during the second year.

Roe v Wade and coalition politics

As her team sought to improve her poor public image, Ms Harris stepped into a bigger foreign policy role. She travelled to Poland in the wake of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, held bilateral meetings in Asia amid heightened tensions with China and stood in for Mr Biden at the Munich Security Conference that same year.

But in May 2022, a political earthquake would reshape the trajectory of her vice-presidency. In a rare breach of the Supreme Court, a leaked draft opinion revealed plans to overturn the landmark Roe v Wade abortion ruling - which had protected American women's federal right to abortion for nearly half a century.

She seized on the opportunity to be the lead messenger on an issue that Biden - a devout Irish Catholic who avoided even saying the term "abortion" - was reluctant to own.

"How dare they? How dare they tell a woman what she can and cannot do with her own body?" she told the crowd at an event for a pro-choice group on the same day the bombshell leak was published, deciding

to attack the nation's top judges before their decision was officially released.

In seeking to become the administration's leading voice on abortion, Harris tackled the issue with "clarity of purpose", said former longtime adviser Rachel Palermo.

She convened state legislators, faith leaders, constitutional law experts, healthcare providers and advocates for roundtable discussions. It was a move panned by some activists as not meeting the seriousness of the moment but it was part of a strategy of coalition-building across local and state politics that also helped lay the groundwork for any future presidential run.

Harris, who spent most of her career navigating California's tricky mix of liberal and traditional Democratic politics, knew every event mattered.

Every meeting, photo opportunity or dinner - whether it was with black business leaders or Hispanic female CEOs - was tracked by her team in detailed spreadsheets that she could utilise when the time came to call on a deep political network for support.

"She forced the operation to mobilise around how she views politics, which is coalitions," a senior official said.

Harris always had her eye on a 2028 bid for the White House, as Joe Biden's natural successor, assuming he won a second term in the 2024 contest.

Yet as rumblings mounted about replacing Mr Biden on the ticket after his stumbling debate performance in late June against Donald Trump, some Democrats openly overlooked her.

hey, and many pundits, suggested popular governors like California's Gavin Newsom, Pennsylvania's Josh Shapiro or Michigan's Gretchen Whitmer as better replacements who could motivate voters and take the fight to Trump.

On 21 July, Mr Biden phoned Ms Harris to tell her of his plans to drop out of the race and endorse her as his successor.

It was a decision that took many of his closest allies by surprise, but she sprang into action. Over the course of 10 hours that Sunday, she called more than 100 party offi-

cial, members of Congress, labour leaders and activists. Within days, any potential rivals, including the powerful governors, had fallen into line and it was clear that she would take the Democratic mantle with no serious challenge.

As a candidate, the vice-president has yet to lay out a detailed policy agenda or sit down for a tough media interview. She released an economic blueprint on Friday, calling for tax cuts for families and a wider push on capping drug pricing, her most detailed vision for the country so far.

Even as Republicans accuse her of avoiding scrutiny, the team around her see no rush in cutting off the momentum she's built over the last month. Political strategists say the campaign is right to capitalise on the "sugar high".

"What Kamala Harris is experiencing is a massive, pent-up demand for people to vote for anybody not named Biden or Trump," said Madden, the former Romney aide and Republican communications strategist. "But the test always comes with being exposed to interviews, the press, debates and the harsh glare of a campaign."

Douglas Brinkley, a presidential historian who helped organise a meeting of historians at Ms Harris's official residence last year, said the fact that she has been a blank slate for voters is more of a benefit than a burden.

"She may not have been able to be in full bloom under Biden but she never crossed wires with him," he said. "So she was able to be positioned for this moment and she can take what's good about the Biden years and shed the baggage of what she wants to, or slightly disagrees with."

Though her entrance has jolted an outpouring of support among Democrats, it's unclear whether she can translate that into broad appeal. While Ms Harris has made some inroads with key demographic groups that had drifted from Mr Biden - black, Latino and young voters in particular - she lags in other constituencies that made up his winning 2020 coalition.

Recent polling puts her ahead or tied with Trump in six of the seven battleground states, accord-

ing to a Cook Political Report survey released on Wednesday. In May, when Mr Biden was still the Democratic candidate, Trump was ahead or tied in all seven states.

Anthony Zurcher analyses how Republicans are going after Harris - and how she's fighting back

'I was born with a seatbelt'

Thursday night's speech at the Democratic convention is the most consequential moment in Kamala Harris's political career. While the Republican convention served as a coronation for Trump, who was nominated as his party's candidate for the third consecutive time, Ms Harris's sudden rise means her speech will be seen as a pivotal moment to define who she really is.

While she's stood on the stage before, a senior aide said the speech will have a heavier focus on her personal story than previous nominees.

"This is the why part of the conversation. Why is she running for president? What is her vision for the country?" said Mr Simmons, her former communications director. "That will help tie together all of the strands of her policy and political life that will make sense for people."

But over the course of four days, Ms Harris will need to sharpen her messaging around crime, inflation, the economy and immigration - issues the Trump campaign will relentlessly target between now and election day.

Whit Ayres, a longtime Republican strategist, said Ms Harris will also at some point have to clarify the left-leaning positions she took in 2019 during her failed presidential bid.

"Her greatest vulnerability is that there is plenty of evidence that she's a San Francisco liberal with a whole set of far left wing policy positions that are outside the mainstream of American thinking, and she hasn't had to answer for those yet," he said.

She will also be confronted with protests over Israel's actions in Gaza, a polarising issue that has politically cleaved the party. Harris has been more forceful in her calls for a ceasefire and condemnation of civilian deaths than President Biden, but she has not wavered from the administration's steadfast support for Israel - a stance that risks alienating the party's progressive wing.

"How she positions [herself on Gaza] is going to be her hardest trick," said Brinkley, the presidential historian.

Still, allies and advisers who have been preparing her over the last week contend she's built the foundations for a presidential run over the last four - sometimes bumpy - years, even if few expected she would actually find herself in this position at this moment.

"Opportunity is preparation meeting a little bit of luck and I wouldn't characterise this as luck, because nobody wanted it to be this way, but certainly she was prepared to meet the moment of opportunity," a senior political adviser said.

Susie Tompkins Buell, a Democratic donor and co-founder of *Esprit* and *The North Face* who has known Ms Harris since the 1990s, said she wasn't surprised by how Ms Harris had performed in the last few weeks.

In the days after Mr Biden's halting debate performance, she attended an event with the vice-president and said she could tell change was afoot.

After telling Ms Harris to fasten her seatbelt, Ms Buell said the soon-to-be Democratic nominee quipped, "I was born with a seatbelt."

"I liked her response," said Ms Tompkins Buell, who helped Ms Harris raise \$12m at a San Francisco fundraiser earlier this month. "It was sudden and it was right on. She's ready."

NEEC alerts: Early pregnancies disrupt girls' economic dreams

By Guardian Correspondent, Lindi

THE National Economic Empowerment Council (NEEC) has urged leaders in Lindi Region to develop a comprehensive strategy to prevent early pregnancies among girls, which interrupt their education and later hinder their involvement in economic activities to achieve their dreams.

NEEC executive secretary Beng'i Issa made the call here over the weekend when speaking during the launch of the programme dubbed: "Strengthening the Economy with Mama Samia" in the region.

Issa suggested the need for a strategy to prevent early pregnancies so that girls can fulfill their economic dreams after completing their education.

"This region faces issues where girls drop out of school even after passing their exams to join secondary schools. It is estimated that 30% of these dropouts are due to early pregnancies," said Issa.

"Early pregnancies disrupt girls' economic dreams," she added, noting that the programme aims to empower women, youth, and special groups. Providing education to youth is a crucial tool to help them achieve their economic goals, especially considering the many economic opportunities available in the region.

She said that the region's people are engaged in cashew nut farming, sesame, fishing, and seaweed cultivation, and the program will collaborate with the region to set priorities and develop programs for their empowerment.

NEEC boss also noted that the programme was well-received in the region, with residents eager for its swift commencement. Many participants were traders, farmers, value-added crop producers, and agricultural brokers.

She also encouraged the region to continue with its regular programs in cashew farming, cashew nut processing, crop value addition, fishing, and the 10% empowerment programs, while adhering to government directives.

Zuhura Meza, Secretary of the Federation of People with Disabilities in Lindi Municipality, expressed gratitude to President Mama Samia for initiating the program, which aims to economically uplift women through entrepreneurship training and empowerment.

"Upon returning home, I will educate people with disabilities who have not registered for the program so that they can also register and access training and empowerment opportunities," she said, adding that this opportunity is set to uplift people with disabilities.

Rukia Selemen, a seaweed farmer from Kitumbi Kwela in Lindi Municipality, expressed her appreciation for the program's arrival in their municipality. She said it would provide valuable entrepreneurship education and help her improve her business.

Kilwa Masoko-based entrepreneur, Fatuma Juma said she is involved in processing various products, including yogurt, seaweed juice, and beauty products such as clothing. She stated that the program has integrated them



The National Economic Empowerment Council (NEEC) Executive Secretary Beng'i Issa (L), speaks to groups of women, youth, and special groups during the launching of the "Strengthening the Economy with Mama Samia" programme in the region. Others are Lindi District Commissioner Shaibu Ndemanga (C) and Lindi Acting Regional Administrative Secretary, Majid Myao (R). Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

into a system and improved their work quality.

"This programme has provided us with entrepreneurship edu-

cation and aims to offer us em-

powerment to boost our capital and businesses."

Sun-cured tobacco tech uplifts forest conservation in Tanzania

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

THE introduced sun-cured tobacco technology is set to conserve energy and reduce the carbon footprint associated with traditional tobacco curing methods.

The technology is environmentally friendly as it completely reduces deforestation; contrary to traditional tobacco curing methods often involve the burning of wood, leading to deforestation and environmental degradation.

Developed by the Morogoro-based Serengeti Cigarette Company (SCC), the innovation is crucial in Tanzania, where environmental conservation is a pressing concern.

By shifting to sun-cured tobacco, the factory is setting a new standard for environmentally friendly tobacco processing in Tanzania.

It is a significant milestone for Tanzania's industrial sector, but also a revolutionary step towards environmental conservation in the country's tobacco industry.

SCC has also launched an ambitious tree-planting project in the areas where they purchase and grow tobacco.

This project aims to replenish the natural forests that have been depleted by years of tobacco farming, ensuring that the industry's growth does not come at the expense of the environment.

By integrating environmental stewardship into its business model, SCC is not only conserving Tanzania's natural resources but also setting an example for other industries to follow.

Speaking recently at the function to lay a foundation stone for the construction of the SCC factory, President Samia Suluhu Hassan said: "The SCC expansion site in Morogoro marks the beginning of a new era for Tanzania's tobacco industry. It is an era defined by environmental responsibility, economic growth, and the empowerment of local investors."

As SCC moves forward with its plans to process a significant portion of its tobacco using sun-cured methods, it is setting a powerful example for other industries to follow.



The success of SCC's expansion is a testament to what can be achieved when the government and private sector work together towards a common goal. It is a reminder that with the right support and vision, Tanzania's industrial sector can achieve great things while preserving the environment for future generations.

Morogoro Regional Commissioner Adam Malima expressed his optimism about the factory's impact on the local community, noting that the expansion of SCC is expected to create between 5,000 and 7,000 jobs, providing a significant economic boost to the region.

"This influx of employment opportuni-

ties is a direct result of President Samia Suluhu Hassan's efforts to improve the investment climate in Tanzania, making it easier for both local and foreign investors to contribute to the country's development," he said.

He stated that the firm's commitment to environmental conservation and job creation is a clear demonstration of the positive impact that responsible investment can have on local communities.

"By investing in sustainable practices, SCC is ensuring that the benefits of its expansion are felt not only by its shareholders but also by the people of Morogoro and Tanzania at large," the RC said.

Ahmed Huwel, the owner and driving force behind SCC's expansion, thanked President Samia and her administration for their unwavering support, emphasizing that without the government's backing, the massive investment in the SCC expansion would not have been possible. Huwel also appealed to President Samia to address the challenges faced by local investors, particularly the single-borrower limits imposed by the Bank of Tanzania (BoT).

Huwel's request highlights a critical issue for local investors in Tanzania. The single borrower limit, which caps the amount that local banks can lend to a sin-

gle entity, often constrains the ability of local investors to finance large-scale projects.

He also urged the President to consider reforms that would allow Tanzanian investors to borrow more domestically, ensuring that the profits generated by these investments remain in the country and contribute to its economic growth.

"I am a Tanzanian," Huwel stated. "The tobacco is grown in Tanzania, it is processed in Tanzania, and the profits accrued from this investment will remain in Tanzania. I don't want to go and borrow outside the country." His words resonated deeply, emphasizing the importance of empowering local investors to drive Tanzania's economic transformation from within.

Hussein Bashe, Minister for Agriculture, acknowledged the challenges that had to be overcome to reach this point. He recounted the long battle that led to the success of today, saying all that began in 2022 when President Samia made a decisive move to support the tobacco industry.

Bashe praised Richard Sinamtwa, an employee of the previous owners of the tobacco processing factory before it was acquired by Mkwawa Leaf Tobacco, for his patriotism and dedication to the cause.

Bashe's tribute to Sinamtwa underscores the importance of having committed individuals who believe in the potential of Tanzania's agricultural sector. The success of SCC's expansion is not just a victory for the company but also a testament to the resilience and determination of those who have worked tirelessly to bring about positive change in the industry.

Looking ahead, SCC is poised to revolutionize the tobacco industry in Tanzania. By 2025, the company aims to process between 30% and 40% of its tobacco using sun-cured methods. This shift represents a significant reduction in the environmental impact of tobacco processing, aligning with global trends toward sustainability and responsible business practices.

President Samia's commitment to improving the investment environment in Tanzania has been instrumental in attracting both local and foreign investors to the country. Her administration's focus on creating a business-friendly climate has led to a surge in industrial activity, with the number of factories in Tanzania increasing from 62,000 to 80,000 since she took office. Among these are 166 large-scale factories, including SCC, which are driving the country's economic growth and creating jobs for Tanzanians.

SCC's efforts to adopt sun-cured tobacco technology and its commitment to environmental conservation are exemplary. By taking the lead in implementing sustainable practices, SCC is demonstrating that it is possible to achieve industrial growth without compromising the environment. The company's decision to engage in the actual farming of tobacco, which will be cured by the sun, further cements its role as a pioneer in environmentally friendly tobacco processing.

This proactive approach aligns perfectly with President Samia's vision of a modern, industrialized Tanzania. By supporting companies like SCC, the government is fostering a culture of innovation and sustainability that will benefit the country for generations to come.

By Wolfgang Preiser

Neglected outbreak of mpox in Africa could possibly turn into the next global pandemic



THE mpox outbreak in Africa is yet another example of how infectious diseases perceived to be "someone else's problem", and affecting mainly poor, developing countries, may suddenly pose unexpected global threats.

Other examples of neglected diseases include the West Nile, Zika and Chikungunya viruses.

Mpox was discovered in 1958 (in captive monkeys, hence the original misnomer "monkeypox") and the first human case was identified in 1970. Then for decades it was largely neglected by the scientific and public health communities, regarded as an uncommon infection in remote rural areas in tropical Africa without relevance for the rest of the world.

When a massive mpox outbreak hit developed countries in 2022, increased research funding led to a surge in scientific studies. On just one medical search engine, there's been more research produced since April 2022 than in the preceding 60 years.

The 2022-23 global mpox outbreaks happened despite repeated calls from African researchers for increased global investment in diagnostic, therapeutic and infection prevention tools for mpox.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has now declared the current upsurge of mpox in central Africa a public health emergency of international concern.

This is the highest alert level for events that constitute a public health risk to other countries and requires a coordinated international response.

We are infectious disease researchers who have worked on HIV, SARS-CoV-2 and other viral infections.

Mpox's recent history is yet another reminder that an infectious disease in one corner of the world should not be regarded as someone else's problem, as it can suddenly start to spread fast and far.

It also highlights global inequities in resource allocation and access to vaccines, diagnostics and treatments. These were made available in many industrialised countries and helped curb the global outbreak, but are still largely lacking in most of Africa.

The 2022 outbreak: a total surprise

The disease has been renamed "mpox" but the name of the virus, for now, remains "monkeypox" (MPXV). It is closely related to the smallpox virus.

MPXV was considered a zoonotic disease endemic in parts of central and west Africa. It was acquired mainly through close contact with wild mammals, especially handling bush meat, but there was no sustained human-to-human transmission.

Only very occasionally were cases seen outside the endemic areas, due to infected travellers or im-

port of infected small mammals.

This changed abruptly in 2022: a massive, rapidly evolving global outbreak caused over 99,000 laboratory-confirmed cases in 116 countries. At its peak in August 2022, over 6,000 cases were reported each

week.

This outbreak came as a total surprise: most cases were reported from non-endemic countries, mostly in men who have sex with men who had become infected during recent sexual encounters.

Even though most cases were clinically not particularly severe and the death toll stands at just over 200, the global outbreak was declared a public health emergency of international concern by the World Health Organization on 23 July 2022.

Fortunately, case numbers soon plummeted due to a combination of behavioural changes and vaccination in at-risk groups.

Modern vaccines and antiviral drugs with activity against mpox were made available in many affected high-income countries.

These had been developed and stockpiled in the US and Europe, mostly in preparation for a potential bioweapon attack using a poxvirus.

The global outbreak in 2022 was caused by clade II of MPXV, which is endemic in west Africa and not as virulent as clade I MPXV, which so far has only been seen in the Congo Basin.

That first mpox public health emergency of international concern was declared over in May 2023. Clade II MPXV infections are still occurring globally, but the worst seems over - for now.

Complacency would be misguided, as illustrated by the current mpox outbreak that is gathering steam.

Upsurge in Africa

The African region is experiencing an upsurge in mpox cases which started in 2023.

As the continent which includes the areas where mpox has been endemic for a long time, Africa now presents a complex mosaic; cases

arising from the endemic, largely zoonotic, pattern that used to be predominant in the past, cases linked to the 2022 global outbreak, for example in South Africa, most worryingly, ever increasing numbers of MPXV clade Ib infections reported from the Democratic Republic of Congo.

New, more dangerous strain

The current clade I MPXV (formerly called Congo Basin strain) is more virulent than the clade II (west African) strain, resulting in a higher case fatality rate.

The ongoing outbreak has its epicentre in South Kivu province, eastern DRC, and has the potential to fuel a large pandemic. It has a distinct epidemiological pattern with sustained chains of human-to-human transmission, often via the sexual route. It may have increased transmissibility (we don't know yet).

The virus which causes it is the newly defined clade Ib lineage. It displays mutations that are the hallmark of human-to-human spread that is estimated to have been happening since September 2023.

Case numbers are rising rapidly, even though many suspected cases are likely not tested and thus not counted as confirmed. Complicating matters, a commonly used test was found to miss infections with this lineage of the virus.

It affects mostly adults.

The case fatality rate is higher than it was in the 2022 global outbreak.

Already, this outbreak has resulted in mpox cases occurring in several neighbouring countries, including some (like Kenya) with no previous record of mpox.

The challenge is enormous. The eastern DRC is an area beset by multiple problems. This includes natural disasters, violence and infectious diseases including measles, cholera and poliomyelitis for the DRC.

In recent years the second-largest Ebola outbreak ever took place in the wider area and, despite the availability of vaccines and treatments, posed considerable challenges.

What needs to happen

A recent article we co-authored in The Lancet Global Health outlines what needs to be done to contain this outbreak and prevent it from turning into an epidemic, possibly even a pandemic.

Equitable access to diagnostic tests, vaccines and antiviral treatments requires political commitment and financial investments.

Scientific investigations are needed to learn more about exposure settings, transmission routes and clinical presentations.

It's important to find the best ways to make these interventions.

We have proposed the establishment of an African-led, multidisciplinary, multi-country Mpox Research Consortium (MpoXReC) in Africa.

It should conduct research towards the elimination of mpox as a public health problem.

There is no doubt that a disease in one corner of the world can suddenly become a global health threat. It's time the global health system woke up to this reality.

THE GUARDIAN CROSSWORDS AND WORD FIT - 157 -

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Across:

- Town meaning 'lay down your heart'
- picot
- having no name
- God as Father in the Bible
- member of Somali people living in Djibouti
- Monetary unit of Nigeria

Down:

- a long curved fruit
- Banjul is her mother city
- allowing access
- used to give an affirmative response
- a fertile spot in a desert
- plasm
- an edible mollusc of warm seas, with a shallow ear shaped shell lined with mother-of-pearl
- person earning money
- an assistant to a political leader
- one less than ten
- and others
- songbirds
- Monetary unit of China
- suffix denoting tumours

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

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ENEMY STAY SAIL

Yesterday's solution

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Collective investment schemes combined net assets value hits 2.3trn/-

By Guardian Reporter

THE combined assets value of all Collective Investment Schemes (CIS) operating in Tanzania has reached 2.3 trillion/-, positioning it as a crucial resource for stimulating the country's financial markets and encouraging broader participation among Tanzanians in investing in capital and money markets.

Tanzania currently has eight registered collective investment schemes, with the majority managed by the Unit Trust of Tanzania (UTT-Amis), the largest fund manager in the country. Retail investors account for the largest share of these schemes by number.

Most schemes began with a minimum investment of just 10,000/-, enabling Tanzanians from various financial backgrounds to participate.

Raphael Masumbuko, CEO of Zan Securities—a prominent investment advisory firm and member of the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE)—acknowledges that while the combined fund size is still relatively small, there is significant potential for future growth.

"The positive aspect is that Tanzanians are increasingly looking to diversify their investments. Many now recognize the importance of not putting all their investments into a single basket," said Masumbuko. His firm recently launched the Timiza Fund, a new CIS, which raised 10.38 billion/- during its initial offering—an

oversubscription of 103 percent compared to the targeted 10 billion/-.

Masumbuko noted that more people are considering diversified investments as a means of mitigating risks.

He emphasized that the growth of collective investment funds demonstrates that individual investment is not the only path to financial returns—those investing collectively can also expect substantial gains.

National Social Security Fund (NSSF) Investment Officer, David Mtenda, praised the Timiza Fund for its attractive returns and strong governance.

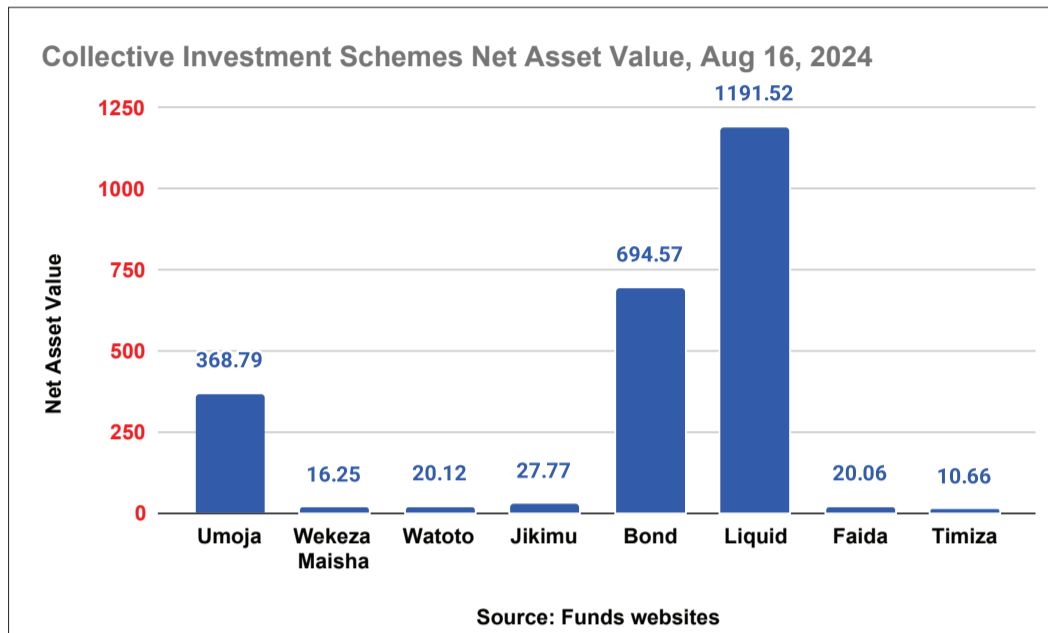
"We invested in Timiza because of its 13 per cent annual return, which is significantly higher than the 8 per cent to 12 per cent offered by other funds," he said.

George Mapunjo, a teacher at Jangwani Secondary School, shared that his decision to invest was influenced by the fund's affordable unit prices and diversified investment strategy.

"The reasonable unit prices and the fund's name, 'Timiza' (meaning 'fulfill'), inspired me to invest as I strive to achieve my financial goals," said Mapunjo.

Speaking during the announcement of the sale results for Timiza Fund, Alfred Mkombo, the director of Research and markets development, CMSA said activities on the capital markets are conducted in accordance with the laws, regulations and guidelines to ensure openness and rights to all players.

"CMSA would like to assure the public that the capital markets are safe and sustainable and this is the result of increased public education by the authority and other stakeholders as well as an enabling environment for investments," he said.



He said CMSA has lowered the amount of minimum investments to 10,000/- from 1m/-, which has attracted many people to invest in capital markets.

Belinda Richard, a 45-year-old mother of two, has invested in the Umoja Fund since its inception nearly two decades ago. "With the massive campaign held during its launch, I did know what collective investment is all about, that is why I decided to try investing with no option of exiting," she said.

She initially invested 70,000/-, which was converted into 1,000 units. At that time, the government offered an incentive of 30/- per unit, increasing her investment to 100,000/-. "Since then, I've never sold my units, and my investment has grown to nearly 1.2 million/-," she told The Guardian.

Reports indicate that collective investment schemes offer annual returns ranging from 8 percent to 13 percent, with minimal risk, as funds are

currently invested in equities, bonds, and other profitable financial products.

Another retail investor, who invested 1 million/- in the Watoto Fund managed by UTT-Amis 16 years ago, reported that her investment has grown to 6.7 million/-. She believes the units will be a valuable financial asset for her 20-year-old son, who is currently studying at a technical college.

"This trend reflects market growth, especially considering that the combined fund size was less than 500 billion/- just four years ago," said Imani Muhingo, Head of Research and Market Analytics at Alpha Capital Limited, a brokerage and investment advisory firm. "However, there is still substantial room for growth. For example, neighboring Kenya has nearly 4 trillion/- in Assets Under Management (AUM)."

Charles Shirima, Public Relations Manager at the Capital Markets and Securities Authority

(CMSA), noted that there is a positive outlook due to increased financial and investment awareness, leading to more investors participating in CIS. "This growth is a result of our ongoing public education campaigns, conducted in collaboration with fund managers," he said.

"We are now seeing more private funds entering the market compared to earlier times when only government-owned funds under UTT-Amis and the Faida Fund, managed by Watumishi Housing Investment (WHI), were available." Shirima also highlighted the conducive legal and regulatory environment that has encouraged the growth of these funds, offering Tanzanians more opportunities to invest collectively.

Looking ahead, Shirima mentioned that CMSA recently approved the Alpha Halal Fund, which will focus on Shariah-compliant financial products for those preferring not to invest in conventional financial products.

He also revealed that CMSA has received three additional inquiries for the establishment of new funds under management. As of August 16, 2024, the largest CIS by size is the Liquid Fund, managed by UTT-Amis, with 1.1 trillion/-, followed by the Bond Fund at 694.6 billion/-, and Umoja Fund at 368.79 billion/-.

Other collective investment schemes include the Wekeza Maisha and Watoto Funds managed by UTT-Amis, the Faida Fund managed by WHI, and the Timiza Fund managed by Zan Securities Limited.

DSE records 6.3bn/- weekly turnover as T-bills undersubscribed

By Guardian Reporter

DURING the trading week ending on August 16th, the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) saw an increase in turnover compared to the prior week.

The total market turnover increased to 6.37bn/- reflecting a 73.63 percent uptick from the previous week's turnover of 3.67bn/-.

The pre-arranged board registered some activities as CRDB, NMB and TCC recorded block trades.

The weekly wrap up report by Zan Securities Limited shows throughout the week, TCC dominated trading activities, representing 58.39 percent of the total market turnover, followed by CRDB at 26.14 percent and NMB at 10.15 percent.

CRDB was the top gainer for the week, appreciating by 9.68 percent to close off the week at 680/- per share, DCB gained 9.09 percent closing off the week at 120/- per share and MBP share price increased by 1.67 percent reaching 305/- per share.

NICO appreciated by 1.28 percent to reach 790/- per share while TPCC gained 0.53 percent concluding the week at 3820/- per share. However, TCCL lost 5.88 percent reaching 1600/- per share.

In terms of market capitalization, there was a general increase in the size of the markets, with total market capitalization increasing by 0.97 percent to 17,368bn/- by the week's end, while domestic market capitalization increased by 1.28 percent, reaching 12,321.92bn/-.

For corporate announcements, Swisport Tanzania Plc, a premier provider of ground handling services for the aviation sector, has delivered impressive financial results for the first half of this year, showcasing substantial revenue growth and enhanced profitability.

For the six months ending June Swisport Tanzania's total revenue surged by 17 per cent, to 22bn/- up from 18.9bn/- in a similar period last year driven by increased business activity, the company's bottom line also experienced significant growth.

Profit before tax soared by 60 per cent to 3.2bn/- from 2.0bn/- in the previous year, a strong performance attributed to the higher revenue and effective management of operating expenses.



Profit after tax surged by 85 per cent to 2.4bn/- up from 1.3bn/- last year. The company's successful cost control initiatives led to a substantial 50 per cent rise in operating profit, which advanced from 2.4bn/- to 3.6bn/-.

Analysts expect banks counters, specifically NMB and CRDB to dominate trading activities in the coming weeks, potentially prompting a sell-off of other counters in favour of them.

"As more companies disclose their financials, we anticipate continued high activity in the market," says Zan Securities Limited analyst.

For primary debt market, on August 14, 2024, the Central Bank was in the market to offer treasury bills to investors.

The offerings included 900m/- for the 35-day maturity Treasury bill, 1.9bn/- for the 91-day T-bill, 2.9bn/- billion for the 182-day T-bill, and 120.45bn/- for the 364-day T-bill.

In this auction, demand was weak for the 35, 91 and 182 whereas they did not receive any subscription while the 364-day bill received 55.10 percent subscription rate from investors.

This further shows investors' appetite for longer term maturities.

The 364-day bill saw an increase by 115.14 basis points in the weighted average yield, the weighted average yield being at 10.4291 percent compared to 9.2777 percent in the previous auction held in July.

The price floor decreased from 90.53 to 90.11 as the Central Bank allotted less than what was offered in this auction.

On secondary bond market, activities saw an increase compared to the previous week as overall turnover increased by 44.91 percent, from 22.6274bn/- to 32.7886bn/-.

However, there was a notable decrease in the number of trades, falling from 90 to 75.

Trading activities primarily focused on the long end of the yield curve, with the 20-year and 25-year bonds traded contributing to 98.63 percent of the total turnover.

In the corporate bond segment, there was an increase in activity compared to the previous week. NMB corporate bond NMB-2022/25.

T1 recorded one trading with a face value of 10m/- at a price of 95. NMB corporate bond NMB-2023/26.

T1 recorded thirteen trades totalling 324m/- at an average price of 86.4307 while NBC corporate bond NBC-2022/27T1 recorded three trades totalling 14m/- at an average price of 87.

In the debt market, increased activity is expected in the secondary market, driven by higher yields making government bonds more attractive.

The recent yield increases (higher yields imply lower prices) and the substantial time gap until the next long-dated auction will further contribute to this heightened activity.

Farmers urged to register for access to subsidised fertilisers

By Correspondent Beatrice Philemon

FARMERS in the Tabora Region are being encouraged to register with ward and village executive officers to gain access to subsidized fertilizers provided by the Ministry of Agriculture.

This initiative aims to enhance food production, increase farmers' income, and boost Tanzania's agricultural sector.

Naitapwaki Tukai, the District Commissioner of Nzega, made this announcement during a recent meeting with farmers in Ndala village, located in the Nzega District of Tabora Region.

She emphasized that the registration process is free, and farmers only need to visit their local village or ward offices to sign up in the farmer's registration book.

Tukai explained that after registration, the farmers' information would be entered into the Ministry of Agriculture's database.

This data will enable farmers to receive a special identification number, which is necessary for accessing the subsidized fertilizers at affordable prices.

"Access to affordable fertilizers will empower farmers to increase the production of both food and cash crops, which in turn will enhance food security and contribute to the country's economic growth," said Tukai.

She also highlighted that the development of the nation is closely linked to the efficiency of the agricultural sector and urged farmers to adopt Good Agricultural Practices and make proper use of fertilizers.

She noted that the government has significantly increased the agricultural sector's budget, from 294bn/- in the 2021/2022 financial year to 1.24trn/- in 2024/2025.

This budget boost is part of a broader effort to revolutionize agriculture and increase productivity.

"Let us support the government's initiatives by registering in the farmers' registration book, now available with ward and village executive officers, to benefit from the subsidized fertilizer," Tukai encouraged.

The government has committed to providing subsidized fertilizers for three consecutive farming seasons to ensure farmers can access these resources at affordable prices.

Tukai also reminded farmers to use fertilizers correctly to achieve optimal results during the harvest season, which will contribute to food security for both individual farmers and the nation.

Antony Diallo, Chairman of the Tanzania Fertilizer Regulatory Authority (TFRA) board, reiterated the importance of proper fertilizer use.

He urged farmers to apply fertilizers at the right time during the growing season, in accordance with soil health and crop requirements, and as recommended by experts.

Diallo also promoted the TFRA's new campaign, "Killimo ni Mbolea," which aims to educate farmers on the four key principles of proper fertilizer use: choosing the right fertilizer, applying it at the right time, using the correct amount, and placing it in the right location.

He encouraged farmers to register for the subsidized fertilizer and participate in the digital subsidized fertilizer system, which is a step forward in the agricultural sector's growth.

Joel Laurent, TFRA's Executive Director, added that the organization is conducting a nationwide campaign to educate farmers and the public on the proper use of fertilizers and to encourage registration for the government's subsidized fertilizer program.

Digital marketing and its paradigms

By Alley Mtatya

ADVERTISING and Marketing in the 4th and 5th paradigms is quite complex, sophisticated and likely uncontrollable in this new age of social media. Thought I'd leave this topic for later but how later than now!

Anyone or everyone these days has a social media account be it on Facebook, Instagram, X, LinkedIn, TikTok, Snap Chat and the list goes on.

These social media sites occasionally have trend setters that disrupt the market on a daily basis and once this happens it becomes an opportunity for brands or products to relate their brands or products to this disruption. It could be outfits that a popular musician wears, popular food spot or lounge that pulls a certain crowd, a trending topic or video, but whatever it is brands take this opportunity to use what is trending to attach to their product and service.

Each brand has its own persona, some brands can adapt to change and work with modern time or trends and some brands stick to traditional marketing culture whereby observing respect, ethics or professionalism.

Digital Social Corporate Responsibility

Vast amounts of data is being shared and debated on social media. Unwittingly some brands are funding and appearing on some inappropriate or negative trending events or digital pages putting their brand reputation at harm's way.

Brand equity and brand reputation in this day and age, one should run parallel to brand safety and brand suitable content and this should also be a strategic narrative for any brand or business. Businesses or Marketers want to invest where consumers are and when they connect it should be in a meaningful and in a brand safe environment, this ensures that consumers have a meaningful connection with the brand.

One can strategize on various ways

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that a brand can protect itself at this point. Marketers are acutely sensitive and conscious to the issue of brand safety and the level of knowledge on how to keep a brand safe. This is a hot topic in this paradigm.

Both the 4th and 5th paradigms have brought about a new space for a new business service. Like two years ago a 'certain' company launched a product that offers very sophisticated contextual digital targeting solution for businesses. With this solution brands are able to run their products and services adjacent to content that does not damage their reputation.

5th Paradigm

Sounds like a movie title! But unfortunately not.

Marketing has transgressed through many paradigms. A paradigm is a collection of opinions and concepts, a set of theories and ideas that contribute to a particular field of study or work space. In short, in relation to marketing it is about how Marketers work and study these theories that have shifted the sector to a new direction.

The theory goes as follow, Marketing started from the first paradigm which was product marketing, which then shifted to Emotional Marketing then to Data Driven Marketing then to Digital and Social Media Marketing and now we are in the fifth paradigm which is known as "The Metaverse or Quantum Marketing".

For many developing countries that still remain or are accustomed to the Fourth Paradigm - Digital and Social Media

Marketing. Brand safety is a difficult topic to fathom, while those in the developed world are in their second year of Quantum Marketing and have deployed brand safe technology, and at the same time shifted much closer to their customers for a very personal and emotional brand experience. If you were fortunate to read my previous articles they go into "the deep" on the Metaverse Marketing.

As these paradigms keep evolving brand safety and online marketing is becoming ever difficult to control. However, it has fortunately enough created a new business space on sophisticated contextual targeting solutions. The current technology is this new space (5th Paradigm) has allowed business to create software such as applications that can crawl the web and identify information based on the sentiment of the content and the semantic of the content. In short, this technology is able to identify the emotion of a content.

Hard to believe! I know.

Many of us Marketers have been fortunate enough to have studied the Principles of Marketing from the very first edition by Philip Kotler. Kotler further released his book on Marketing 5.0 on February 2021. This book provides Marketers with insights into Marketing with integrated technology to address customer needs. For any Marketer, Kotler is considered the Father of Marketing who has helped us understand all 5 paradigms and apply them in the real world.

How to make climate adaptation and resilience investable

By Umar Ashfaq

AVOIDING the worst impacts of a warming world will demand both a transition from the burning of fossil fuels to renewables and investment in climate adaptation and resilience. To date the overwhelming share of climate finance has focused on decarbonisation, with climate-proofing coming chiefly from governments to harden infrastructure against weather-related ravages.

Demand for solutions that can reduce the risks and impacts of climate change is generating opportunities for private investors. Few companies, however, identify as climate resilience or adaptation companies. This presents an impediment for investors who might otherwise view technologies and solutions designed to protect society from the physical risks of climate change as an investment theme.

One solution for sustainability-minded investors may be to identify firms engaged in the business of climate adaptation and resilience, suggests analysis by the Global Adaptation and Resilience Working Group and the MSCI Sustainability Institute. The analysis used artificial intelligence to identify companies that offer technologies or equipment that can help governments, businesses or households prepare for and adapt to the realities of a changing climate.

We found that products and services from more than 800 publicly listed companies (about 11% of listed companies globally) contribute to climate adaptation and resilience. The analysis harnessed an AI large language model to surface companies whose businesses span activities ranging from water-efficient agriculture and supply chain resilience to weatherisation of power infrastructure and building.

The analysis is one of the first to test the potential of investing in publicly listed equities to further climate resilience and adaptation. It may also be the first use of AI to prototype an investable universe of adaptation and resilience companies from among them.

This comes as people in every country and segment of society are making



changes to adapt to a warming world. Extreme heat and natural disasters intensified by climate change increasingly threaten lives and livelihoods. The US alone registered a record number of billion-dollar disasters in 2023, which marked the hottest year globally on record.

Demand for technologies and solutions that help society predict extremes of weather, protect public health, produce food, construct buildings and avoid disruption is likely to grow. The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has observed that climate-related losses and damages will be increasingly difficult to avoid.

'Climate impacts are now inevitable,' noted Jay Koh, chair of GARI and co-founder and managing director of The Lightsmith Group, a climate-focused private equity firm. 'There's an opportunity to invest in technologies and solutions that help us understand those impacts and help us to manage and even transcend them.'

A growth theme for investors

GARI, with support from the MSCI Sustainability Institute, has developed a model for identifying companies offering products and services that enable climate adaptation and resilience. The framework for Climate Resilience Investments in Solutions Principles provides a comprehensive approach for identifying companies in the business of adaptation and resilience across regions, sectors, growth stages and asset classes.

'Adaptation and resilience, which has been an important theme for policy-makers, public finance and non-governmental organisations, is emerging as a theme for growth-minded investors, who understand the inevitable demand for innovative resilience products and services,'

observed Linda-Eling Lee, the MSCI Sustainability Institute's founding director.

Researchers from GARI and the Institute applied the CRISP framework to the world's listed equities. We used an LLM to identify companies that offer products and services that help to prevent, respond or recover from physical risks associated with a changing climate. The researchers later validated the results manually.

The companies identified range from traditional engineering firms to businesses developing new tools for climate risk analysis. Others included manufacturers of industrial products such as steel and cement that emit high levels of emissions but provide critical inputs for infrastructure that resiliency demands.

Roughly one-third of the companies identified are domiciled in emerging markets, highlighting the global opportunity that adaptation and resilience represents. While the analysis focused on listed equities, it can be replicated within the universe of private markets.

We anticipate that the CRISP framework would play a key role in helping investors differentiate companies as they build out their investment theses geared toward adaptation and resilience.

Umar Ashfaq is Research Director at MSCI Sustainability Institute.

Absa (T) introduces access trade platform to empower businesses

By Guardian Reporter

ABSA Bank has unveiled the access trade platform designed to empower businesses in Tanzania by enhancing efficiency and enabling seamless transactions both domestically and internationally.

Obedi Laiser, the bank's Managing Director emphasized the institution's unwavering commitment to supporting its clients' growth and success.

He articulated the bank's purpose, Empowering Africa's tomorrow, together...one story at a time, highlighting that the introduction of the platform is a significant step towards fulfilling this vision.

"We are not just providing services; we are partnering with you to write the next chapter of your success story," said Laiser.

"Our Access Trade platform is more than a digital solution; it is a tool that offers convenience, security, and efficiency, allowing our clients to manage their payment and trade finance needs with confidence."

The platform is designed to streamline transactional banking, offering features such as mobile bulk disbursements, secure online channels, and comprehensive reporting capabilities.

These features are tailored to meet the demands of a fast-paced business environment, enabling companies to focus on growth and innovation.

"We are dedicated to being more than just a financial service provider. We are your partners in crafting a narrative of success, resilience, and innovation. Every solution we offer is aimed at empowering you to write the best possible version of your story," added Laiser.

On her part, Nellyana Mmanyi, the bank's Corporate Director, elucidated why the bank is hosting such kinds of events.

"We organize these kinds of exclusive events not only to introduce you to our latest offerings but also to strengthen the relationship we share with you. As your trusted partner, we understand the importance of keeping you informed and ahead of the curve. Today's event is an opportunity for us to update you on the latest developments within the bank, the industry, and the broader economy, ensuring that you have the insights and tools you need to continue driving your business forward," she said.

The introduction of the platform, coupled with b extensive range of services, reaffirms the bank's position as a trusted partner for businesses navigating the complexities of the Tanzania and East African market.

"As the region continues to grow and evolve, Absa Bank is committed to providing the tools and support necessary to help its clients succeed," said Mmanyi.

The event also featured presentations on macroeconomic conditions in East Africa, Debt Capital Markets (DCM), and the importance of trade finance in today's dynamic market.

These discussions provided attendees with valuable insights into the economic landscape and the opportunities available for expanding their financial strategies.

Commenting on the country's economic outlook, the bank's Head of FIC Research, Jeff Gable, noted that the country remains resilient in a turbulent world.

He highlighted the flagship projects that are expected to continue to support long-term economic growth of the country; the SGR linking Dar to Mwanza port, EACOP covering 1443km and transport 216k, the 2GW Julius Nyerere hydropower plant, the Mchuchuma and Liganga coal Project, and the Lindi onshore LNG project.

"The economic landscape is shifting, and the businesses that succeed will be those that adapt and innovate," he added.



Absa Bank Tanzania managing director, Obedi Laiser (R), exchange greetings with Yapi Merkezi Head of Finance, Levent Doruk (C), during the bank's corporate clients meeting to showcase the bank's latest digital solutions designed to empower businesses in Tanzania. Looking on is the bank's Head of Corporate, Nellyana Mmanyi. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Oil price dip keeps Brent below \$80

LONDON

BRENT crude futures dropped 63 cents, or 0.8 percent, to \$79.05 a barrel by 1129 GMT

Oil prices eased on Monday, with Brent holding below \$80 as concern over demand in top oil importer China weighed on market sentiment.

Brent crude futures dropped 63 cents, or 0.8 percent, to \$79.05 a barrel by 1129 GMT. US West Texas Intermediate crude (WTI) futures slid 71 cents, or 0.9 percent, to \$75.94.

Both benchmarks fell nearly 2 percent last Friday as investors tempered their Chinese demand growth expectations but ended the week largely unchanged after U.S. data showed that inflation was moderating despite robust retail spending.

"Persistent concerns about slow demand in China led to a sell-off," said Hiroyuki Kikukawa, president of NS Trading, adding that the approaching end of peak driving season in the United States was another factor weighing on prices.

However, supply risks from tensions in the Middle East and

escalation of the Russian-Ukraine war are underpinning the market, he said.

Customs data over the weekend showed that China's diesel and gasoline exports fell sharply in July, reflecting lower crude processing levels because of weak profit margins.

On Thursday data also showed China's economy lost momentum in July, with new home prices falling at the fastest pace in nine years, industrial output slowing and unemployment rising.

That has stoked worries among traders about a slump in demand from China, where refineries implemented sharp cuts to crude processing rates last month in the face of tepid fuel demand.

Meanwhile, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken arrived in Tel Aviv on Sunday on another Middle East tour to push for a ceasefire in Gaza, but Hamas raised doubts about the mission by accusing Israel of undermining his efforts.

The mediating countries - Qatar, the United States and Egypt - have so far failed to narrow enough differences to reach an agreement in months of on-off negotiations.

Minerals minister urges banks to support small miners

By Guardian Correspondent

MINERALS minister Anthony Mavunde (pictured) has urged commercial banks and financial institutions to continue extending credits to miners, specifically small-scale, recalling the directions he gave to banks chief executives officer last year.

Minister Mavunde made a call here yesterday when he was receiving the report of the state of provision of financial services to small and medium scale miners in Tanzania.

"Small-scale miners are the largest army in minerals sector in this country, but many of them are facing the challenge of access to capital. If local banks will start prioritizing them, as what CRDB Bank is currently doing, the contribution of the mining sector to the economy will increase to the large extent," he said.

Last year, minister Mavunde reminded banks' chief executive officers over the financing challenge facing the small scale miners and he suggested on the best ways of increasing access to finance, in order to boost the mining sector's contribution to the economy, which employs millions of Tanzanians.

During the event, the minister said the government will continue to put into place better business environment for mining sector, including building capacities to small scale miners to conduct researches, which will assure them productivity when conduct mining activities.

"The government is ongoing with efforts to support small scale miners to implement different strategies through Geological Survey of Tanzania (GST) and State Mining Corporation (Stamico), because it recognizes that many miners are conducting their activities in areas which are not well researched, which results them to fail to get minerals," he said.

He said this after being briefed by the



CRDB Bank's chief commercial officer Boma Raballa on what efforts the bank is doing to support small scale miners.

Speaking on the bank's contribution to support mining activities, Raballa said they have established a special window to implement strategy directed to finance mining activities, as well as building capacities to employees to analyse financing applications from small and medium scale miners.

Raballa said the special financing window is responsible for coordinating the issuance of affordable loans to small scale miners, provision of insurance coverage, as well as financing the importation of chemicals used in mining extractions.

"Our bank will continue to be fore front to ensuring the increased access of finance to mining investments, starting from small to

large scale miners. We have provided credits amounting to 64bn/- of which 19bn/- were issued to small scale miners," said Raballa.

He said the bank has also extended credits amounting to 120bn/- to large scale miners including Faru Graphite project and has been appointed as leading bank to secure financing for the construction of Uranium project amounting to US\$900 million, after being approved by the Mining Commission.

"Our bank has established a special window to managing the mining value chain by connecting people with available opportunities," said Raballa.

However, Raballa said the main challenge facing small scale miners is lack of records keeping on minerals production and trade, which deny them from accessing credits.

TBS starts campaign on quality mark in 93 districts

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) has successfully extended its educational campaign, aimed at guiding businessmen and entrepreneurs on acquiring a quality mark, to 93 districts across the country.

During a recent event in Karatu District, Arusha region, TBS Marketing and Relations Manager, Gladness Kaseka, emphasized the bureau's commitment to educating the public at the district level nationwide.

"TBS is now focusing on reaching out to entrepreneurs, business owners, and citizens in every district to educate them on the process of obtaining a quality mark, as well as registering food and cosmetics business premises to avoid potential complications," she stated.

Kaseka also highlighted the importance

of educating the public on purchasing quality products and how to seek assistance from TBS when facing challenges. She mentioned that their efforts have already reached 93 districts, with plans to continue in the Arusha region, covering areas such as Karatu, Loliondo - Ngorongoro, Longido, Monduli, and Arusha itself.

Additionally, Kaseka urged the public to pay close attention to product packaging, particularly expiration dates, and to ensure they purchase TBS-certified products to safeguard their health and finances.

Hoisia Monyo, Secretary of a milk processing group, underscored the significance of the campaign, noting that it has enlightened many entrepreneurs on how to secure a quality mark.

She observed that the lack of education has been a barrier for many entrepreneurs, and the bureau's efforts will be a lifeline for

various business owners across the country. Similarly, Matilda Shirima, Secretary of a bakery group, praised TBS for the initiative, saying it has broadened their understanding of the importance of standards in the products they manufacture.

"Many of us have been running businesses out of habit due to the lack of such education, but now we realize how easily we can obtain a quality mark and expand our market reach, even internationally," she said.

TBS officials also met with groups of milk processors and bread bakers in Karatu district, providing detailed guidance on how to obtain a quality mark, which is offered free of charge.

This mark, they explained, will not only help entrepreneurs grow their businesses but also ensure the health and safety of their customers.



Tanzania Bureau of Statistics senior public relations officer Neema Mtemvu (C) sensitises an entrepreneur in Karatu District, Arusha Region on how to obtain a quality mark in Karatu District, Arusha region. (Photo by Correspondent)

Stanbic bank finances the acquisition of gold project

By Guardian Correspondent

STANBIC Bank Tanzania, leveraging through Standard Bank Group has successfully provided a bridging facility loan which has enabled Saturn Resources to acquire and de-list Shanta Gold from the London Stock Exchange.

Saturn Resources is a wholly owned subsidiary of the diversified investment group ETC Holdings domiciled in Mauritius while Shanta is an East Africa-focused gold producer operating two flagship assets in Tanzania.

Standard Bank was appointed as joint mandated lead arranger in the \$150m bridging loan facility, which allowed Saturn to buy out existing Shanta Gold shareholders before de-listing the gold producer from the London Stock Exchange.

The privatisation of Shanta Gold is set to allow its promoters, management, and employees to deliver on the business strategy and maximise the potential return on all stakeholders.

"We have demonstrated commitment to supporting our key clients in funding their growth ambitions," said Elibariki Ndossi, Head of Investment Banking at Stanbic Bank Tanzania.

"The Standard Bank Group's deep mining sector knowledge, footprint across Africa and major international financial centres, multifaceted teams and on the

ground, presence facilitated the quick structuring and execution of the deal," shared Ndossi.

Stanbic Bank through the Standard Bank Group also leveraged its global markets business to provide foreign exchange hedging facility to manage the US dollar/British pound volatility.

Africa's largest bank by assets has a footprint in 20 countries on the continent, to which it has committed to develop in an inclusive and sustainable way while managing risks.

The mining sector is a vital foreign exchange source for Tanzania, contributing about 9% of its GDP. Our deep mining sector knowledge, footprint across Africa and major international financial centres, multifaceted teams and on ground presence facilitated quick structuring and execution of the deal.

"The transaction has demonstrated our ability to leverage across regional balance sheets (Isle of Man, Tanzania and Mauritius) and product capabilities across debt solutions and global markets to combine insights and ensure a bespoke and market relevant solution is delivered within a short timeline.

The deal also indicated our balance sheet capability, as well our growing relationship with Shanta Gold and the ETC Group," said Tumi Mmolawa, Investment Bank - Mining and Metals at Standard Bank.

Markets divide as traders prepare for Powell speech

NEW YORK

STOCK markets diverged Monday following last week's strong performance, as traders await a meeting of central bankers that could give fresh signals about the US interest-rate outlook.

Positive data last week eased concerns about the health of the US economy after markets were hammered earlier this month due to recession fears and a Japanese interest-rate hike.

Traders are now turning their attention to the annual symposium of central bank chiefs later this week in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

The highlight will be Friday's speech by Federal Reserve chairman Jerome Powell, with investors hoping that he will flag an interest rate cut when Fed policymakers meet next month.

"Investors and analysts alike will be paying close attention to any signals from Fed officials about the future direction of US interest rates," said Luca Santos, currency analyst at ACY Securities.

"There's growing speculation that... Powell might hint at the possibility of starting rate cuts as early as September. But the size of the cut is still up in the air."

Santos said a "modest" cut of 0.25 percentage points seems likely while a larger 0.50-point reduction "would need stronger evidence of a weakening US job market".

All three main indexes on Wall Street rose Friday, leaving them back near the record highs touched before their August 5 rout as investors grow confident the US

economy will avoid recession as the Fed cuts rates.

Asian and European markets wavered after a positive start to Monday.

Hong Kong, Shanghai, Singapore, Sydney, Mumbai, Taipei, Manila and Bangkok rose, although Tokyo, Seoul, Jakarta and Wellington dipped.

Paris and Frankfurt were up around midday while London was slightly in the red.

Bets on a series of Fed rate cuts weighed on the dollar, with the yen among the big gainers as traders assess the chances of another Bank of Japan hike at its next meeting.

Gold held above \$2,500 after breaking the barrier for the first time on Friday, fuelled by expectations for Fed cuts that will make the precious metal more attractive to investors.

And oil prices were down again after last week's losses, on the back of demand worries as China's economy struggles to recover.

Investors are also keeping tabs on talks to mediate a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas in Gaza amid fears of a wider war in the crude-rich Middle East.

Major oil producer Iran has threatened to retaliate against Israel for last month's killing of Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran, which has been widely blamed on Israel.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken met Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other Israeli leaders Monday to try to unblock the process for an end to hostilities.

UK agency, DPW to build DRC's container terminal

LONDON

BRITISH International Investment (BII), the development finance institution of the UK government, is investing up to \$35 million alongside Dubai-based port operator DP World in developing a container port in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Work on enhancing the Port of Banana into Congo's first deepwater container port follows similar partnerships between BII and DP World, beginning with the modernisation and expansion of ports in Dakar (Senegal), Sokhna (Egypt) and Berbera (Somaliland).

As with the other ports in the partnership, the BII will be a minority investor in the new port. The Port of Banana is expected to become the single gateway container trade in Congo, cutting cost of trade by 12 percent, according to a joint statement by the investors on Monday.

DP World plans to invest \$3 billion in the next three to five years in building new port infrastructure across Africa, according to a Bloomberg report earlier this year.

VIEW FROM THE TOP

WORLD



Chinese President Xi Jinping (R) meets with To Lam, general secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam (CPV) Central Committee and Vietnamese president, in Beijing yesterday.

Xi holds talks with Vietnam's top leader To Lam in Beijing

BEIJING

Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and Chinese president, held talks with To Lam, general secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam (CPV) Central Committee and Vietnamese president, on Monday in Beijing.

Xi welcomed Lam's state visit to China and once again congratulated him on election as general secretary of the CPV Central Committee.

China is the destination for Lam's first overseas visit after taking office as general secretary of the CPV Central Committee. Xi said this fully reflects the great importance Lam attaches to the relations between the two parties and the two countries, as well as the high level and strategic nature of China-Vietnam relations.

Xi expressed the willingness to establish good working relations and personal friendship with Lam to jointly guide the substantial development in building a China-Vietnam community with a shared future.

Amid changes in the world, the times and history, China and Vietnam have maintained rapid economic development and long-term social stability, demonstrating the superiority of the socialist system and the vitality of the socialist cause, Xi said, noting that China takes Vietnam as a priority in its neighborhood diplomacy, and supports Vietnam in upholding the leadership of the CPV, taking the socialist path suited to its national conditions, and further advancing the cause of reform, opening up and socialist modernization.

Xi underscored that at the critical stage of national development and revitalization, China and Vietnam should, under the direction of the vision of building a community with a shared future, consolidate the development pattern featuring higher political mutual trust, more solid security cooperation, deeper practical cooperation, stronger public support, closer multilateral coordination and cooperation, and better management and resolution of differences.

China is ready to maintain close strategic communication and high-level exchanges with Vietnam, firmly adhere to mutual support, actively explore ways to expand synergy between the Belt and Road Initiative and the Two

Corridors and One Economic Circle strategy" of railway, expressway and port infrastructure, enhance the "soft connectivity" of smart customs, and jointly build a secure and stable industrial and supply chain, Xi said.

He called on the two sides to take the opportunity of celebrating the 75th anniversary of China-Vietnam diplomatic ties next year to jointly hold a series of activities such as the China-Vietnam Year of People-to-People and Cultural Exchanges to consolidate the popular support of the two countries.

He also called for joint efforts to uphold the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence and other basic norms governing international relations, promote an equal and orderly multi-polar world and economic globalization that benefits all, uphold international fairness and justice and the common interests of developing countries, and work to build a community with a shared future for mankind.

Xi briefed Lam on the third plenary session of the 20th CPC Central Committee, stressing that China's further deepening of reform in an all-round way and advancing of high-level opening-up will create new impetus and new opportunities for the development of Vietnam and other countries.

China is willing to deepen the exchange of experience in party and state governance with Vietnam, jointly upgrade the modernization of the national governance system and capacity, and march toward modernization together, he said.

At the invitation of Xi, Lam is undertaking a state visit to China from Aug 18 to 20. He arrived in South China's Guangzhou Sunday morning.

Noting that Vietnam's revolutionary history is closely linked with that of China, Lam said the older generations of leaders of the two parties and countries have forged deep friendships, and the Vietnamese people will never forget China's assistance in Vietnam's national liberation, independence and socialist construction.

He said that his party and country have always considered the development of relations with China as the top priority in their foreign policy, and will strive to carry on the tradition of bilateral friendship created by the older generations of leaders of the two parties and countries.

Xinhua

Indonesian president reshuffles cabinet two months before leaving office

JAKARTA

INDONESIAN President Joko Widodo here on Monday morning reshuffled his cabinet two months before leaving the presidential office.

Widodo has chosen Supratman Andi Agtas, a politician from the Gerindra Party, as minister of law and human rights, replacing Yasonna Laoly who had held the posi-

tion for 10 years. Arifin Tasrif was removed from his post as minister of energy and mineral resources.

He has been replaced by Bahlil Lahadalia, previously minister of investment. The new minister of investment is Rosan Perkasa Roeslani who was previously the deputy minister of state owned enterprises.

Widodo also appointed Ang-

ga Raka Prabowo, another politician from the Gerindra Party, to be the deputy minister of communication and information technology.

Widodo will end his term in October and be replaced by Prabowo Subianto, the winner of the presidential election held in February this year and also the chairman of the Gerindra Party.

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Russia asks Germany to investigate Nord Stream pipeline blasts

MOSCOW

RUSSIA has officially requested Germany to investigate the sabotage of the Nord Stream pipelines, a Russian Foreign Ministry official said yesterday.

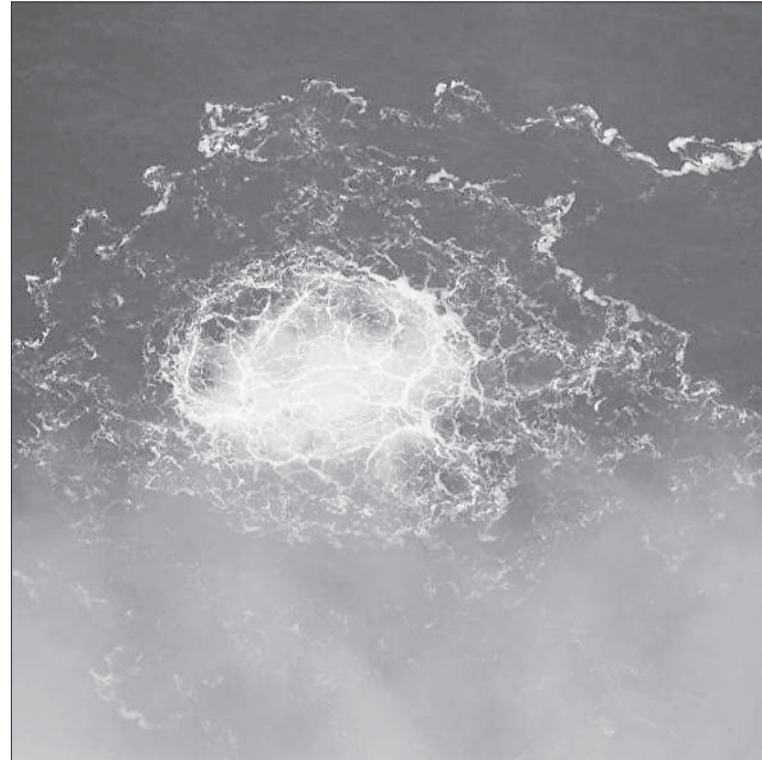
Russia is pushing for negotiations to ensure Germany meets its international obligations in the fight against terrorism, said Oleg Tyapkin, director of the Third European Department at the Russian Foreign Ministry, in an interview with Russia's RIA Novosti news agency.

Expressing dissatisfaction with the progress of the German investigation, Tyapkin said that German authorities have recently issued an arrest warrant for one of the suspected perpetrators, a Ukrainian national.

He noted that German media have been promoting the narrative that these individuals acted independently and were not connected to any state, but warned that this could lead to the investigation being closed without identifying the true masterminds behind the sabotage.

"Russia will not accept this state of affairs," Tyapkin said, adding that Moscow has formally lodged complaints with Germany and other affected countries, urging them to fulfill their obligations under United Nations anti-terrorism conventions.

"We are seeking nego-



In this picture provided by Swedish Coast Guard, a leak from Nord Stream 2 is seen, on Sept 28, 2022. AP

tiations in accordance with existing international protocols. Our future actions will depend on the West's response," he added.

German media recently reported that the German prosecution has issued an arrest warrant for Ukrainian citizen in connection with the pipeline explosions. Reports identified this suspect as diver Vladimir Zhuravlev from Kiev, who was allegedly assisted by a Ukrainian couple.

In September 2022, the Nord Stream 1 and Nord Stream 2 natural gas pipelines exploded and sustained severe damage in the territorial waters of Sweden and Denmark. Prior to the explosions, Russia used the Nord Stream 1 pipeline to trans-

port natural gas from Siberia to Germany and other European countries.

Due to the Russia-Ukraine conflict, Nord Stream 2 was never put into operation, and Germany halted imports of Russian natural gas, leading to a sharp increase in domestic energy prices.

The Russian Prosecutor General's Office has launched an investigation into the incident as an act of international terrorism. Russia has repeatedly requested information on the explosions but has not received any response, according to Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov.

Xinhua

Best wishes for very successful tenure, says PM Modi

NEW DELHI

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi extended congratulations to Paetongtarn Shinawatra on her election as the Prime Minister of Thailand and expressed his best wishes for a successful tenure.

Further, he looked forward to working with the new Thai leader to strengthen bilateral ties between both nations.

"Congratulations @ingshin on your election as the Prime Minister of Thailand. Best wishes for a very successful tenure," PM Modi said on X.

"Look forward to working with you to further strengthen the bilateral ties between India and Thailand, which are based on the strong foundations of civilisational, cultural and people to people connect," he added.

Earlier in the day, Thailand's



King Maha Vajiralongkorn formally endorsed Paetongtarn Shinawatra as the country's next prime minister on Sunday, CNN reported.

Her appointment follows a series of twists and turns in Thai politics over the past week, during which the Constitutional Court ousted Srettha Thavisin, her predecessor from the same Pheu Thai party.

With the king's approval now official, Paetongtarn Shinawatra is set to move forward with assembling a Cabinet, a process expected to unfold in the coming weeks.

Recently, the Thai Parliament voted to make Paetongtarn Shinawatra the next as well as the youngest-ever prime minister of Thailand, Al Jazeera reported.

Paetongtarn succeeds Srettha Thavisin, who was removed from his post by a constitutional court ruling on August 14 known by her nickname Ung Ing. Paetongtarn is the youngest child of billionaire tycoon Thaksin Shinawatra and is the third member of the family after her father and aunt to hold the nation's top job.

The parliament confirmed the nomination of Paetongtarn, 37, by the ruling coalition of her Pheu Thai party.

ANI

Jaishankar interacts with Indian community in Kuwait, commends their contribution to bilateral ties

KUWAIT

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar interacted with the Indian community in Kuwait and representatives of various professional and community associations.

Jaishankar (pictured) commended their achievements and contributions to relations between India and Kuwait.

In a press release, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) stated, "EAM met a cross-section of prominent members of the Indian community in Kuwait as well as representatives of various professional and community associations. The large and vibrant Indian community in Kuwait continues to be a living bridge between the two countries."

Jaishankar was on an official visit to Kuwait on August 18. In a post on X, he stated, "A good interaction with the vibrant Indian community in Kuwait. Commend their achievements and contribution to India-Kuwait relations."

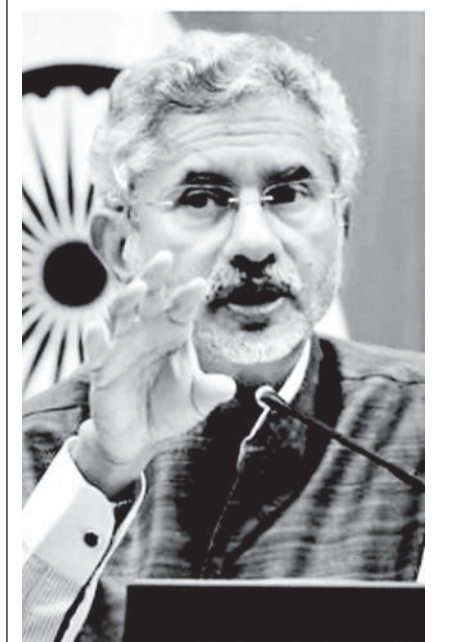
During his visit, Jaishankar called on Kuwait's Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah and Prime Minister Ahmed Abdullah Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. He thanked Kuwait's leadership for their guidance in strengthening bilateral relations between the two nations.

Jaishankar also met with his Kuwaiti counterpart, Abdullah Ali Al-Yahya and discussed avenues to further deepen bilateral relations in all spheres, including through greater exchanges of visits at various levels.

In a press release, MEA stated, "The meeting of EAM with Foreign Minister of the State of Kuwait H.E. Abdullah Ali Al-Yahya, provided an opportunity to discuss avenues to further deepen bilateral relations in all spheres, including through greater exchanges of visits at various levels. There was a strong interest on both sides for giving more content to the economic partnership, both in trade and investments."

"They also discussed new areas of untapped potential for further enhancing collaboration, particularly in pharma, technology, education, etc. Further stream-lining of labour and manpower issues and their implementation was stressed. Both Ministers also exchanged views on regional and global issues of mutual interest," it added.

MEA noted that Jaishankar's visit was instrumental in imparting fresh momentum to bilateral ties and preparing a framework for forthcoming exchanges and concrete deliverables. ANI



Contagious diseases spread fast in Sudan amid war, rainy season

KHARTOUM

CONTAGIOUS diseases, including cholera and conjunctivitis, are spreading rapidly in Sudan due to the prolonged conflict that has severely impacted the country's health sector, compounded by annual heavy rains and floods, according to Sudanese authorities and experts.

On Sunday, Sudan's Health Minister Haitham Mohamed Ibrahim said in a statement that the number of cholera cas-

es in the country had reached 354, including 22 deaths.

The Sudanese authorities officially declared a cholera outbreak in the country a day earlier, noting that laboratory tests had confirmed the spread of cholera in different areas of Sudan, including the states of Kassala, Gedaref, Gezira, and Khartoum.

However, the World Health Organization (WHO) has reported a much higher number. On Friday, WHO spokesperson Margaret Harris reportedly

said in a media call that 11,327 cholera cases with 316 deaths had been reported in Sudan and that other epidemic diseases like dengue fever and meningitis infections were also on the rise. She further stated that the WHO expects the actual number of cholera infections to be higher than what has been reported.

According to Sudan's Health Ministry, the cholera outbreak was primarily caused by deteriorating environmental conditions due to the war and the

use of unsafe water in several areas.

Meanwhile, the ministry said Tuesday in its latest report on the epidemiological situation in the country that the number of conjunctivitis cases, also known as pink eye disease, has reached 2,689 across nine states.

The country's Northern State reported Saturday that it has registered 1,410 cases of acute conjunctivitis, while the Red Sea State in eastern Sudan reported 107 cases of acute

viral conjunctivitis. Hamza Awadalla, a Sudanese epidemiologist and community medicine specialist, attributed the high rates of disease infections to the repercussions of the war, lack of precautionary measures, and the government's inability to organize vaccination campaigns amid insecurity in most of the war-affected states.

Conjunctivitis "is caused by viruses that often spread during the fall" and is associated with deteriorating environmental conditions, Awadalla

told Xinhua. The rapid spread of contagious diseases was mainly caused by the war and deteriorating environment during the rainy season, according to a recent report by the Sudanese Doctors Syndicate, a professional association of Sudanese doctors.

"There are challenges facing the health sector and a severe shortage of life-saving medicines," it said. According to Sudan's Interior Ministry, 68 people have been killed since June due to heavy rains and floods

that have affected several parts of Sudan. Flooding is a yearly occurrence in the country, typically happening between June and October.

Over the past three years, heavy rains have claimed hundreds of lives and destroyed vast swathes of agricultural land. Sudan has been witnessing a deadly conflict between the Sudanese Armed Forces and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces since April 15, 2023, resulting in the loss of at least 16,650 lives.

Experts hail Xi's role in China-Africa relations

JOHANNESBURG

A South African scholar has launched a new book that outlines the success of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation and Chinese President Xi Jinping's contribution to its growth ahead of the forum's summit next month.

The book, titled *Xi Jinping and the Flourishing Forum on China-Africa Cooperation in the New Era*, was launched by Paul Tembe, a senior researcher at the University of South Africa, on Friday in Pretoria.

President Xi (pictured) has made a significant contribution to the FOCAC's success with his astute leadership, Tembe said at the launching ceremony. He said China has made major contributions to the infrastructural development in Africa, improved people-to-people relations and given scholarships to African students to study in China.

"We are looking at FOCAC in history, present and the future. FOCAC has grown to be a template for the developing world, particularly in the Global South," said Tembe, who is a senior lecturer at the University of South Africa.

He said the FOCAC has a multi-pronged approach that implements global initiatives. "Africans are not summoned to Beijing every three years, there is consultation and consensus, it's a partnership of equals."

He said Chinese proposals such as the Belt and Road Initiative can foster synergy with Africa's blueprint Agenda 2063.

The 317-page book examines FOCAC since its inception in 2000, analyzes the outcomes of each summit and evaluates if the commitments are met.



In his book, Tembe said: "The African Union and China have witnessed elevated instances of dynamic agency and successful cooperation and partnership of equals. Under the joint leadership and promotion by President Xi and African leaders, China-Africa relations have entered a new era of building an even closer China-Africa community with a shared future which has become a model for building a community with a shared future for mankind."

Jeffrey Mathethe Sehume, co-author of the book, said they decided to write about Xi because of his "exemplary" leadership in the pursuit of peace, climate justice and multilateralism.

Sehume said: "Xi supports the centrality of green globalization, and removing trade barriers. Xi urges people to protect nature. He emphasizes family values. In South Africa, we resonate with his thinking because of gender-based violence and broken families."

In the book, Tembe said Xi's approach to China-Africa diplomacy is underpinned by several factors. These include no interference in African countries' pursuit of development paths that fit their national conditions, no interference in African countries' internal affairs, no imposition of will on African countries and no attachment of political strings to assistance to Africa, which have been widely applauded by African countries.

Arthur Mutambara, professor of the Institute for the Future of Knowledge at the University of Johannesburg, said Africans want a win-win partnership with China. He said Africa wants to use friendship with China to have prosperity and inclusive economic growth and add value to the continent's products.

Mutambara, also former deputy prime minister of Zimbabwe, said: "We want to build a capable and ethical state just like your government ... We want to work with China or Europe to add value to our natural resources to achieve inclusive growth."

Mutual respect
Speaking at the book's launch ceremony, Wu Peng, China's ambassador to South Africa, said the FOCAC has become a model for international cooperation. He stressed that China's cooperation with Africa is underpinned by mutual respect, joint consultation and treating each other as equals. He said the upcoming FOCAC summit in Beijing will discuss the future of Africa and China and expressed confidence it will live up to its expectations and take the friendship forward.

Putin, Aliyev set for extensive dialogue in Baku - ambassador

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin and Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev will hold an extensive dialogue in Baku as bilateral relations between the two countries are at a high level of allied interaction, Azerbaijani Ambassador to Russia Polad Bulbuloglu told TASS.

"As it was announced previously, Russian President Vladimir Putin is paying an official visit to Baku on August 18-19," the ambassador said in an interview with TASS. "As far as I know, both presidents are set for an extensive dialogue."

"As of today, relations between Russia and Azerbaijan are at a very high level of allied interaction," he noted.

"President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev paid an official visit to Russia in April and had an extensive conversation with Russian President Vladimir Putin," Bulbuloglu continued. "Numerous issues were discussed."

"Our president participated in the solemn meeting dedicated to the 50th anniversary of the Baikal-Amur Mainline [BAM]... As you know, our president's father, Heydar Aliyev, played a major role in the construction and completion of the Baikal-Amur Mainline," the ambassador said. "All participants in the meeting pointed to his personal contribution."

"The Baikal-Amur Mainline was not simply a construction, but it was a particular symbol of the Soviet era. It should be noted that as of today BAM is still operation for the benefit of modern Russia," Bulbuloglu added.

Russian President Putin arrived in the Azerbaijani capital of Baku on Sunday. Key official and working events are scheduled for Monday, August 19. Traditionally, Putin will visit the Alley of Honor and lay a wreath to the grave of Azerbaijan's national leader Heydar Aliyev. After that, he will visit the Alley of Martyrs and venerate the memory of those who died for Azerbaijan's independence.

The program of the state visit will begin with the ceremony of the Russian president's official meeting with his Azerbaijani counterpart, Ilham Aliyev. The ceremony will be held in the latter's Zagulba residence on the Caspian coast. The two heads of state will first speak tete-a-tete and then will be joined by their delegations. The talks are expected to yield a joint statement by the leaders, and a number of interstate documents. Following the talks, Putin and Aliyev will brief journalists on their results.

The program of the visit also features visits to the Baku White City, the city's eastern part, which is being restored and developed under the project of the same name, and to the city's Holy Myrrhbearers Cathedral. The visit will end in a state reception Aliyev will give in honor of his Russian guest.

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Russia's President Vladimir Putin (L) and Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev

As rioters fill overcrowded prisons, UK turns to police cells

LONDON

BRITAIN will use an emergency measure to detain suspected criminals in police station cells until it can find space for them in its overcrowded prisons after police arrested hundreds over widespread rioting this month.

Prime Minister Keir Starmer's government said on Monday the arrests of more than 1,100 suspects over the violence aimed at migrants and Muslims had worsened a prison capacity crisis, which has already forced ministers to say they will allow jails to release more prisoners early.

The new, temporary measure will mean suspects will be summoned to court only when it is confirmed that a cell is available in one of the more than 100 prisons across the country. Until then they will be held in a police station.

"We inherited a justice system in crisis and exposed to shocks," prisons minister James Timpson said in a statement. "As a result, we have

been forced into making difficult but necessary decisions to keep it operating."

Overcrowded prisons have presented Starmer, who took office last month, with an early crisis, leaving his government with unpalatable and costly choices.

Britain has western Europe's highest rate of incarceration and prisoner numbers have risen sharply since the pandemic, due to longer sentences, court delays and a requirement for serious offenders to serve at least 65 percent of their sentences behind bars.

Under plans announced by Starmer last month, most prisoners will become eligible for release after serving 40 percent of their sentences behind bars, down from 50 percent previously.

Yesterday's measures are expected to tackle lower prison capacity in the north of England, a region affected by the recent rioting, which followed misinformation that the suspect in the murder of three young girls was an Islamist migrant.

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People hold anti-racist placards as they take part in a "Stop the Far-right" demonstration on a National Day of Protest, outside of the headquarters of the Reform UK political party, in London on Aug 10, 2024. AFP

2024 FOCAC Summit : Towards a closer China-Africa community

THE 2024 summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) will be held in the Chinese capital city of Beijing from Sept. 4 to 6.

The summit is expected to include the participation of African heads of state, as well as representatives from regional and international African organizations involved in summit-related activities.

The goal is to enhance the progress of China-Africa cooperation, with the forum serving as one of its operational mechanisms, while both sides strive to strengthen their traditional friendship.

The summit, under the theme of "Joining Hands to Advance Modernization and Build a High-Level China-Africa Community with a Shared Future," aims to create new avenues for solidarity and cooperation, thereby accelerating the shared development of both sides.

The summit is expected to explore ways to strengthen friendship and cooperation and to write a new chapter on building a China-African community with a shared future. It is worth noting that since the establishment of this forum in 2000, the focus has been on achieving shared

prosperity and sustainable development for the Chinese and African peoples, through a commitment to the principles of extensive consultation, joint contribution, and shared benefits.

As the forum approaches its 25th anniversary next year, it has evolved into an important platform for collective dialogue and an effective mechanism for practical cooperation between China and Africa, built on a solid foundation of friendship, respect, trust, and mutual benefit.

In light of all this, the trajectory of China-Africa relations over the past decades has recorded numerous positive indicators, demonstrating a consistent upward trend in strengthening and expanding cooperation across various fields. The following are some of the key indicators.

First: A tradition in China's foreign policy towards Africa was highlighted by Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi during a press conference on the sidelines of this year's session of China's National People's Congress in March.

He said that Chinese foreign ministers have chosen Africa as the first stop on their annual overseas visits in a tra-



dition that has continued for 34 years.

"This is unparalleled in the history of international exchanges. It is so because China and Africa are brothers treating each other with sincerity and sharing a common future. We have fought shoulder to shoulder against imperialism and colonialism. We have supported each other in pursuit of development. We have always stood for justice in a changing international landscape," he said

Second: Trade has grown between the two sides, mak-

ing China Africa's largest trading partner today. Recent years have seen an expansion in both the volume and quality of trade between China and the African continent. According to the China-Africa Trade Index, published for the first time in 2023, the value of China's imports from and exports to Africa increased from less than 100 billion yuan (about 14 billion U.S. dollars) in 2000 to 1.88 trillion yuan (about 263 billion dollars) in 2022, a cumulative increase of about 20 times.

In 2023, the China-Africa

trade volume reached a record high of 282.1 billion dollars, an annual increase of 1.5 percent. China's imports of nuts, vegetables, flowers, and fruits from Africa increased by 130 percent, 32 percent, 14 percent, and 7 percent, respectively, year on year.

Meanwhile, Chinese exports of electric vehicles, lithium batteries, and photovoltaic products to Africa increased by 291 percent, 109 percent, and 57 percent, respectively, strongly supporting Africa's green transition.

Third: China has been com-

mitted to supporting Africa's economic integration. China has expressed its support for the practical steps taken by the African Union to enhance the economic integration of its member states. China commended the 37th African Union Summit for announcing the implementation of the second decade of "Agenda 2063," aimed at enhancing economic integration, infrastructure connectivity, and agricultural productivity.

In this context, China also supports the establishment of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), which was officially launched in 2019.

The AfCFTA aims to reduce tariffs, eliminate trade barriers, and promote the development of trade and investment within the region, facilitating the free movement of goods, services, and capital across the African continent.

The AfCFTA offers advantages by facilitating access to regional markets and enhancing production chains across the continent, better preparing African industries for the increasingly competitive global market.

It goes without saying that China's support for African integration efforts stems from

Beijing's desire to be a partner in the continent's modernization, development, and progress along the independent path its people have chosen.

On the sidelines of the China-Africa Leaders' Dialogue held in August 2023, China launched three pioneering plans for cooperation with Africa: the Initiative on Supporting Africa's Industrialization, the Plan for China Supporting Africa's Agricultural Modernization, and the Plan for China-Africa Cooperation on Talent Development.

These three plans cover the areas most in need on the African continent, which China is committed to supporting through concrete actions to help achieve the developmental goals of African countries and their peoples.

In conclusion, the upcoming summit is being held at a highly sensitive time both internationally and regionally, which underscores its importance in following up on the implementation of previous summit outcomes and meetings, assessing their performance, and formulating visions and approaches to addressing issues of interest, both in bilateral relations and within the deeply changing global system. *Xinhua*

SPORT



Young Africans now aim to make a strong statement in CAF Champions League

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

YOUNG Africans are determined to make a bold statement in the CAF Champions League as they prepare for their second-leg match against Vital'O at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium on Saturday.

With ambitions to qualify for the next stage, the team is focused on improving their performance and creating an intimidating atmosphere for their opponents with a packed stadium.

The club is working closely with branch leaders to mobilize fans and fill the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium for this crucial preliminary stage match, making history with their support.

In the first leg at the Azam Complex last week, Young Africans secured an impressive 4-0 victory, with new signings Prince Dube and Clatous Chama making an immediate impact. They both found the back of the net, along with goals from Clement Mzize and Stephane Aziz Ki.

Following this dominant performance, Young Africans received a Tsh 20 million boost from the presidential motivation package. President Samia Suluhu Hassan had pledged to award Tsh 5 million for each goal scored by Tanzanian teams on the continental stage.

Young Africans' information and communication manager, Ali Kamwe (pictured), emphasized the club's focus on sending a strong message to title contenders in the CAF interclub competitions.

"We've secured a victory in the first leg,

but we anticipate that Vital'O will analyze their performance and look to improve their chances. Similarly, we will identify areas where we can grow to ensure our progression to the next round," Kamwe stated.

"Our goal for the second leg is to make a powerful statement in the CAF Champions League, aiming to compete with established powerhouses like Esperance de Tunis, TP Mazembe, Al Ahly, and Mamelodi Sundowns.

"We want to showcase our team's quality on the pitch and create a formidable atmosphere with our fans. Last season, we successfully filled an away stadium in Kigali, and now we aspire to pack the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium for these critical preliminary matches."

Kamwe added that the team, under the leadership of head coach Miguel Gamondi, believes they have the potential to challenge for top honors in the CAF Champions League. Gamondi consistently emphasizes their desire to be among the top five clubs in Africa.

As Young Africans look ahead to the next phase of the competition, their commanding performance against Vital'O highlights their potential to make a deep run in the CAF Champions League this season.

The aggregate winner between Young Africans and Vital'O FC will face either SC Villa of Uganda or Ethiopia's Commercial Bank in the next round. The victor of the second preliminary round will advance to the lucrative group stages of Africa's premier club competition, scheduled to take place between October and December 2024.

TRA sponsors Ndondo Cup with 40.5m/-, promotes tax education

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) has announced a sponsorship of Tsh: 40.5 million for the Ndondo Cup, in collaboration with Shadaka Sports Management. This substantial contribution highlights TRA's commitment to community engagement through sports while promoting vital tax education initiatives.

The sponsorship, managed through Shadaka Sports Management, will support the ongoing Ndondo Cup, one of Tanzania's most popular football tournaments. TRA aims to use this platform to raise awareness about its Electronic Tax Stamps (ETS) and the Hakiki Stempu campaign.

The primary message focuses on the importance of scanning products before use to ensure they are safe, genuine, and compliant with tax regulations.

Richard Kayombo, Director of Taxpayer Services and Education at TRA, emphasized the significance of this partnership: "The Ndondo Cup offers a unique opportunity for TRA to engage with the public meaningfully. Through sports, we can educate a broader audience about the latest technology in Electronic Tax Stamps and ensure the authenticity of products.

"We believe this initiative will positively impact consumer behavior and enhance tax compliance across the country."

TRA encourages consumers to download the Stamp Verification app and scan products with Electronic Tax Stamps before use. This step protects their health and ensures that the government receives accurate tax revenue.

Shaffih Dauda, Managing Director of Shadaka Sports Management, expressed gratitude for TRA's support, emphasizing the importance of corporate partnerships in enhancing local sports events.

"We are thrilled to have TRA as a key sponsor of this year's Ndondo Cup. This sponsorship not only supports grassroots football development but also serves a greater purpose by educating the public on critical tax issues. We look forward to a successful partnership that helps protect us from counterfeit products," he said.

The Ndondo Cup has long been celebrated for nurturing local football talent and fostering community spirit.

With TRA's support, this year's tournament will entertain and educate the public on crucial tax-related issues, reinforcing the importance of compliance and the benefits of the Electronic Tax Stamps system and Hakiki Stempu campaign.

SPORTS

Young Africans win at a canter but Coastal Union catastrophically stumbles

By Lloyd Ellipokea

FOLLOWING their wholly classy displays in CAF's Inter-club championships in recent seasons, many Tanzanians had been hoping that our flag bearers in this season's continental football competitions would not only pick up from where they left off last season but that they would even go on to achieve unprecedented progress in African football's biggest club championships.

These hopes were strengthened during an impressive preseason build-up of a few local clubs to the newly minted campaign which included Young Africans' superlative 4-0 thrashing of South African powerhouses Kaizer Chiefs in a friendly clash aimed at preparing the Tanzanian heavyweights for the new season.

In light of this, then, there was a palpable mood of expectancy at the Azam Complex last Saturday during Young Africans' CAF Champions League first preliminary round first leg encounter against Burundian outfit Vital'O with multiple Young Africans' supporters in attendance.

Seeking to begin their continental football campaign with a bang, Young Africans were the first off the starting blocks to make a splendid beginning as they drew first blood in only the sixth minute of the consequential football contest.

In the wake of that goal, Young Africans mercilessly put Vital'O on the back foot as they dominated the match in what was an unmistakably one-sided affair.

Indeed, after enjoying unchallenged dominance throughout the entire duration of the clash, Young Africans emphatically claimed a superb 4-0 triumph over their Burundian counterparts, which leaves the Jangwani Street-based side with one foot in the next round.

Distressingly though, while Young Africans are unarguably happy campers following their resounding first leg triumph, Coastal Union are likely down in the dumps at the moment after their return to the ultra-competitive African football arena did not unfold according to the script.

Facing off against their hosts FC Bravo of Angola in their CAF Confederations Cup first preliminary round first leg tie,



Young Africans midfielder Clatous Chama negotiates his way past a Vital'O defender during their CAF Champions League first preliminary round first-leg encounter at Azam Complex in Dar es Salaam on Saturday. Young Africans won 4-0. Photo: Courtesy of YASC

Coastal Union proved to be disappointingly not up to scratch as they miserably lost 3-0 on hostile territory.

With the high stakes, all-important second leg due to take place this weekend, it is a truism that Coastal Union have a mountain to climb in the second leg against FC Bravo.

For Young Africans' part, one hopes that they will not rest on their laurels in their second leg match against Vital'O as this could prove to be utterly self-destructive.

Let us now examine the European football realm, where a brand new season just kicked-off last weekend.

Indeed, in arguably the globe's most popular football league, the English Premier League (EPL), a new post-Jurgen Klopp era has dawned at Liverpool as the Reds are now being coached by the highly rated Dutch tactician Arne Slot.

With many pundits eager to see whether Slot can fill the big shoes left behind by the departing Klopp, Liverpool fans will have been heartened by their team's triumphant start to the new 2024-25 season.

Indeed, despite an uncomfortable first half

against Ipswich in their opening EPL clash of the new season, Liverpool came good in the second half to claim a deserved 2-0 victory against their newly promoted counterparts.

Significantly, one Liverpool attacker who got his name on the score-sheet last weekend was the menacing Egyptian forward Mohamed Salah, who by virtue of his valuable contribution will have gladdened the hearts of many Egyptian and African football fans.

It is hoped then that other favourite sons of the continent who are plying their trade abroad like Atalanta's lethal Nigerian forward Ademola Lookman and Arsenal's Ghanaian midfielder Thomas Partey among others will play pivotal roles in the success of their respective football sides this season.

Dauids aims for ruthless finishing as Simba kick off season with 3-0 win

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

FADLU Dauids, the head coach of Simba Sports Club, has made a significant impact in the Premier League season opener, leading his team to a commanding 3-0 victory over Tabora United at the KMC Complex in Dar es Salaam. This win not only signals Simba's strong intent for the season but also propels them to the top of the standings.

The victory is a continuation of Simba's dominance over Tabora United, marking their third consecutive win against the team since Tabora's promotion to the top flight last season. In their previous encounters, Simba secured a 4-0 win followed by a 2-0 victory, and they further asserted their superiority with this 3-0 triumph.

After the match, Dauids expressed satisfaction with his team's performance, emphasizing the importance of finishing games earlier.

Simba took an early lead in the 14th minute when center-back Che Malone Fondoh scored a powerful header from a corner kick delivered by Jean Charles Ahoua. Despite the lead, Simba's attack struggled at times, with their wings and midfielders finding it difficult to convert plays into clear opportunities.

A notable moment came in the 37th minute when Edwin Balua found himself one-on-one with Tabora United's goalkeeper, Haroun Mandanda. However, his attempt to dribble past the goalkeeper ended in disappointment as his shot was blocked, drawing criticism from fans who urged him to focus on finishing.

Simba faced a setback in the first half when midfielder Joshua Mutale, who had been instrumental in controlling



Simba Sports Club striker Valentino Mashaka scores his side's second goal during their Premier League match against Tabora United held on Sunday at KMC Complex in Dar es Salaam. Simba won 3-0. Photo: Courtesy of SSC

the game, was forced to leave the pitch in the 35th minute due to a thigh injury. He was replaced by Awesu Awesu, whose introduction initially slowed down Simba's tempo.

Throughout the first half, Simba attempted to build their attacks from the back, but cohesion in the final third was lacking. Key players like Steven Mukwala, Ahoua, and the injured Mutale struggled to break through Tabora's well-organized defense, led by Pemba Kevin and Andy Bikoko.

The second half saw a tactical shift with the introduction of Valentino Kusengama Mashaka and Kibu Denis. Their presence revitalized Simba's attack, which had appeared lackluster in the first half.

Mashaka made an immediate impact, scoring Simba's second goal in the 68th minute with a header from a Tshabalala cross.

In the closing moments, Awesu capped off Simba's performance with a third goal in the 90th minute, slotting in a rebound after Kibu's

shot was parried by Tabora United's goalkeeper.

Simba's early-season success will be tested in their upcoming fixtures. Their next match is scheduled against Fountain Gate FC on August 25 at the KMC Complex, followed by a challenging away game at Sokoine Stadium in Mbeya against Tanzania Prisons on October 22.

A crucial encounter with Azam FC in the fourth round also looms as a match that could have significant implications for Simba's title aspirations.

Beyond the domestic league, Simba are also preparing for their CAF Confederation Cup campaign. They will face the winner of the preliminary tie between Zanzibar's Uhamiaji FC and Libya's Al Ahly Tripoli in the second round. This competition is a priority for Simba as they aim to make their mark on the continental stage.

As Simba continue their quest for both domestic and continental glory, coach Dauids will be keen to build on this strong start, ensuring his team remains focused and improves with each match.

'Like Messi or Ronaldo' – 'obsessed' Haaland 'ridiculous and rare'

By Nizaar Kinsella

ANOTHER game, another milestone for Erling Haaland, who keeps getting better and better.

The Norway striker marked his 100th Manchester City appearance with his 91st goal to help earn the Premier League champions an opening-game win at Chelsea.

With such an incredible record it is little wonder his manager Pep Guardiola paid him the ultimate compliment.

"These are the numbers of Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo," he said. "They controlled the last decade and 15 years absolutely everything. In terms of numbers, it is that level.

"I don't know how he does it but to score 91 goals in 100 games in this Premier League in this country is unbelievable."

*Haaland - best of the stats

Haaland's numbers since joining Manchester City from Borussia Dortmund in the summer 2022 make for stunning reading:

- Haaland has scored 64 goals in 67 Premier League appearances. No player has scored more since his Premier League debut. Mohamed Salah has the next-most goals in that time with 38 in 71 games.

- Haaland has the best minutes-per-goal ratio in Premier League history (minimum 20 goals). He has scored a goal every 85 minutes. Sergio Aguero has the next best record with a goal every 108 minutes.

- In his first season at City, Haaland scored 52 goals in 53 games in all competitions, a record for a Manchester City player.

- Haaland's 36 league goals in his first season took him past the longstanding joint records of Alan Shearer and Andrew Cole, who scored 34 each in the first three seasons of the Premier League - when teams played 42 games.

- Haaland took just 48 games to score 50 Premier League goals, 17 games fewer than previous record-holder Cole.

- This season Haaland could win his third consecutive Premier League Golden Boot. Thierry Henry was the last player to win three in a row in 2004.

- "He is obsessed with scoring goals"

Speaking as a pundit on Sky Sports, former Liverpool striker Daniel Sturridge described Haaland's goalscoring record as "ridiculous".

"He is obsessed with scoring

BBC

No goal for Mbappé in his Spanish league debut as Real Madrid draws 1-1 at Mallorca

MADRID

DEFENDING champion Real Madrid couldn't manage more than a 1-1 draw at Mallorca in Kylian Mbappé's first Spanish league match on Sunday.

In his second game with Madrid after debuting midweek, Mbappé failed to break through. The France great had scored in Madrid's 2-0 win against Atalanta in the UEFA Super Cup on Wednesday.

Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti started with the same squad that beat Atalanta, with Rodrygo, Vinicius Junior and Mbappé in attack.

"They change position from time to time," Ancelotti said of Vinicius and Mbappé. "Sometimes Mbappé plays more centrally and sometimes one of the two has to occupy this flank, without a particular plan. It depends on how they feel about it."

It was Rodrygo who put Madrid ahead against Mallorca 13 minutes into the match, but the hosts equalized with Vedat Muriqi's goal in the 53rd.

"We got off to a good start, taking the lead and then had a chance to get the second goal," Ancelotti said. "We didn't find the balance in the second half. We could have lost as there was no balance at the back. It wasn't a good game. We need to defend better. We're a very attacking team, but defensive balance is a fundamental factor."

Madrid defender Ferland Mendy was sent off deep into second-half stoppage time for a hard foul on Muriqi.

"I don't want to make excuses for anything, but we just need to do better and with a better attitude," Ancelotti said. "We can learn a lot from this match. It's quite clear where our problems could come from."

Rafael Nadal, who is from the island of Mallorca, was among those watching the match at the Son Moix Stadium.

Mallorca's players provided a guard of honor for the Super Cup winners, lining up to applaud the Madrid team as they entered the field before kickoff.

*Sociedad stunned at home

Real Sociedad, which finished sixth last season, was upset 2-1 at home by Rayo Vallecano, which fought to avoid relegation in the last campaign.

Jorge de Frutos and Sergio Camello scored second-half goals to put Rayo in front, while Sociedad only found the net with Martín Zubimendi's goal deep into stoppage time.

On Saturday, Robert Lewandowski scored twice to give Barcelona a 2-1 win at Valencia in coach Hansi Flick's Spanish league debut.

Atletico Madrid visits Villarreal on Monday.

AP

Haaland scores in 100th appearance as Man City beats Chelsea 2-0 in Premier League

LONDON

MAKE it 91 goals in 100 games for Erling Haaland at Manchester City.

The striker marked his 100th appearance for the club by netting the first goal in a 2-0 win at Chelsea on Sunday as City began its campaign for a fifth straight Premier League title.

It also took his tally to five goals in three league openers since joining City in 2022 and showed that the Norwegian is fully rested after a summer without international soccer.

"I had a feeling that he feels better than last season at this stage," City manager Pep Guardiola said. "He feels good, and the goal was magnificent."

Haaland gave his team the lead in the 18th minute and Mateo Kovacic added a strike from just outside the area in the 84th to make it a harsh welcome for new Chelsea coach Enzo Maresca in his first game in charge.

Also Sunday, Brentford beat Crystal Palace 2-1 after benefitting from a disputed refereeing decision in the first half.

At Stamford Bridge, Haaland's opener came when he received the ball on the edge of the area and cut between Levi Colwill and Marc Cucurella before dinking the ball past Robert Sanchez.

"I knew exactly what to do, I think it was a really good goal," Haaland said.

It was the kind of clinical center-forward play that Chelsea lacked for much of last season and again on Sunday despite another summer of heavy spending.

Chelsea striker Nicolas Jackson had a goal disallowed just before halftime after needlessly straying offside and then hit a close-range



Erling Haaland dinks the ball past Robert Sánchez to open the scoring for Manchester City against Chelsea. (Agencies)

volley straight at City goalkeeper Ederson in the 61st before being taken off for 18-year-old newcomer Marc Guiu.

"The performance was there but we didn't take the chances," Maresca said. "Probably the big difference was inside the box."

Still, there were signs of encouragement for Maresca, the former Man City assistant under Pep Guardiola. While none of Chelsea's nine summer signings started the game, Romeo Lavia made his first league start after missing most of last season with injuries and impressed in a midfield partnership with Moises Caicedo.

Winger Pedro Neto came off the

bench in the 59th to make his debut after a big-money move from Wolves and nearly scored right away as he was inches from getting to Enzo Fernandez's low cross toward the far post.

But Kovacic, who started in place of the injured Rodri, doubled the lead against his former club when he intercepted a high ball up the pitch and strove forward before launching a shot that snuck in via the post.

Brentford wins without Toney. Brentford didn't need Ivan Toney to start the season with a win, and may have to do without the England striker in the future as well.

Toney was left out of the squad

because of what Brentford manager Thomas Frank described as "transfer interest" in the forward, but Bryan Mbeumo and Yoane Wissa scored for the hosts.

"I think every single time Ivan hasn't played Wissa has stepped up and I think he did again today," Frank said. "Bryan started last season fantastic and is now up to speed again."

Wissa bundled the winner into the net in the 76th minute after Palace goalkeeper Dean Henderson got his hands to a deflected shot by Nathan Collins but pushed it onto the legs of the Brentford forward.

Mbeumo opened the scoring in the 29th before Palace equalized through an own-goal by Ethan Pinlock.

Palace was aggrieved, though, as Mbeumo's goal came just minutes after the visitors had a goal disallowed at the other end.

Eberechi Eze caught Brentford goalkeeper Mark Flekken out with a long-distance free kick from the right, hitting a shot straight into the net via the near post when Brentford was expecting a delivery into the box. However, referee Sam Barrott whistled for a foul on Palace midfielder Will Hughes as he jostled for position in a scrum of players on the edge of the area.

While the decision enraged Palace manager Oliver Glasner, VAR could not review it as Barrott's whistle came before the ball had gone into the net.

"I was told that he blew too early and made the mistake," Glasner said. "I think everyone was surprised the referee whistled so early. We thought it was a goal, but the rules are that when the referee whistles the goal doesn't count. It is what it is."

AP

The more things change at Chelsea, the more they stay the same

By Miguel Delaney

FOR all the ructions of Chelsea's summer and the potential for huge upheaval this season, the campaign has started in as predictable a manner as it could have. Erling Haaland scored. Manchester City won 2-0. There was even the little lesson of Mateo Kovacic scoring the clinching goal after beating the two £200m-plus midfielders signed to replace him, with Enzo Fernandez not exactly showing the kind of resolve that would be expected of a captain.

His temporary elevation to that status will bring questions after a summer where he was forced to apologise to teammates after being caught on video chanting racist and homophobic slurs against members of the French team amid Argentina's Copa America celebrations. It was almost fitting that the game had two off-field stories before it - or the season - had even started.

That came with the Chelsea line-up, which should be less surprising given that the sheer number of players is going to create issues every week.

More notable than anyone left was who had the captain's armband. If that seems like quite a statement, it preceded an actual statement from Raheem Sterling after he was left out of the squad altogether. That all comes amid a recruitment policy that continues to cause surprise in the game.

Another reminder was when Conor Gallagher's name was chanted shortly after Haaland scored, the English midfielder having essentially been forced to join Atletico Madrid.

The wonder is whether the very consequence of these games could be affected, given that both of these clubs are currently the subjects of the two biggest investigations in Premier League history. There is the real possibility that both are docked points. City insist on their innocence.

It is still the weight that hangs over everything until it actually is resolved. The oddity was that, even though virtually everything has changed at Chelsea, the issues are so familiar.

This was an encouraging performance where you could see a shape coming together under Enzo Maresca, much like Mauricio Pochettino, but they were still lacking the finishing touches. That was very literal at times, as there were so many moments when



Chelsea coach Enzo Maresca reacts during their Premier League match against Manchester City. (Agencies)

Chelsea had the ball around Ederson's box and were just begging for that strike. Nicolas Jackson was as exciting and as frustrating as ever. It is remarkable how he combines the most exhilarating clear breaks with the most baffling finishes. There is obviously such a good player there but it is one that requires work.

Maybe the biggest question is whether Chelsea can be that kind of environment. Jackson was far from the only player culpable, of course, Christopher Nkunku, often so capable of just unleashing a shot and already cast as someone who can offer the solution when an opportunity presented itself in the first half.

If you can obviously see why Chelsea are still talking to Victor Osimhen's

camp, and internally discussing Ivan Toney, Haaland made the necessity abundantly clear. He showed them how it's done. The 18th-minute goal was a piece of utterly brilliant forward play, maybe the perfect example of a striker in the box. After a divine touch from Bernardo Silva, Haaland used his immense strength and superb instinct for space to put himself clear of the Chelsea defenders around him and fire the ball into the net. It was brilliant.

It was also just as well, since so many of City's players evidently aren't yet at the physical level of the Norwegian. You can tell he's had the summer off. Guardiola otherwise didn't start any of the players involved in the Euro 2024 final - in contrast to Marc Cucurella and Cole Palmer in the opposition - with Phil Foden, Kyle Walker and John Stones on

the bench, and Rodri not yet ready to be in the squad.

You could maybe recognise that Croatia went out early, too, given what Mateo Kovacic did late on. Or maybe he is just a better midfielder, in a better system, than what Chelsea have. Kovacic simply sauntered past their £200m-plus midfield to strike past Robert Sanchez. This wasn't the leadership that would have been wanted from Fernandez, as he and Moises Caicedo were just left behind.

City evidently have more to come, as they go for a record fifth successive title. Chelsea have so much more to do.

It's just that there might still be so much more upheaval to come. For now, the season's opening game simply went entirely as expected.

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Youssopuh Dabo confident of Azam's CAF Champions League progress

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

AZAM FC head coach Youssopuh Dabo believes his team has the quality to overcome Rwanda's APR in the second leg of the CAF Champions League first preliminary round in Kigali.

In the first leg, Colombian striker Jhonier Blanco's second-half penalty secured a narrow 1-0 win for Azam in the preliminary round of the CAF Champions League qualifiers held at Azam Complex in Dar es Salaam.

Reflecting on the first leg, Dabo acknowledged the pressure his players felt.

"I think our players were in a hurry. They wanted to score early, and as time went on without a goal, they felt the pressure. At halftime, I told them to be patient. This is just the first game; the second one will be in Rwanda," Dabo explained.

He continued: "I reminded them to take their time, play their football, and capitalize on scoring opportunities. If they don't score, they will have another chance in the second game."

"Matches like this are never easy, especially against a well-organized team like APR, who don't concede many goals."

However, Dabo is aware of the tactical challenge that awaits them in Kigali.

"Now, APR is in a situation where they need to attack, and that could leave spaces for us to exploit. We need to be mentally strong and continue playing our football because we have enough quality to win in Rwanda," he added.

Azam will face APR in Kigali on Saturday, August 24.

To progress, Azam needs a draw or must avoid a loss by more than two goals.

The aggregate winner between Azam and APR will advance to the second preliminary round to face either Zanzibar's JKU or Egypt's Pyramids.

The Egyptian giants hold a commanding 6-0 lead ahead of the return leg, which will also take place in Cairo this weekend.

The victor of the second preliminary round will secure a spot in the prestigious group stages of Africa's premier club competition.

NCBA Golf Series 2024: A must-attend event for golf enthusiasts in Tanzania



NCBA Bank Tanzania Managing Director Claver Serumaga is pictured recently during a golf training session readying for the NCBA Golf Series 2024 slated for August 24th at the Gymkhana Grounds in Dar es Salaam. Photo: Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent

SINCE Tanganyika gained independence in 1961 and is now approaching three-quarters of a century, golf as a sport has been in a phase of gradual development.

The opening of various golf courses around the country, along with evolving perceptions and increasing investment, has been laying a solid groundwork for golf to finally gain traction and turn the corner.

In the thick of it all, NCBA, one of the leading banks in East Africa, has seized the opportunity to shine a spotlight on golf by establishing the annual NCBA Golf Series in order to revive the sport and push it further to the stratosphere.

Slated for August 24th at the Gymkhana Grounds in Dar es Salaam, this year's edition is without a doubt a must-attend.

Attendees of the past NCBA Golf Series will testify that they witnessed a golf event that was the crème de la crème of their time, a real showstopper that had everyone talking, being a total grand slam in the world of Tanzanian golf.

Just like the previous editions, networking is a key highlight

of the 2024 NCBA Golf series. It's not an overstatement to say that most attendees should expect to rub shoulders with diverse crowd of stakeholders, CEOs, executives, and officials

This year's event promises an even larger networking pool and as the American saying goes, Your Network Is Your Net Worth, this golf series is a prime opportunity to connect with people you never thought you'd meet.

Attendees of previous NCBA Golf Series events can also attest that the series consistently showcases top-tier talent that both entertains and promises to take Tanzanian golf to the global stage in the next few years.

This annual golf event organized by the NCBA group is not only making waves in Tanzania but also in Kenya, Rwanda, and Uganda, establishing itself as East Africa's biggest golfing event. The winners from each country will converge in Nairobi this November for the grand finale.

This year's competition promises to be a real showstopper, with a cash prize that adds fuel to the fire. It's an event you definitely don't want to miss.

The Tanzanian winner will be flying high with full sponsorship for travel and accommodation to the finals, along with an NCBA Golf Bag worth TZS 3 million.

Following the high standards set by standout talents like Salim Sharif and George Ogutu in 2023, participants can

anticipate an equally thrilling experience. Each moment on the 2024 NCBA Golf Series is set to be a winning combination of skill, suspense, and celebration.

Beyond the entertainment, this year's series NCBA Proceed with its thematic campaign on Maisha Ni Hesabu Na NCBA, a new initiative aimed at empowering NCBA customers to reach their target on numbers.

This program promises to give attendees of this year's edition, the tools they need to get a head start on their financial journey, offering valuable insights that will help them make informed decisions regarding their finances.

Moreover, the NCBA Golf Series this year is stepping up to the plate for environmental protection. Attendees will have the chance to hit two birds with one stone, as the event supports a tree-planting initiatives in Tanzania.

The Make-Believe strategy will link each goal scored to a number of trees planted, ensuring that the event not only hits the mark in sports but also leaves a lasting positive impact on the environment.

Whether you're from Kinondoni, Temeke, Kigamboni, or any part of Dar es Salaam, the 2024 NCBA Golf Series is a must-see event that should be at the top of your bucket list, promising to bring golf enthusiasts together for an unforgettable experience that's sure to be the cherry on top of the city's busy event calendar.

Coach Fadlu Davids proud and impressed by Simba's flying start

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

SIMBA SC began their Premier League campaign in style, securing a commanding 3-0 victory over Tabora United on Sunday at the KMC Complex in Dar es Salaam.

Cameroonian defender Che Malone Fondoh gave Simba the lead with a well-placed header. Substitutes Valentino Kusengama Mashaka and Awesu Ali then sealed the win in the second half, making it a comfortable outing for the Msimbazi Reds.

The victory saw Simba climb to the top of the table, edging out Singida Black Stars on goal difference.

Singida Black Stars had earlier secured a 3-1 win over Ken Gold at Soikoine Stadium in Mbeya.

In his post-match interview, head coach Fadlu Davids (pictured) praised his team's performance in their first league game of the season.

"First of all, I want to thank the fans. They came out in great numbers and supported us throughout. The players stuck to the plan, and we managed to prevent any shots against us today, which is really positive."

"While we aim to score more goals, I'm satisfied with our control," Davids said.

He added: "This is just the beginning of the project. There's a lot of work ahead. We need to finish games earlier, but I'm pleased with our dominance and where we are at this stage. Losing Joshua Mutale is disappointing, but we've seen progress."

"The players are embracing new concepts, especially in how we press without the ball. It's a step-by-step process, and I'm satisfied."

Simba will return to action on Saturday when they face Fountain Gate in their second match of the Premier League season.



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