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Country's achievements based on the rule of law, Samia says in night address

By Correspondent James Kandoya

FOUR presidents from neighbouring states yesterday joined the commander in chief of the armed forces, President Samia Suluhu Hassan, to mark 60 years of independence. Scores of invited dignitaries and thousands of city residents were treated to traditional pomp and pageantry as the country marked the big day at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam. Members of the armed forces and especially commando units stole the show with a display of combat skills, thrilling those gaping at the performance. Members of the army, the police, the Prisons Department and the National Service mounted a nearly flawless parade and match past, saluting the Head of State and visiting presidents.

This was followed by a show of what men and women in uniform can do in combat situations—a segment that drove spectators to wild applause throughout. President Samia inspected a guard of honour to commemorate December 9, 1961 when Tanganyika hoisted its flag as the country became independent within the Commonwealth, retaining the Queen of England and Great Britain as Head of State for one year, until it attained republican status on December 9, 1962. It was the first time President Samia attended such event since assuming office, and also coinciding with its being marked with a special flavor as the country completed six decades of self rule. Neighbouring country presidents at the

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan waves at the audience attending ceremonies for the 60th anniversary of Tanganyika independence at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: State House

EALA: MPs must work to end intra-EAC trade impediments

By Guardian Reporter

MEMBERS of the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) have been urged to take up the task of unlocking business opportunities as part of the EAC regional integration agenda. Senior EALA member Abdikadir Aden, standing in for Speaker Martin Ngoga, said at an Inter-Parliamentary Forum on EAC Affairs high level dinner organized by East African Business Council (EABC) on Wednesday in Arusha. EALA members and other legislators across the sub-region should work to remove barriers and sort out disputes in trade and investments in the EAC bloc, he stated, noting that this is essential for increased economic growth and prosperity in the region.

The EAC trading bloc was the fastest growing trade zone in Africa, he observed, asking that MPs work to ensure that national interests do not supersede EAC ambitions and aspirations. EABC CEO John Bosco Kalisa said economic potential in the EAC bloc is hindered by the high cost of doing business arising from double taxation, persistent non-tariff barriers (NTBs), non-harmonized product standards and dissimilar policies on work permit, aside from telecommunication impediments. MPs across the region should champion the implementation of the one network area for communication, quick ratification, referring to a pact among EAC partner states in 2014 to create one network area (ONA) covering

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A commando unit from the Tanzania People's Defence Forces (TPDF) shows skill in marching with heavy logs before President Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday. Photo: State House



TBL highest taxpayer 2020/2021 fiscal year

By Guardian Reporter

AS Tanzania celebrates 60 years of independence, the oldest and leading beer brewing company in the country, Tanzania Breweries Limited (TBL Plc), has been recognized as the largest taxpayer in the country for the 2020/2021 financial year. The company received the prestigious recognition during the Zanzibar Investors Forum held this week ahead of the country's 60 years of independence celebrations. Jose Moran, the TBL managing director and country director for the South African Breweries (SAB) Group said the firm has a proud record of being top

taxpayers in the country, shining above. Other corporate entities seeking to be acknowledged in the largest taxpayer rank that it took for the second time since 2016. Geita Gold Mining Co. had earlier been recognised as the second largest taxpayer for the fiscal year at the same event. The announcement was made during the Zanzibar Investment Forum, graced by Zanzibar President Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi (pictured). "The company has made a significant contribution to the development of the country's economy in the 60 years of independence, from

Govt seeks for tourism visitors strategic advice

By Beatrice Philemon

THE government has appealed to tourism stakeholders within the country and abroad to advise it on how to increase the number of tourist arrivals from the current 1.5m to five million in the next few years. The government wants the sector's contribution to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) rise from the current 17.5 per cent to 35 per cent in the next few years, plus enhancing forex earnings from 25 per cent currently to 50 per cent eventually. Dr Allan Kijazi, the permanent secretary for the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, issued this appeal on Wednesday during a symposium to mark 60 years of Tanganyika independence under the

theme "Tourism and hospitality growth—opportunities and challenges." "The door is open; you can visit my office to give us your advice on how we can improve hospitality or training that we offer at the National College of Tourism (NCT) and other colleges, to help Tanzania provide the best services for tourists coming to Tanzania," he told the participants. Even as the ministry awaits advice from stakeholders, the NCT needs to be creative and come up with a new and comprehensive strategy that will help the college to produce highly qualified hospitality professionals suitable in the tourism sector that in turn will enhance international tourists to visit the



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'Govt researchers should conceive policy strategies for agricultural extension'

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

EXTENSION officers in the country are required to conceive various strategies and systems that would enable close communication with researchers, farmers, livestock keepers and fishermen in order for them to engage in profitable production activities, especially at the time the world was facing challenges from both climate change and Covid-19 pandemic.

The call was made by here at the weekend by the Chairman of Tanzania Society of Agricultural Education and Extension (TSAEE), Prof Catherine Msuya at the opening of the society's annual general meeting.

She said as for now there are issues of climate change and Covid-19 hence they should concentrate in conceiving systems and technologies that would enable the people to continue producing crops profitably.

"I know we have demonstration farms but we must also look for other systems that would enable to easily bring together all

stakeholders aimed at improving the value chain on agricultural products, livestock and fisheries," said Prof Msuya.

For her part, Neema Semwaiko, Agricultural Officer based in Mwanza said through the meeting they have learned about various good issues, including the use of ICT in agriculture that they will apply in their areas of work.

"From the technology we have acquired, we shall go to apply where we came from in improving communication among extension officers and our farmers and will assist to communicate with many more stakeholders at one time," she said.

Julitha Bulali, Extension officer from Mkuranga District appealed to the government to continue empowering extension services experts at all levels to enable them serve the people appropriately.

"This meeting has enabled us extension officers from various areas in the country to meet to exchange experience that would help us improve the performance of our works," Bulali said.

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paying taxes voluntarily, financial inclusion, agricultural initiatives and innovative services, which were paying off. This has helped to improve the quality of life among a breadth of the population, the director noted.

"We, at TBL commend the various efforts being made by the government to improve the country's investment environment, which will go a long way to increase government revenue through taxes and reduce employment challenges," he declared.

A report titled "Economic Impact Analysis of TBL" by the Ernst & Young audit firm says the gross value added by TBL to the Tanzanian economy stands at 613bn/- or 0.5 percent of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

TBL currently sources 74 percent of its inputs, equivalent to 130bn/-

value of its raw materials demand, locally, while it is the largest single contributor to revenues and a key partner in the country's socio-economic development.

The business has continued to be an active player in the agriculture value chain that directly empowers farmers and businesses of its main agricultural inputs, namely sorghum, barley and grapes.

"The tax we pay is an important part of our wider economic and social impact and plays a key role in the development of the country. We regard it as a critical element of our commitment to growing in a sustainable, responsible and socially inclusive way," he explained.

TBL which is home to 15 of the country's leading alcohol brands is a proud employer of 25,000 full-time or equivalent workers, contributing 0.1 percent of national employment, resulting in labour income of 186bn/-, he added.

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country's attractions.

"Tanzania is endowed with a lot of tourism potential, but what we get from there is little by comparison," he stated, insisting that Tanzania will not reach the targets if public institutions and the private sector "will not partner to ensure our dream comes true."

Presently tourism is one of Tanzania's fastest growing economic sectors that account for 17.5 per cent of the gross domestic product (GDP), with the sector directly employing close to half a million people and contributing a quarter of all foreign currency earnings, he stated.

"I believe if we take serious measures on it, Tanzania will manage to reach the targets," he further noted, urging public and private sector firms to take measures to promote domestic tourism.

Domestic tourism is vital because the market is huge, as right now Tanzania has 60 million people, he said, elaborating that 90 per cent of tourism sector earnings is generated from wildlife tourism.

"Let us focus on other areas, identify new tourism potentials so that we can raise our GDP and move where we are to another position," he further noted.

Lineo Morenammele, Dean of the School of Enterprise and Management at the University of Lesotho, on a working visit to see what Tanzania is doing in the tourism and hospitality sector, the country needs to empower trainers

or lecturers to go to areas where tourism services are offered.

They should conduct research and see what is required in the market and thus train students accordingly, she said, elaborating that this will help develop suitable skilled labour, help tourists access the best services while in Tanzania.

This will relate to the funds they put into the sector while here, and help to attract more international visitors to those attractions, she asserted.

The visiting team of researchers wants to see what is required to improve hospitality such that it will attract more international visitors to Tanzanian attractions, she emphasised.

Dr Shongo Mlozi, the NCT Chief Executive Officer, said the NCT management is proud for what has been achieved so far as the college has four campuses that offer different courses in tourism, in Dar es Salaam, and Mwanza regions.

The college runs three programmes that include hospitality, tourism and event management for short and long courses at certificate and diploma level, he said, noting that next October the college will introduce degree in hospitality and tourism management.

Enrolled students had increased to 1050 students at present, with 3000 students having graduated, the student NCT will renovate its campus located in Arusha to assist the college produce highly skilled labour force, he added.



Vodacom Tanzania PLC corporate affairs director Rosalynn Mworira (2nd L) speaks during the prematurity day symposium in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday on the need for the adjustment of overtime holidays for parents to get the opportunity to raise premature newborn. Vodacom currently offers four months' maternity leave for both parents when they get a baby. Others are Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) Kangaroo Children's Care ward coordinator Sister Cleopatra Mtei (L), a premature baby mother Nikita Mandan and symposium moderator Innocent Mungu. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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podium were Uhuru Kenyatta (Kenya), Paul Kagame (Rwanda), Filipe Nyusi (Mozambique), Othman Ghazali (the Comoros) and retired Malawian President Joyce Banda.

Those on the main stand included retired top government officials, those in the public service at present, political leaders, members of the diplomatic corps, MPs, business community leaders, while the rest of the stands had thousands of viewers from the general public.

Independence Day traditions typically include cultural performances, defense and security forces show, choirs, artists and young performers especially from primary schools.

President Samia saluted all invited

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guests attending the event and the general public, extolling the work of those made the event especially successful.

In an address to the nation on the eve of the festivity, the president said the success the country has registered during the six decades of independence was powered by democratic administration and observance of the rule of law.

"Our country has a system that allows citizens to exercise their freedom of expression without disturbance," she said, noting that

conditions for media activity had improved, with the number of news outlets increasing from just a few in 1961 to hundreds today.

Other successes registered include vast improvements in community services like access to clean water, health facilities, schools and tarmac roads connecting regions and districts.

Vast increases in the number of pupils and students enrolled in secondary schools and universities across the country were also visible, plus accessing loans for higher

learning needs in the past two decades.

While Tanzania marks 60 years of independence, it also marks the inspiring action where Lt Alex Nyirenda carried a torch to the peak of Mount Kilimanjaro, as a sign of light for those still under colonial rule.

To celebrate 60 years of independence, more than 300 Tanzanians reenacted the pilgrimage to Mount Kilimanjaro, renewing the pledge that the torch was a symbol of liberation.



Tanzania People's Defence Force commandos display their skills at the Uhuru National Stadium in Dar es Salaam to mark 60th anniversary of Tanganyika independence yesterday. Photo: State House

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Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda, subsequently extended to South Sudan.

The pact touched on the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) that was still in the making, international 'open skies' agreements and finalisation of the common external tariff review process.

The EALA official called for a green channel for EAC originating goods to trade freely across the region in order to spur intra-EAC trade from the current level of 15 percent of total trade, where Kalisa praised the people and the government of Tanzania for great socio-economic

development in marking 60 years of independence.

Regional Commissioner John Mongella said Tanzania under the leadership of President Samia Suluhu Hassan is committed to facilitating cross border trade and investment for the prosperity of all East Africans.

He said Arusha is the gateway to Mt. Kilimanjaro, Ngorongoro and Serengeti among other safari destinations with worldwide renown, urging regional and domestic tourism drives to boost the travel and hospitality industry in Tanzania and EAC region as a whole.

Kateshumbwa Dicksons, Uganda

EALA member who chairs the inter-parliamentary forum (PEACA) said intra-EAC trade is low compared to the European Union, due delayed implementation of key laws such as an EAC NTBs Act and a trade remedies committee.

EALA members and other parliamentarians need to fast-track the operational start and domestication of EAC laws and policies, he declared.

East African Business Council principal economist Adrian Njau presented EAC private sector policy priorities, urging MPs to champion ratification of the EAC agreement on avoidance of double taxation and the agreement on the prevention of

fiscal evasion.

He similarly appealed to them to agitate for an EAC coordinated approach on COVID-19 measures, vaccinations and mutual recognition of COVID-19 testing certificates such as validity period and fees.

The PEACA high level dinner was attended by over 150 delegates including Speaker of the Kenyan Senate Kenneth Lusaka, Deputy Speaker of Zanzibar House of Representatives Mheni Hassan Juma, EALA MPs, national MPs from Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Uganda and hosts Tanzania, along with a large number of business leaders.

HPSS donates sorted items to University of Dodoma

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE health promotion and system strengthening project (HPSS) has donated sorted equipment to the University of Dodoma (UDOM) in health promotion initiatives.

The items which have been donated to UDOM's School of Public Health include three laptops, a projector, a projector screen, a heavy-duty printer and copier, reference books, bookshelves, a whiteboard and a pinboard valued at 21m/-.

HPSS, through 'Tuimarisha Afya' which is

Swiss-Tanzania cooperation project, funded by the Swiss government through Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and implemented by Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH) in partnership with UDOM who convened 5-day health promotion training aimed at building the capacity of health workers from public health facilities across the country.

Ally Kebby, project manager at Swiss TPH/HPSS project said training is in line with the WHO Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion, Tanzania National Health Policy and other strategic documents that underscore the

importance of health promotion as a vehicle to realise access to quality health services for all population groups.

This training which started on Monday focuses on introducing participatory approaches and techniques for health promotion in community and school settings.

It brought together a total of 52 health workers who include 26 regional health coordinators and 26 regional school health promotion coordinators drawn from across the country are participating in the training. Additionally, 13 national level health promotion coordinators and administrators

are taking part in the training. "The training covers different participatory approaches that seek to empower communities to take over control of their health and wellbeing", said Kebby.

He noted that by the end of the training, participants are also expected to deepen their knowledge in planning, budgeting, implementing and supervising interventions for community and school health promotion.

According to the national health policy of 2007, National health promotion policy guidelines and national school health services guidelines, the government commits to ensure the population is safe from preventable and avoidable diseases so as to contribute to the national economic development.

The initiatives by Swiss TPH/HPSS and UDOM, he said are therefore meant to support this government's vision in making available quality preventive, promotive, curative and rehabilitative health services through properly trained health personnel.

Besides financing the training, Swiss TPH/HPSS project has provided assorted teaching and learning aids to UDOM in order to enhance the function of offering health promotion training, research and documentation so as to support the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, the Elderly and

Children (MoHCDGEC) and the President's Office - Regional Administration and Local Government (PORALG) as well as non-state actors (NSAs) in delivering health promotion initiatives.

The partnership between Swiss TPH/HPSS project and UDOM dates back to 2014 and is aimed at supporting the government in bridging the shortage health workers, particularly in the area of health promotion.

Speaking while officiating at the opening of the training, Stephen Kibusi from UDOM's School of Nursing and Public Health thanked HPSS for the initiatives aimed at empowering public health workers.

"UDOM is pleased to be part of the agenda of health promotion, especially at this time when the world is facing serious health challenges" he said.

He said that it is pleasing to see health promotion agendas on top of the government agendas at a time when COVID-19 has exposed health practitioners globally on how to deal with such outbreaks.

Martha Mariki, Coordinator, Public Health at the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government underscored the importance of the training saying the government is investing a lot of resources on public health services.



Airtel Money director Isaack Nchunda (R) greets Letshego Bank managing director Omar Msangi moments after the launch of digital savings campaign - 'Kuzakikwa Ushinde' with 'Timiza Akiba' whereby Airtel Money customers stand the chance of winning up to 20,000/- a week when they deposit minimum amount of savings to their 'Timiza Akiba' accounts and don't withdraw their savings in within week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

TANAPA encourages citizens to visit parks

By Correspondent Maulid Mmbago

THE Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) has appealed to Tanzanians to utilise the festive season by visiting various national parks to learn, refresh and support the country's economic growth.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday, eastern region conservation coordinator (TANAPA) Steria Ndaga said, every year in December they receive a large number of local tourists, something which pushes them to continue to encourage Tanzanians to visit the parks.

He said the Mikumi National Park, Udzungwa Mountains, Saadani, Nyerere, Mwalimu Nyerere Museum and the Caravan Serai Slave Centre - Bagamoyo, have a mix of unique tourist attractions and activities that appeal to many tourists visiting the area.

"In celebrating 60 years of independence and towards the festive season we invite

Tanzanians to have a chance to relax in our wildlife reserves, our theme is 'Desemba 2021 Bata lote porini' meaning young and old we should visit and enjoy wildlife."

He said: "Tourists who visit the reserves will have the opportunity to engage in various tourist activities such as watching the animals day and night, beach tourism, mountaineering and exploration of the waterfalls, studying the history and archaeology of our late Mwl Nyerere in the struggle for national independence."

He added that another feature of the park is its presence in the strategic area as it is bordered by major cities such as Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Morogoro, Tanga, Iringa and Zanzibar and is easily accessible, also for tourists who prefer to stay more than one day accommodation is available within the park.

In addition, in this season they have offered residents of Dar es Salaam an opportunity

to organise group trips and lodges to a selected the national parks such as Mikumi, Mount Udzungwa, Saadani and Nyerere, and those who would like to visit themselves the entrance fee is 5000/- per person.

"From December 6 to 12, we will be in Dar es Salaam and we have set up facilities at various locations such as Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA) terminal 2, Shoppers Plaza Mbezi Beach, Palm Village and Mlimani City to provide accurate information on how to visit national parks, and travel schedules have been posted online on our social Medias," Steria asserted.

He also noted that the cost of visiting was fairly feasible, where for the Mikumi Park, is 70,000/- per day, 160,000/- for two days and night; Saadani is 65,000/- per day and 155,000/- per two days, Nyerere National Park is 75,000/- per day and 175,000/- per two days. For Udzungwa, the cost is 185,000/- per two days.

Makamba: JNHPP is being constructed professionally

By Guardian Reporter

ENERGY Minister January Makamba has said the Julius Nyerere Hydro Power Project (JNHPP) was being constructed professionally, and with success according to the cost earmarked.

Makamba made the remarks on Tuesday this week during his official visit at the project site in company of Egyptian Minister for Housing and settlements services Eng Assem Hafez El Gazar.

He said the government through the Energy Ministry is supervising the biggest hydropower project and that the project was financed by Tanzania and costs 6.559trn/- and upon completion will generate 2,115 MW of power.

He also reminded that JNHPP was essential for the country's strategic mega projects.

"As supervisors we have been given the responsibility by our President, Samia Suluhu Hassan to make sure the project is implemented professionally at the cost earmarked, the minister said.

He also said the project's contractors hail from Egypt and that the visit by the Egyptian minister, Assem Hafez El Gazar who was assigned to supervise the project shows how the Egyptian Government takes the project seriously to make sure it is completed successfully.

"We have come here today to inspect the project's development and to see whether there were any challenges faced by both Tanzanian and Egyptian governments so that we could solve them for smooth implementation of the project," said Makamba.

He said after inspecting the project they were pleased that it was going on well apart from a few small existing challenges that were holding back the project's speed, and added that it was normal for big projects to be faced with small challenges.

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MIAKA 60 YA MAFANIKIO KATIBA UDHIBITI WA DAWA NCHINI

1 Kufikia Ngazi ya Tatu ya WHO ya ubora wa mifumo ya udhibiti (Maturity Level 3) na kuiweka Tanzania kuwa nchi ya kwanza Africa kufikia hatua hiiyo

2 Kupata na kushikilia Cheti cha Ithibiti cha ISO 9001:2015

3 Kusajili Zaidi ya bidhaa 16,467 dawa baada ya kujiridhisha na ubora, usalama na ufanisi wake hivyo kuongeza wigo wa upatikanaji wa bidhaa na kulinda afya za wananchi

4 Kusogeza huduma kwa wananchi kwa kujenga ofisi za kanda na maabara ya kisasa na kuweka mitambo yenye uwezo za kupima kwa ufanisi usalama na ubora wa bidhaa

5 Kuongeza bajeti kulikowezesha utoaji huduma kwa ufanisi na kutoa gawio kwa serikali kila mwaka hadi kufikia Tsh billion 41.2

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INDEPENDENCE DAY ANNIVERSARY PICTORIAL AT UHURU STADIUM



President Samia Suluhu Hassan addresses the nation at the climax of 60th anniversary celebrations of Tanganyika independence at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam yesterday. All Photos: State House



President Samia Suluhu Hassan inspects a guard of honour to mark 60 years of Tanganyika independence at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam yesterday.



President Samia Suluhu Hassan exchanges greetings with Rwandan President Paul Kagame



A section of top government officials and leaders of political parties attending independence anniversary celebrations at Uhuru Stadium yesterday.



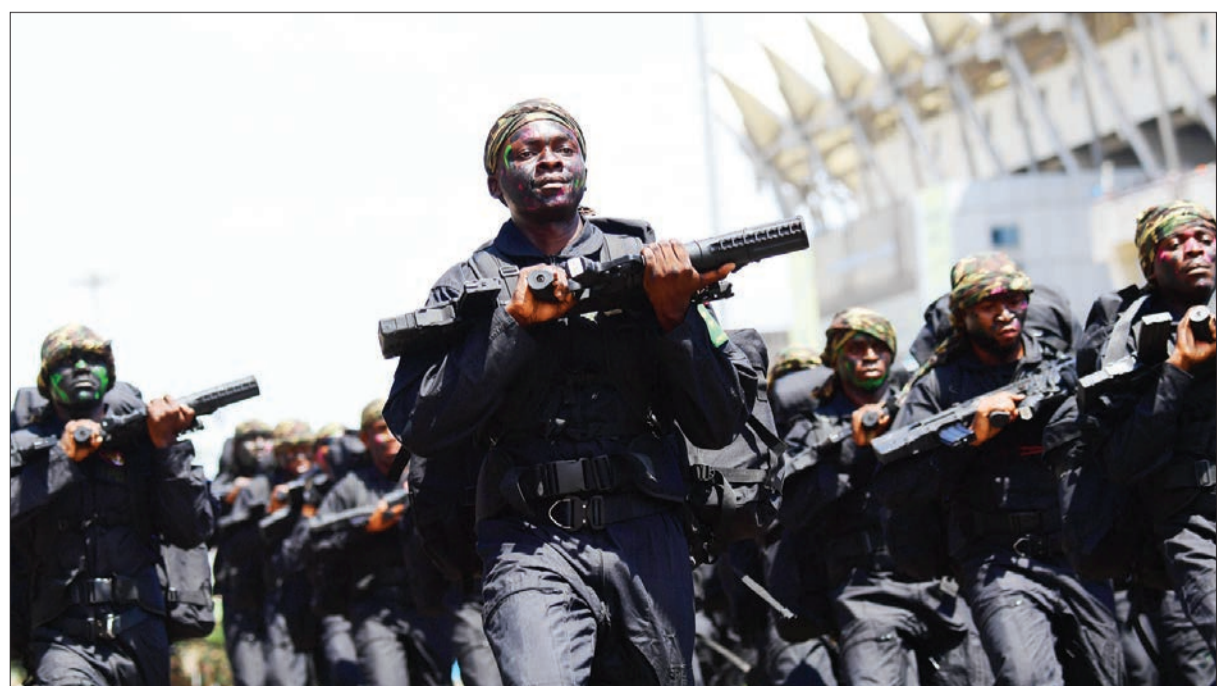
Children perform a circus during celebrations of 60 years of Tanganyika Independence at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam yesterday.



Jet fighters of the Tanzania People's Defence Forces (TPDF) salute the Commander in Chief, President Samia Suluhu Hassan at the 60th anniversary of Tanganyika independence at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam yesterday.



Young pioneers perform parade at Uhuru Stadium yesterday.



Members of the Tanzania People's Defence Forces (TPDF) in a march past at the anniversary events.

Govt reaffirms commitment to empower girls access education

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has reaffirmed the commitment to work together with the Campaign for Female Education (CAMFED) in empowering girl children access education and relevant life skills.

Deputy Permanent Secretary in the President's Office - Regional Administration and Local Government, Dr. Grace Magembe, made the remarks here, stating that the organisation is doing a lot to help empower Tanzanian girls and adolescents, and is worth emulating.

Dr Magembe made the remarks while officiating at the opening of CAMFED Tanzania annual general meeting, adding that education is the only way to empower people, especially girls from poor backgrounds.

The deputy PS who represented the Permanent Secretary, Prof Riziki Shemdoe at the meeting said, "CAMFED is complementing

government efforts in eliminating one of the enemies of development- foolishness, among Tanzanian children and empowering them to be productive citizens".

She noted that the government appreciates effort of such stakeholders since it has no ability to provide everything to all people in the country. However, the deputy PS challenged the organization to scale up its activities in more districts councils in the country.

Earlier, CAMFED Tanzania board chairperson, Jeane Ndyetabura told the meeting that her organisation has supported 143,019 students to go to primary and secondary schools using donor funds.

Of these, 88,355 students have been supported to go to primary schools - CAMFED's Safety Net Fund for partner primary schools provides essential items for children to prevent them from dropping out of school.

Other 54,664 students have been supported to go to secondary school - CAMFED provides holistic support, that might include school or exam fees, uniforms, sanitary wear, books, pens, bikes, boarding fees or disability aids.

"CAMFED Tanzania partners with 821 schools - We work in genuine partnership with government schools to help improve the learning environment for all students." She said.

CAMFED Tanzania, she said works alongside local schools, community groups, parents and stakeholders, to identify the most marginalized children in communities and ensure they get the material and emotional support they need to learn and thrive.

The chairperson explained that together with CAMFED association leaders, they catalyse the activism of CAMFED champions in the partner communities to support more vulnerable children to go to primary and

secondary schools.

Since 2005, 731,868 students have been supported to go to school by CAMFED association members and community initiatives.

Out of these, 290,321 students have been supported to go to school directly by CAMFED association members. Often using profits from their businesses, the association members support on average 3 more children to go to schools - multiplying the impact of their education.

At least 441,547 students have been

supported to go to primary and secondary school through community initiatives. This she explained includes parents, teachers, education officials and traditional leaders, who rally resources to support even more children to go to school.

She noted that the movement in Tanzania has grown to 29,320 CAMFED association members helping to form the largest network of its kind in Africa. Young women educated with CAMFED support spearhead the programs and help more vulnerable children to go to school.



Bank of Africa Tanzania managing director and CEO Adam Mihayo (C) with Alliance General Insurance CEO Rajiv Kumar (L), KVA Krisha (2nd L) and Alliance Life CEO Byford Mutimusakwa (2nd from right) with BOA Insurance head Eva Kakwale (R), during the launch of the bank's insurance service at the launch event held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



THE CENTRE FOR COUNSELLING, NUTRITION AND HEALTH CARE, (COUNSENUTH)

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For full description of the post and full information please refer to our website www.cousenuth.or.tz or send an email to: info@cousenuth.or.tz; to ask for full information on the post. **Deadline is 22nd December 2021.**

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Job Summary:

The COP will provide leadership and oversight for a consortium of international and national partners with a focus on managing project timelines, budgets and deliverables, ensuring compliance with funder and national regulations, and fostering a safe and equitable working environment. Also will be the primary liaison with the funder, government officials, and other key stakeholders. S/he will be expected to identify challenges and risks and work with other key personnel to adapt programming in a complex operating environment. Will further be responsible for developing and maintaining the overall technical vision, strategy, and direction of the project, assuming responsibility for design, delivery, and progress against the approved work plan, and reporting against performance monitoring plan; and work with the senior management team to ensure overall planning, implementing, and managing of the project and establishing the administrative framework to monitor and assure progress toward achieving project goals and objectives. The COP will regularly interface with USAID on management and decision-making while ensuring that activities are meeting USAID and stakeholder expectations and that project results are proactively disseminated. The COP will be responsible for ensuring timely and quality completion of all programs technical and financial deliverables and reports in accordance with USAID guidelines; assisting with analysis and communications regarding resource management; and ensuring coordination with Mission and other donor initiatives. S/he will serve as the leadership and public face of project initiatives in public communication, outreach, and networking. S/he will be expected to identify issues and risks related to the activity implementation in a timely manner, and to suggest appropriate activity adjustments. The COP will serve as the project's principal contact point for USAID and will be the project's main in-country contact for government counterparts, donors, local partners, media, private sector partners, and civil society.

The position will be based in Dar es Salaam. Employment or recruitment is contingent upon successful award of the project to FHI 360, as well as USAID approval of the finalist.

Position Requirements- Qualifications, Skills and Experience:

Master's degree in public administration, international development, education, economics, health, or a related field from an accredited university • Minimum of 10 years of experience of relevant management, supervisory, technical experience working with activities that are of a similar scope and scale • Experience managing USAID projects (preferably as a Chief of Party) and strong knowledge of USAID programming rules and regulations, grants programs, and monitoring and evaluation policies and procedures • Experience working with youth, economic empowerment, livelihoods, health, education and/or community engagement programming; Experience implementing youth programming strongly preferred- Experience living and working in the region preferred; previous experience working in Tanzania highly desirable • Knowledge and understanding of youth barriers and issues in Tanzania • Minimum of 8 years in strategic leadership of line management positions • Demonstrated ability to manage and support diverse teams in challenging environments • Demonstrated experience leading cross-sectoral programming Demonstrated experience leading consortia • Strong knowledge of, and commitment to, gender and social equity • Demonstrated leadership, organizational development, partnership-building, managerial, teambuilding and communication skills • Proven ability to develop relationships and coordinate with government officials, civil society, and non-governmental organizations • Demonstrated knowledge of USG rules, regulations, policies, and procedures as they relate to project compliance and reporting- Fluency in English.

How to Apply:

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INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES: REF: SOS/PURCHASE/MV/2021/02

SOS Children's Villages Tanzania is a non-government organization affiliated to SOS Children's Villages International, a worldwide childcare and protection organization that provides orphaned and destitute children with a permanent home and educational opportunities. Established 70 years ago, SOS Children's Villages International - the umbrella organization, currently has Children's Villages and other projects in 135 countries around the world. Globally, it runs the SOS Children's Village Programme, which has two main arms, i.e. Family Based Care based at SOS Children's Villages and Family Strengthening Programmes supporting families in local communities. SOS Children's Villages has been working in the United Republic of Tanzania since 1991 and implements its programs in Zanzibar, Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Iringa.

SOS Children's Villages Tanzania invites applications from all interested individuals, organisations, company and/the public in a sealed bidding process to submit a proposal for the supply and delivery of two brand new units of Motor Vehicles based on the specifications, requirement and terms set forth in this Invitation for Bid (IFB).

DESCRIPTION OF ASSETS.

Double Cabin 5 seater, Engine 2.4L TD, RHD, Transmission M/T, 4WD (4x4), Fuel type is Diesel, 80L fuel tank capacity, (Airbags and Air conditioning), White Colour OR Double Cabin 5 seater, Engine 2.8L TD, RHD, Transmission M/T, 4WD (4x4), Fuel type is Diesel, 80L fuel tank capacity, (Airbags and Air conditioning), White Colour.	2 Units
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NOTE:

- Completed tender document should be submitted in a plain sealed envelope and physically deposited in the tender box situated at the SOS National Office Reception, so as to be received on or before **Thursday 16th December 2021 at 13.00hrs.** Electronic submissions are not accepted.
- Every bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the bid reference number indicated on the envelope stating clearly the specification and photo of the vehicles, clearly marked in Bold Letters: **"SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES: REF: SOS/PURCHASE/MV/2021/02"** addressed to: -

National Director,
SOS Children's Village Tanzania, National Office,
White Star Tower, Ground Floor Wing B, Kiko Avenue, Mikocheni,
P. O. Box 80462, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

- The delivery will be at SOS Children's Villages Zanzibar, Amani Road, and Mombasa Street - Zanzibar.
- The selected vendor will deliver the vehicle with full registration under SOS Children's Villages Zanzibar after all duty clearance are completed.

It is the responsibility of each bidder to ensure that bids are submitted in accordance with the instructions as stipulated in the advert, as non-compliance to the instructions will lead to disqualification and rejection of the bid. Please note that, award of contract will be per SOS Children's Village Procurement policy and successful bidder will be communicated formally.

For any enquiries/questions please call +255 716 880076 or
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Firm to empower Kahama gold dealers to access foreign markets

By Guardian Correspondent, Kahama

GOLD dealers and middlemen in Kahama District, Shinyanga Region expect to benefit by Sab Gold Limited (SGL), the firm that has embarked on empowering them to access foreign markets in order to reap more profits from the business.

SGL aims to assist groups of small gold miners, middlemen and gold buyers by showing them opportunities in the gold business in foreign countries where there were reliable markets.

This was revealed on Wednesday by SGL manager, Abdulrahim Sangey when speaking in this paper in his office, saying many dealers get opportunities to export minerals, but end up in loss due to their ignorance of world market prices for the minerals.

Sangey said as for now, gold prices in the world markets have been fluctuating from time to time which dealers in Kahama District ought to know.

"Many dealers exporting the minerals end in losses, but we shall make sure we find reliable markets

for them and connect them to foreign buyers," said Sangey.

He said if gold dealers sell their mineral to them they will get more profit as from five kilos a week sold a dealer will get 3.4m/- profit whilst from 10 kilos a week he gets 8m/- profit and for the whole year he could end up with 300m/- profit.

For his part, Juma Maganga, Kahama based gold dealer said the firm could be a big saviour to them as it could open doors to foreign markets for them.

Earlier, during his recent visit at the Kahama gold market, District Commissioner Festo Kswaga said he recognises the big contribution from various firms who have invested in the district and still there are more friendly areas for investments for them.

"Many dealers exporting the minerals end in losses, but we shall make sure we find reliable markets for them and connect them to foreign buyers"



Coca-Cola Kwanza Tanzania marketing and sales director Josephine Msalilwa (L) shares a light moment with the firm's trade marketing manager Wahda Mbaraka during the launch of the 'Real Magic' campaign of the company's staff in Mbeya City earlier this week. The launch will take consumers on an exciting journey which will include several launches to reveal and activate the campaign across Tanzania. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Temeke DC mobilises war against GBV, child abuse

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

TEMEKE District Commissioner Jokate Mwendelo has called upon the people to work together with the government in the war against gender based violence (GBV) and child abuse in order to eradicate the vice in society.

She said every person has an obligation to eradicate acts of GBV, including reporting them instead of leaving the task to government and civil society organisations only.

The DC made the remarks on Wednesday this week at the launch of the "Safe Journey for Girls and Students Without Sex Corruption is Possible" campaign at Zakheim grounds, Mbagala in Dar es Salaam.

At the event organised by Women Organisation in Development Efforts (WAJIKI), the DC was represented by the district's marketing manager, Doto Kilangi.

"Gender based violence and child abuse is an issue one cannot close eyes on, everyone has to pay his/her part to eradicate the vice to enable all children and girls realise their life dreams," said DC Mwendelo in a speech read on her behalf by Kilangi.

She said violence comes in many kinds including sexual abuse on children by society members, it is better now for the society to fully

participate in the war to eradicate them.

For her part, WAJIKI director Janeth Mawinzasa said the organization in Dar es Salaam, Kinondoni and Ilala districts unveiled the campaign against GBV and child abuse. Temeke, Kigamboni and Ubungu districts were yet to unveil the campaign.

She said the organisation has been conducting its campaigns on drivers of commuter buses, tri-cycles (bajaj) and motor cycles (bodaboda) because were important in the fight against corruption using their means of conveyance.

She said the aim of the campaign is to make sure sex corruption is eradicated from the society to enable girls and children travel safely and realise their life dreams.

"WAJIKI, under sponsorship from Women Trust Fund (WTF), will make sure it continues to expand its activities in the country by empowering men to enable them participate in the war against gender based violence and child abuse," she added.

Temeke district PCCB representative Esther Mkokota called on drivers of motor cycles and tricycles to recognise that they have a big role to play in helping girls to realise their life dreams.

NGO provides trachoma treatment to nearly 1,141 patients in Singida Region

By Guardian Correspondent, Singida

HELEN Killer International (HKI), a non-governmental organisation has succeeded to provide treatment for trachoma to nearly 1,141 patients from all districts in Singida Region who have been living with the ailment for many years without hope of treatment.

The remarks were made here at the weekend by Singida Region Administrative Secretary (RAS), Dr Dorothy Mwaluko in her speech read on her behalf by the region's medical officer, Dr Victorina Ludovick at the function to close the

trachoma eradication project in the region.

Dr Mwaluko also revealed that a total of 212,952 households had been reached, out of which 212,812 anticipated, equivalent to 100.1 per cent.

All patients received treatment and that the implementation of the project involved in empowering officials at regional and district levels, 116 wards and 454 villagers.

"To a large extent, the problem has been of great success in providing eye diseases treatment, in particular trachoma, trachoma, in villages and homesteads in all districts in the

region," said the Singida RAS.

He said, however, that this does not mean that all trachoma sufferers in the region have been treated but they have reduced the prevalence of the diseases to acceptable levels, stressing that other patients will continue getting treatment in the normal way.

Singida Region's coordinator for eye treatment services, Dr Upendo Mwakabalile said apart from the achievement, there are few other patients who remain due to various reasons.

Dr Mwakabalile also stressed that for that reason a team from each

council has prepared a task plan on how to continue treating the small number of trachoma patients who remain untreated.

Submitting report on the project's implementation to the official guest, Trachoma Project manager from Hellen Keller International, Athuman Tawakal said the aim to establish the institution in 1915 was among others to help to avoid becoming blind that could be prevented. He said HKI's other aims in its establishment was to save lives of people in vulnerable groups and who had no ability to cater for themselves.

Govt urged to sign and ratify African Charter on democracy and governance

By Correspondent Rose Mwalongo

TANZANIA has been called upon to sign and ratify the African Charter on democratic, electoral and governance to protect human dignity for sustainable development of the

nation.

Chairperson of the opposition party NCCR Mageuzi James Mbatia made the call in Dar es Salaam mid this week at the national dialogue on the state of human rights in Tanzania, within the 60 years of independence.

He raised concern over the deteriorating situation of political rights, the right to life as well as human dignity in the country calling upon the government to invite all parties to a reconciliatory table to rectify the situation.

Article 3 of the African Charter on Democratic, Electoral and Governance reads "State Parties shall implement this Charter in accordance with the following principles: holding of regular, transparent, free and fair elections; Separation of powers; Promotion of gender equality in public and private institutions as well as effective participation of citizens in democratic and development processes and in governance of public affairs.

On the other hand, the Charter commits its members to strengthen political pluralism and recognise the role, rights and responsibilities of legally constituted political parties, including opposition political parties, which should be given a status under national law.

Article 8.1 tasks State Parties to eliminate all forms of discrimination, especially those based on political opinion, gender, ethnic, religious and racial grounds as well as any other forms of intolerance.

The Convention further commits state parties to adopt legislative and administrative measures to guarantee the rights of women, ethnic minorities, migrants, people with disabilities, refugees and displaced persons and other marginalised and vulnerable social groups.

For her part, Nkasori Sarakikya who is the director of human rights division within the Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs said the government has made sure that all of its development plans incorporate human rights.

"The government through the Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs has done a lot in terms of human rights, one being the incorporation of the Bill of Rights as well as the enactment of various laws to protect the rights of women, children and persons with disabilities," said Sarakikya.

She was quick to add that doors were open as the government was willing to take recommendations abroad to improve the situation of human rights in the country.

The one day dialogue was organized by the Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition in collaboration with the Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs.

The session brought together human rights activists from the judiciary, higher learning institutions, retired judges, the media, CSOs and religious leaders from all over Tanzania.

DEV RECOVERIES LIMITED

NOTICE OF SALE BY TENDER PROCESS

ALL THAT LANDED PROPERTY LOCATED AT PLOT NO. 01, VIJBWENI DESCRIBED UNDER C.T NO. 168760, L.O. NO. 701811 & KGMC/LD/VIJ/1/636, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, under the appointment letter dated on 01st December 2021 in favor of Equity Bank Tanzania Limited Head Office, Golden Jubilee Tower, Dar Es Salaam instructing us to advertise the sale by Tender process of the property captioned above.

- The property is a Commercial/Industrial property located at Vijbweni area in Kigamboni Industrial area measuring about 6.9 acres fully fenced. The property is located along an area that is near to the Dar Es Salaam port where the Oil and Gas depots are located. The property has 4 warehouses, one factory building, offices, staff houses, generator house and security building.
- INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED to submit bids for the purchase of the property in a sealed envelope clearly marked "BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT PLOT NO. 01, VIJBWENI, KIGAMBONI INDUSTRIAL AREA DESCRIBED UNDER C.T. NO. 168760 & L.O. NO. 701811" indicating the offer for the property with full address of the bidder shown and the same should be submitted so as to reach the undersigned on the address below before 1600 hours on 29th December 2021 by 1630 hours at the office mentioned below. Bidders are invited to attend during the event if they so wish.**
- Bidders should note that the information supplied herein is without liability to the Seller as to its correctness independent valuation and inspection of the property is highly recommended.
- The Seller shall not be bound to accept the highest bid or any bid at all.
- The Property is sold in a condition as it is.
- The successful bidder shall be bound to make a 25% down payment on the price within 4 days of the date of the award and the balance shall be paid within 14 days or as the successful bidder agreed with the bank for payment arrangement. In event the balance is not paid within 14 days or as the successful bidder agreed with the bank for payment arrangement, the Seller shall forfeit the down payment and the next highest bidder shall be awarded the option to purchase.
- Members of the Public and/or bidders who are desirous of viewing and/or inspecting the property may do so subject to the appointment and prior consent of the Seller agent on the address below;

Ahmed El-Maamry and Maryam Ndama
0788 438640 or 0712 390460

- Bids mentioned in paragraph 3 hereinabove should be addressed to the address below;

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P.O. BOX 6707,
DAR ES SALAAM.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

We, DEV RECOVERIES LIMITED under the instruction of EQUITY BANK TANZANIA LIMITED to auction LANDED PROPERTY THAT SECURED LOAN OF OCEANIC RESORT/ FLORENCE RWEYEMAMU FRANCIS, we are giving notice of Fourteen days (14) for the debtor to pay the outstanding debts. If the debt is not paid within 14 days from this date, our further instructions are to conduct the sale of the mortgage property by PUBLIC AUCTION. The Public Auction of the Oceanic Resort/Florence Rweyemamu Francis located at Plot no. 1042-1049, Block "B" Mbweni Area, Dar Es Salaam with registration details CT no. 79320 and LO. No. 281643 will be conducted at the Landed property and as shown in the table hereunder;

DESCRIPTION OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY/PLOT

NO	NAME OF DEBTOR	LOCATION AND DETAILS OF THE PROPERTY	DATE AND TIME OF PUBLIC AUCTION
1.	OCEANIC RESORT/FLORENCE RWEYEMAMU FRANCIS	OCEANIC RESORT LOCATED AT PLOT NO. 1042-1049, BLOCK "B" MBWENI, DAR ES SALAAM. THE PROPERTY HAS SWIMMING POOL, 26 ROOMS (EXECUTIVE & STANDARD, RESTAURANT, GRILL & BAR MEASURING 10,500SQM.	29/12/2021 from 12:00pm

The auction will be held on 29th December 2021, All prospective, capable and interested buyers are hereby invited to inspect the property on the Following Terms and Condition:

TERMS AND CONDITION:

- The landed property should be sold on where is basis and in the state as it is.
- The buyer shall be required to pay 25% of the Auction price within the same day and the remaining 75% within (14) day's or as the buyer will agree with the bank, failure by the buyer to pay the remained balance during the stipulated time/agreed time will lead to forfeiture and the re-auctioning of the property.
- All costs of transfer of ownership shall be borne by the purchaser.
- Inspection of the mortgaged property will be conducted from the day of this advertisement from 08:00am and thereafter.



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SUGAR PLANT : MANUFACTURING / PROCESS

S/No	NAME OF THE POST	QUALIFICATION	EXPERIENCE	REQUIRED POSTS
1	Shift MFG Chemist (Sugar)	B.Sc. (Sugar Tech)	8 - 10 Years	2
2	Lab Chemist (WTP & ETP)	B.Sc.	5 - 8 Years	2
3	Juice Supervisor	Diploma/Above	8 - 10 Years	2
4	Evaporate Mate	Diploma/Above	8 - 10 Years	2
5	Vacuum Filter Mate	Diploma/Above	8 - 10 Years	2
6	SRTC (Juice Clarifier) Mate	Diploma/Above	8 - 10 Years	2
7	MOL Station Operator	Diploma/Above	5 - 6 Years	2
8	Pan In charge	Diploma/Above	8 - 10 Years	1
9	Pan man	Diploma/Above	8 - 10 Years	4
10	Batch machine Operator / C/F Operator- "A"	Diploma/Above	5 - 6 Years	2
11	Continuous Machine Operator	Diploma/Above	5 - 6 Years	4
12	Crystallizer Attendant	Diploma/Above	5 - 6 Years	3
13	Magma Attendant	Diploma/Above	5 - 6 Years	3
14	Melter Attendant	Diploma/Above	5 - 6 Years	3
15	Hopper Attendant	Diploma/Above	5 - 6 Years	3
16	Sugar House Clerk	B. Com	5 - 6 Years	1
17	Sugar House Helper	Diploma/Above	2 - 3 Years	4
18	Lab Boy Technician	Diploma/Above	2 - 3 Years	3
19	Centrifugal Helper	Diploma/Above	2 - 3 Years	4
20	Pan Helper	Diploma/Above	2 - 3 Years	4
21	WTP Operator	Diploma - Science or BSc	4 - 5 Years	3
22	ETP Operator	Diploma - Science or BSc	4 - 5 Years	3
23	WTP/ETP Helper	Diploma/Above	2 - 3 Years	6

SUGAR PLANT : ENGINEERING - MILL HOUSE

S/No	NAME OF THE POST	QUALIFICATION	EXPERIENCE	REQUIRED POSTS
1	Shift Engineer (Mill)	BA Mech / DME	8 - 10 Years	1
2	Shift Engineer (Process House)	BA Mech / DME	8 - 10 Years	1
3	DCS Operator Mill house	BA Mech / DME	6 - 8 Years	2
4	Draftsman Mechanical	Diploma / Certificate	6 - 8 Years	1
5	Mill Fitter A Grade	Certificate - Fitter	8-10 Years	1
6	Mill Fitter B Grade	Certificate- Fitter	4-5 Years	1
7	Hilo Unloader Operator	Certificate- Fitter	4-5 Years	2
8	Feeder Table Operator	Certificate- Fitter	4-5 Years	3
9	Mill Oilman	Certificate- Fitter	4-5 Years	2
10	Welder	Certificate in Welding or Equivalent	4-5 Years	3
11	Mill Fitter Helper	Certificate- Fitter	4-5 Years	6
12	Boiling House Fitter	Certificate Fitter	5 - 6 Years	2
13	Centrifugal Fitter	Certificate Fitter	5 - 6 Years	2
14	Workshop Machinist	Certificate Turner	5 - 6 Years	1
15	Workshop Turner	Certificate Fitter	5 - 6 Years	2
16	Fitter B Grade (Boiling House)	Certificate Fitter	3 - 4 Years	3
17	Workshop Helper	Certificate Fitter	2 - 3 Years	4
18	Fitter Helper	Certificate Fitter	2 - 3 Years	8
19	Store Keeper	Graduate Bachelor Degree	6 - 8 Years	1
20	Store Assistant	Diploma/Above	3-4 Years	2
21	Store Assistant Helpers	Diploma/Above	1-2 Years	2

SUGAR PLANT : ELECTRICAL & INSTRUMENTATION

S/No	NAME OF THE POST	QUALIFICATION	EXPERIENCE	REQUIRED POSTS
1	Instrument Junior Engineer	Diploma - BA Instrumentation	6-8 Years	1
2	Electrical Jr. Engineer	Diploma / BA - Electrical	5 - 6 Years	1
3	Instrument Technician / Mechanic	Certificate- Instrumentation /Electrical	6-8 Years	2
5	Weigh Bridge operator	Certificate- Instrumentation /Electrical	2 - 3 Years	2
6	Electrician	Certificate Electrical	8-10 Years	2
7	Wireman	Certificate Electrical	5-6 Years	3
8	Switch Board Operator	Certificate Electrical	5-6 Years	3
9	Line Supervisor	Certificate Electrical	6 - 8 Years	1
10	Lineman	Certificate Electrical	5-6 Years	1
11	Wireman Helper	Certificate Electrical	2-3 Years	6
12	Instrument Technician Helper	Certificate- Instrumentation /Electrical	2-3 Years	3
13	AC Technician	Certificate- Instrumentation /Electrical	4 - 5 Years	1
14	AC Technician Helper	Certificate - Instrumentation /Electrical	1 - 2 Years	1

SUGAR PLANT : ENGINEERING

S/No	NAME OF THE POST	QUALIFICATION	EXPERIENCE	REQUIRED POSTS
1	Shift Engineer (Boiler & Turbine)	BA Mech / DME	8 - 10 Years	2
2	DCS Operator (Boiler)	BA Mech / DME	8 - 10 Years	2
3	DCS Operator (Turbine)	BA Mech / DME	8 - 10 Years	2
4	Boiler Attender or Operator	Certificate Fitter or Equivalent	8 - 10 Years	2
5	Turbine Attender or Operator	Certificate Fitter or Equivalent	8 - 10 Years	2
6	Turbine Oilman	Certificate Fitter or Equivalent	5 - 6 Years	2
7	Boiler Fitter A Grade	Certificate Fitter or Equivalent	5 - 6 Years	2
8	Boiler fitter B Grade	Certificate Fitter or Equivalent	5 - 6 Years	3
9	Boiler Fireman	Certificate Fitter or Equivalent	5 - 6 Years	4
10	Feed Water Pump Attendant	Certificate Fitter or Equivalent	5 - 6 Years	3
11	Bagasse Yard Supervisor	Certificate Fitter or Equivalent	5 - 6 Years	3
12	Bagasse handling Operator	Certificate Fitter or Equivalent	5 - 6 Years	3
13	Ash handling Operator	Certificate Fitter or Equivalent	5 - 6 Years	3
14	Welder IBR / General (Each one)	Certificate Fitter or Equivalent	5 - 6 Years	2

Interested and eligible candidates may send their Resume/CV by Email along with Testimonials, Salary Proof, Qualification & Experience Certificates on Email ID recruitment@bagamoyosugar.com on or before **30 .12.21**. Only Candidates that meet above criteria will be called for interview.

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Independence Day address did justice to 60 years' achievements, aspirations

President Samia Suluhu Hassan issued a moving speech on the night before celebrating 60 years of independence of Tanganyika, where she put a stamp on indelible marks of progress and aspirations at the moment. While in past years many in the country took the national airline as something that we can't run and tried all sorts of formulas, now the president says we have made down payment for yet another batch of give aircraft. It is an amazing situation to add to still formidable achievements, not least of which is the surprising manner in which our hospital facilities and expertise dwarf most other systems regionally, now.

In remarks concerning the road network, the president noted that Tanzania was a large country where the tarmac road network that we have at present would for some other countries - meaning with regionally large sizes or populations comparable to ours - be the entire length of all their roads. Quite often analysts or commentators miss out this aspect, as to how difficult it is to ring a spacious country like Tanzania with a network of tarmac roads. Former President Jakaya Kikwete once narrated that the fourth phase worked to complete total regional links on tarmac.

Given the good work done by the fifth phase and continuing at present, the work now being pursued is to complete linking all districts by tarmac road, on the basis of the president's remarks. It means it isn't a dream that will take time to be realised but something that is

being done right now.

And noticeably, the fifth phase succeeded in raising popular expectations of what the government is capable of achieving, standards that were taken up in earnest by the sixth phase, and stand to durably mark the pace of work that has improved during the past half decade. It is a modernisation of governance, greater effectiveness.

There were equally interesting aspects the president focused upon, though of varying degrees of likely appreciation, for instance that there are 17 political parties that are seeking temporary registration. That this is the case at present shows that a new sense of freedom is creeping up in society, and at the same time indicates affinities and potential alliances at the political level. Forming new political parties isn't just an illustration that scores of people want to challenge the ruling party, but also that they don't have as much faith in the current leading voices in opposition. It is a contentious renewal of political life as such.

Still the most remarkable achievement that we may perhaps point out for the past 60 years is fairly recent, namely the death of the president while in office, and moving to a completely smooth transition with full loyalty of state institutions. This is a remarkable testimony of the resilience and appropriateness of our constitutional structures and the wider governance framework generally, despite that considerable numbers of experts and pundits keep repeating the constitution needs to be overhauled.

Human Rights Day: A moment to reflect on the world's most essential collective demand

Human Rights Day is marked annually across the world on December 10 each year, following a United Nations General Assembly resolution back in 1950 to have an international observance day on the matter. It was close to two years after the UN adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948, an effort to sketch out values that are indisputable for the whole of humanity, above the din of moral and ideological contentions of the post-WW2 world, and as they have developed since then. The notion of human rights and their recognition in governance dwarfs all other goals, values held by all social groups.

In marking this day, President Samia Suluhu Hassan gave a stylish indication of the spirit of this day in her pre-celebration nationwide address, pointing at the decision to allow a return to formal schooling for absentee pupils or those who faced various challenges.

There was no mention of pregnancy as such or that one is now a mother, as that is simply a challenge that the youthful citizen will have faced, which doesn't call for a harsh position by society. Another discussant, Prof. John Ruhangisa who taught law and later was Registrar for the East African Court of Justice (EACJ) remarked in a symposium in Dar es Salaam that human rights observation in governance needs sympathy, not routine minded conservatism.

Human Rights Day is marked on December 10 as it was the day in 1948 that the universal declaration was

adopted by the General Assembly, urging all member states and interested organizations to mark the day as they saw fit. Chroniclers say that it is usually marked by high-level political conferences and meetings and by cultural events and exhibitions to illustrate the human rights situation around the world. Human rights is a gold standard, a sort of mercury to evaluate other political and moral values in society, that so long as they have to skip essential aspects of human rights, there is something wrong with them.

Chroniclers observe that although the universal declaration with its broad range of political, civil, economic, social and cultural rights isn't a binding document, it inspired more than 60 human rights United Nations instruments which together constitute an international standard of human rights.

The manner in which Tanzania has lately changed policy course is an illustration as on the basis of the local balance of forces, in terms of sentiment or moral expression, the shift would not have taken place. But those in authority decided that it was pointless to combat a point of view that sympathises with those who find themselves facing such challenges. What they need is help, not judgment.

It isn't surprising that the policy shift is the country's most notable gift to the world for this year's anniversary. Some critics insist that it is schooling, health care and employment which are critical to human rights. They have a point, but liberty is more than social facilities.

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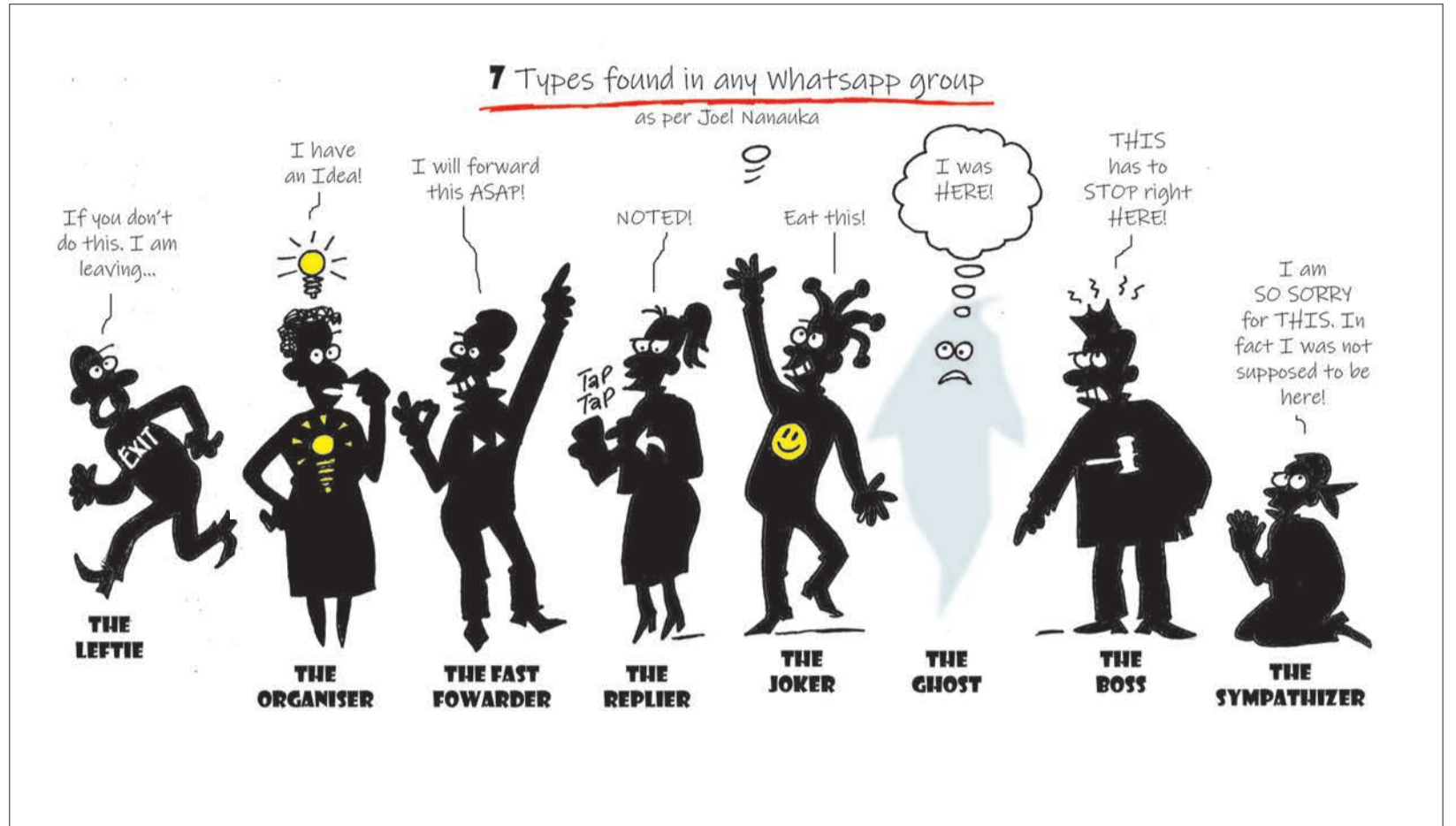
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Let us reform or disband Nigeria's NYSC

By Anthony Kila

THE National Youths Service Corps, established in 1973, will be 50 years in 2023, when a new government will come into power. Anthony Kila argues that the idea of governing Gen Z with rules and schemes invented in 1973 is simply ridiculous and destined to fail

Dear Readers

As politicians and the media guide us to and through the maze of possibilities, permutations and speculations around 2023 as a prelude to new a beginning in Nigeria, here is an item for discussion and a proposed agenda for those planning to lead in 2023: Let us radically reform or disband the National Youths Service Corp (NYSC).

An aside, if you are over 50 years old today or younger but familiar with the history of Nigeria, I know what you are thinking and I can guess your facial expression seeing Kila writing about NYSC. Yes, I am laughing too so please feel free to enjoy your laughter.

The most obvious reason to reform or disband the NYSC is that of safety but that is a mere but crucial topical issue. The security situation in the country has muffled the sense of adventure in potential corps members and transformed the feel and aroma of NYSC into anxiety. Thus arrival of the NYSC call in Nigeria of today makes parents and guardians of young certified learned adults close to being called to join the NYSC pray and fast that their young ones are not sent to volatile areas of the country. To top up their fasting and praying, many Nigerians resolve to looking for who can influence their postings. Can you in knowledge and conscience blame them? The link between their anxiety and acts of nepotism and corruption does not need much explanation.

Let us remind ourselves, the NYSC is mandatory one year scheme for graduates who finish their tertiary education under the age of 30 years. A sort of conscription for graduates that was created in 1973 with a military decree as part of efforts to reconstruct, reconcile and rebuild Nigeria after the civil war. Part of its main aim was to be a vehicle that will foster development of common ties amongst the youths of Nigeria and to promote national unity. Decree No. 24 was the establishment decree.

Regardless of what you think of the NYSC, I think it is safe to argue that the profile, configuration



and mode of operation of the organisation would be rather different if conceived under a democratic process and not as a response to a dramatic situation like war. Military decrees and all forms of executive orders are generally swift but rarely capable of taking account of sensibilities and sustainability. A democratic country should not be guided by decrees and civil society should as much as possible review laws and practices conceived under military and emergency duress.

At best, the idea of the NYSC is to give young graduates a chance to discover parts of the country, people and cultures of the country alien to them with the aim of making them more Nigerian. This seems laudable but after a closer look, a question pops up: why is it the business of the government to force young Nigerians to discover other parts of Nigeria? The mindset that conceives such idea is mindset that prioritises identity over functionality.

It is a wrong and lazy way of thinking. Nigerians do not mistrust themselves because they do not know each other. Nigerians mistrust themselves because those in power fail to provide enough services and opportunities for all but insist on rationing insufficient services and opportunities through nepotism, tribalism and other forms of favouritism at the detriment of merit.

Classroom is the place to learn about people, places and culture. If travel one must, then let the national tourism industry grow. Let state governments focus on making their states attractive to the curious,

needy and adventurous. Let the Federal Government make sure that the constitution reign supreme so that any Nigerian can be himself or herself within the provisions of the law in any part of Nigeria.

In practice, the NYSC is a very widely used means to substitute for large deficiencies of the country like teaching. It is shockingly amazing how we as a people fail to see the dangerous error in allowing youth corpors to teach in our classrooms instead of insisting on professionally trained teachers who are in the profession because they want to. I have an information for you: It was one thing to know Maths, Economics, Biology or Literature, it is another thing to how to teach it. The fact that we do not consider this simple fact is a grave indictment of our consideration for education and one of the strong reasons why our educational system is failing.

Times have changed and a lot has happened since May 1973 when the NYSC was invented. The easiest thing to do is to scrap the scheme. We have two years to think of what to do with it. By 2023 when a new government will come into power and the NYSC will be 50 years old, many of those billed to serve will probably be young adults born in 2000. We are talking generation Z here. The idea of governing Gen Z with rules and schemes invented in 1973 is simply ridiculous and destined to fail.

My fellow trained teachers know curriculums are currently being modified to suit Gen Z. There is no point saying they are spoilt, strange or overpampered, they are simply

different. Evolution is real, we have the fortune of misfortune of dealing with a new breed of human species born into a digital and highly interconnected world. Everything is optional for them. Coercion is an aberration they don't get; sanctions and threats are concepts alien and empty to them. They are born to be motivated, incentivised and recognised.

The easiest thing to do is to scrap the scheme. We have two years to think of what to do with it. If we do not want to disband the NYSC here is an option: Let us make NYSC optional and specialised. Let it be a full voluntary military service that allows only those who want to join do so for one year and with that they get the option to, depending on their interest and ability, join the armed forces, custom, police and other security services as trained graduates.

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Climate crisis exacerbates urban inequality in Latin America

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The Brazilian megalopolis of São Paulo recorded 932 flooded premises on Feb. 10, 2020. The Mexican city of Tula de Allende was under water for 48 hours in September 2021. In Lima it almost never rains, but the rivers in the Peruvian capital overflowed in 2017 and left several outlying municipalities covered with mud.

Floods have become increasingly frequent in large Latin American cities, probably due to the effects of global warming and also to local factors, such as the extensive areas of concrete and asphalt that have replaced vegetation.

Extreme weather events are aggravating inequality “in a Latin America that has the most inequitable societies in the world,” said engineer Manuel Rodríguez, professor emeritus at the Universidad de los Andes who served as Colombia’s first minister of environment and sustainable development (1993-1996).

“The poorest of the poor live in shantytowns and slums in the areas most vulnerable to environmental risks, on undevelopable land along riverbanks or in the foothills,” where they are tragically affected by floods and landslides, he told IPS by telephone from Bogotá.

This is especially important in Latin America, the world’s most urban region, where one in five people live in cities.

Thus, in addition to the 932 points of flooding reported to the fire department on Feb. 10, 2020, São Paulo also suffered 166 landslides that destroyed many houses. No deaths were reported on that day, but torrential rains usually claim lives in Greater São Paulo, which is home to 22 million people.

Brazil’s largest city, which spreads among rolling hills and numerous small valleys, has many neighborhoods that have had to learn to cope with flooding in the rainiest summers. This is due to the 300 streams that crisscross the area, most of which are covered by avenues or enclosed in channels that are unable to contain heavy downpours.

A good part of the 1.28 million inhabitants of the “favelas” or shantytowns of São Paulo, according to the 2010 official census, live on low-lying land, often along streams, without sanitation, and



Long staircases, like the ones in this section of the Pavão-Pavãozinho favela, are the daily slog of residents of the steep hillside slums of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil – a symbol of Latin America’s urban inequalities. CREDIT: Fabiola Ortiz/IPS

they are the first victims of floods. The poor make up 11 percent of the population of São Paulo proper.

In Rio de Janeiro there are also riverside favelas, but the ones built on hillsides or on the tops of hills that separate the city and some neighborhoods are much better known. The risk in these areas is landslides, which have killed many people.

In Brazil’s second largest city, favelas are home to 1.39 million people, 22 percent of the total population, according to the 2010 census.

“The topography allows them to live close to their jobs” so the choice is “between formal employment or living where housing is cheaper,” said Carolina Guimarães, coordinator of Rede Nossa São Paulo, a non-governmental organization that seeks to promote a “fair, democratic and sustainable” city.

Lima, which has 10 million inhabitants, and other cities in Peru and Ecuador were victims of El Niño Costero, a climatic phenomenon that warms the waters of the Pacific Ocean but only near these two countries, where it also leads to more intense rainfall.

These and other Andean countries also face the threat of melting glaciers that could deprive the population of

the Andes highlands of water, said Rodríguez. In the Caribbean, the biggest threat is hurricanes, which are becoming more frequent and more intense.

Greater poverty, more impacts

In addition to the fact that these phenomena hit the poor harder in Latin America, in the world’s most unequal region the poor have fewer resources to overcome the losses caused by the climate crisis, added the Colombian expert.

“Buying a new refrigerator and other appliances damaged each time it floods costs them much more. Poverty is a cause, driving them to disaster, and also a consequence of the disasters themselves,” said Guimarães, a former knowledge management coordinator at UN Habitat, the UN agency for human settlements.

It is a perverse logic.

The real estate business drives up the costs of the best, safest sites complete with infrastructure and services. There are too many at-risk areas where the poor “build their homes with their own hands,” without the support of a

public policy that ensures them housing with “access to the city,” she told IPS by telephone from São Paulo.

“There is a spatial inequality that results from the low-density expansion model of cities, which pushes low-income families to the periphery, makes access to public transportation difficult and requires long commutes,” said Pablo Lazo, director of Urban Development and Accessibility at the World Resources Institute (WRI) in Mexico. WRI Mexico designed the Urban Inequality Index (UDD), a tool for the formulation of public policies, which initially covers 74 metropolitan areas. It measures the public’s access to formal employment and services such as education, health and transportation, as well as food and culture.

This urbanization model also gives rise to shantytowns in risky areas, “a constant pattern that is repeated in Mexico City, whose eastern neighborhoods are built on hillsides, where water runs off very quickly, fueling landslides,” he said in an interview with IPS via video call from the Mexican capital.

Greater Mexico City is home to nearly 20 million people.

Rodríguez said this precariousness “is a widespread phenomenon in Latin

America and the Caribbean, where 25 percent of the urban population lives in informal settlements.” Pushed to the periphery, where land is cheaper, but there are no jobs or public services, nor urbanization, the poor prefer slums near the center, he said.

Making inequality even more glaring

“The covid-19 pandemic laid bare the inequalities,” Lazo stressed.

As an example, he said “there were more deaths on the eastern periphery of Mexico City, where inequality is greater. One factor is distance: it takes five times longer to get to the hospital from the periphery than from the center, so many people don’t even take patients to the hospital.”

In addition, without water for hygiene and hand washing, the disease spreads more readily among the poor.

There is also a disparate power relationship between cities themselves. Tula de Allende, a city of 115,000 inhabitants located 70 kilometers north of the Mexican capital, suffered a major two-day flood in September 2021, not only because of the rains.

Mexico City’s water authorities discharged an excess of rainwater and wastewater into the Tula River that could flood the capital and its outlying neighborhoods, to the detriment of the city downstream, where the river overflow displaced more than 10,000 people and left a hospital without electricity, resulting in the death of 16 patients.

Concerted action is needed. A new governance model based on planning and coordination at a citywide level could be the way forward, said Lazo.

In Rio de Janeiro, Aruan Braga, urban policy coordinator for the Favelas Observatory, told IPS that “building a more equitable and democratic city requires including, in planning, low-income areas that sustain the city in day-to-day life but don’t have the right to participate in decision-making.”

Favelas lining hills are the best-known image of Rio de Janeiro, but there is also a large vulnerable population in low-lying, flood-prone areas. One example is the Maré Complex, where some 130,000 people live in 16 favelas.

On the shores of Guanabara Bay and the Cunha channel, so polluted they are like an open sewer, the complex suffers “floods every year,” said Braga, a sociologist with a master’s degree in development policies, who explained that the Maré Complex was built on a large piece of land reclaimed from mangroves and flood plains.

It was built by settlers relocated from more central favelas or from wealthy and beachside neighborhoods five decades ago, in a wave of “expulsion” from favelas that continues today. Maré also grew because it is next to Avenida Brasil, the main access route to the city center, and because it is home to industrial facilities.

New policies for a new model

The four interviewees agreed that public policies are needed to make it possible to start reducing urban inequality in Latin America.

Lazo highlighted the need for mechanisms to control the market’s “greed”, such as a requirement that private housing projects include low-cost units.

“In France that proportion is 50 percent,” he said, to illustrate.

Braga said one good possibility for reducing the housing deficit in Rio de Janeiro would be by allocating empty public buildings to social housing. There are many unused state-owned buildings because the city was the capital of the country until 1960.

Movements seeking community solutions, “social urbanism”, urban agriculture and mobilization of the population for a more equitable and inclusive city point to the future, according to Guimarães.

Her Rede Nossa São Paulo has conducted studies on inequality that pointed to a difference of up to 22.6 years – from 58.3 to 80.9 years – in life expectancy between poor and rich neighborhoods in the city.

Bogotá is in the process of organizing its territorial planning and there is talk of the “30-minute city”, following the example of Paris, which seeks to ensure that no one has to walk more than 15 minutes to do everything they need, Rodríguez said, describing a new model in Latin America.



This favela is next to a middle-class neighborhood in São Bernardo do Campo, the former capital of the automobile industry on the outskirts of São Paulo. The industry attracted migrants from other parts of the country who, without the jobs they dreamed of, could only build their precarious houses on occupied land on a hillside. CREDIT: Mario Osava/IPS

Nairobi

ECW joins call to action on protection from gender-based violence in emergencies

The statistics are dire: One in three women have experienced a form of gender-based violence in their lifetime, be it sexual violence, physical violence, or child marriage. The message is clear: Women and girls deserve a safer, brighter future - free from gender-based violence.

For those living in protracted crises, the risks are compounded as these often create new risks for girls forced to travel long distances to and from schools and learning spaces, or the lack of safe and gender-segregated WASH facilities. These risks, in turn, often compel families to keep their girls out of school and even to marry them off as children to reduce the risk of gender-based violence in and around schools.

This is why Education Cannot Wait (ECW) - the UN global fund for education in emergencies - has become the first global fund to join the Call to Action on Protection from Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies. The 'Call to Action' is a multi-stakeholder initiative to transform how gender-based violence is addressed in humanitarian emergencies. ECW made the announcement during the '16 Days of Activism against Violence against Women and Girls' campaign that kicked off on November 25 and ends on December 10.

"To no one is the campaign so real as it is for girls and adolescent girls who want to go to school, but face gender-based violence in emergency and protracted crisis contexts. These girls fear for their lives, they fear for their security, and they desperately need safe learning spaces so they can reach their full potential and be assured of their inherent human right to live free from fear and violence and to quality education," said Yasmine Sherif, Director of Education Cannot Wait.

Sherif is talking about the one in four children in Africa who live in conflict zones. She is also referring to UNESCO projections which show that 9 million girls between 6-11 years of age - compared with 6 million boys of the same age - living in sub-Saharan Africa will never go to school. These estimates were before the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, with school closures and COVID-19 restrictions, the situation has worsened.

The United Nations estimates that women and girls together account for 72 per cent of all human trafficking victims reported globally. Three out of four child trafficking victims are girls. A majority of women and girls are trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation. Globally, 15 million adolescent girls, aged 15-19 years, have experienced forced sex.

ECW points out that in armed conflicts, forced displacement, climate-induced disasters and protracted crises, gender-based violence risks are exacerbated, increasing the challenges already faced by girls, adolescent girls and women, as they are disproportionately affected by the impact of emergencies on education.



Yasmine Sherif, Director of Education Cannot Wait, on a recent visit to a refugee site in the village of Modale, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo where children's education is being supported. Sherif says for those living in protracted crises, the risks of GBV are compounded. Courtesy: Education Cannot Wait

Although education is a fundamental human right for all children and adolescents, ECW finds that families are more likely to prioritize boys' education, choosing not to pay for girls' school fees, uniforms and other supplies as a result of the economic impact of

armed conflicts, forced displacement and other crises.

Sherif and other experts in girls' education emphasize that better-designed education programmes with a strong, gender-sensitive, protection component can help mitigate such risk - by keeping

girls and women safer and supporting them when they experience gender-based violence. This provides them with the skills and knowledge they need to improve their own lives.

Joining forces with more than 95 stakeholders including govern-

ments, UN agencies, international NGOs, donors, and local civil society organizations, ECW "aims to contribute to change and foster accountability from the humanitarian system to address gender-based violence from the earliest phases of a crisis."

As the United Nations global fund for education in emergencies and protracted crises, ECW is positioned to make and implement bold commitments to support gender-based violence risk mitigation.

The 16 Days campaign, which this year has the theme, 'Orange the world: End violence against women now!', has become an important rallying point to raise awareness and make a difference.

Mary Chepkwony, a field coordinator for the Kenya-based Rural Women Peace Link tells IPS that bold commitments to safeguard the rights of women, girls and adolescent girls are timely and critical.

"Gender-based violence cases are on an unprecedented increase, hence the need to strengthen local- and rural-based women organizations to improve the safety and security of women and girls," she says.

Concerns are rife that COVID-19-driven economic insecurity is increasing girls and women's vulnerability to gender-based violence in homes globally. Additionally, school-related gender-based violence is a major obstacle to universal schooling and the right to education for girls.

Meaningful partnerships with local women organizations are crucial for the design and implementation of safe, quality and inclusive education to ensure that girls are not left behind.

"This week, Education Cannot Wait launched two new guidance notes on gender-based violence risk mitigation measures and meaningful engagement of local women organizations," says Sherif. These guidance notes will help ECW and its partners to support commitments to eliminate gender-based violence risks among women, girls and adolescent girls.

These short and practical guidance notes are based on global best practices and are being systematically integrated in the design and implementation of EWC-supported investments.

"We firmly believe that education in emergencies and protracted crises can greatly contribute to reducing the incidence of gender-based violence by creating safer education in emergency programming. Girls' access, retention, and learning outcomes can only increase, creating a lasting positive impact on their communities," says Sherif.

She explains that education in emergencies programming and protection - particularly gender-based violence risk mitigation - reinforce each other and when combined, can lead to positive outcomes for girls and their communities.

Chepkwony applauds these efforts, saying ongoing risk mitigation efforts around the world are a step in the right direction for the safety of women and girls.

ECW already supports these risk mitigation measures across its broad global portfolio. For instance, in Syria and Somalia, referral mechanisms to the gender-based violence sub-cluster were established to ensure disclosure of cases are dealt with according to best practice.



All girls have a fundamental right to access safe, quality and inclusive education. Education Cannot Wait believes women and girls need a brighter future, without fear of gender-based violence. Credit: Joyce Chimbi

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Bank of Africa launches bancassurance services

By Guardian Reporter

BANK of Africa (BOA) has launched its bancassurance services in collaboration with Alliance life and Alliance General Insurance dubbed; "Bima Kwanza", which is set to bring changes in the insurance market in Tanzania.

The new service is also aimed at promoting financial inclusion and making the bank as a one stop center for all its clients' needs.

Speaking during the launch, BOA Managing Director and CEO, Adam Mihayo said: "We are happy to launch the product because Bancassurance is becoming an important factor to support the overall growth of the financial services industry in many markets."

"The partnership between banks and insurance companies has significant benefits to clients as it enables them to

get an expanded products and services suite, and also helps from a risk coverage perspective for potential default situations in case unforeseen occurrences happen to them," he said.

Mihayo lauded the Tanzania Insurance Regulatory Authority and the Bank of Tanzania for issuing the Bancassurance guidelines for banks and financial institutions in 2019, saying: "This highlights that they demonstrate a positive collaboration and development by the two regulators to enable growth and expansion in this segment through a coordinated and regulated manner."

Mihayo said: "The government is keen to see every Tanzanian has access to financial services. In this context we are pleased to introduce to you "Bima Kwanza". This will not only help our clients in securing their funds and wealth, but also their peace of mind and thus their wellbeing."

BOA principal officer Eva Kakwale also said: "Another advantage is the leverage we have with our network, customers can now access insurance services in all the locations that BOA is located all the way from Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, Arusha, Dodoma and all the strategic locations in major cities in the II regions that we are present in Tanzania."

"BOA will now become your one stop shop. The bancassurance distribution model allows our customers to get their insurance products along with an amalgamation of other financial services under one roof. Insurance used to be the missing piece of the puzzle which now Bancassurance completes. There are many more advantages to this but as a bank we offer our assurance of the best value for money," the official said.

Alliance Life Assurance Limited, chief executive officer, Byford Mutimusakwa said: "We're excited about 'Bima Kwanza'

milestone in which we are an active partner. We've partnered with BOA in developing innovative products and winning strategies for the BOA bancassurance distribution channel. Through this partnership we are going to offer exceptionally and uniquely value adding life insurance solutions to our mutual clients."

Mutimusakwa added that his firm provides superior products and services such as group life products, credit life products, embedded products and individual life products—education policies, keyman policies, protection and investment policies for the benefit of Tanzanians.

"The Alliance Life Partnership with BOA Bank will enable the Bank to become a one Stop shop for banking and insurance services through the branch network of BOA Bank. This will give BOA Bank a competitive advantage in the market."

This is clearly a Win-Win partnership for

all stakeholders. This will surely increase insurance penetration in Tanzania."

Mutimusakwa further said that Alliance Life Assurance Limited is a leading life insurance company and one of the fastest growing life insurance companies in Tanzania. We have been in the market for 23 years. Some of the large claims that we have paid include 2.9bn/- (2019); 1bn/- (2021) several claims between 500m/- and 1bn/-.

"This goes to prove our financial muscle and our commitment to service delivery. This is aptly captured in our values which are Integrity, commitment, speed and passion." Alliance General, chief executive officer; Rajiv Kumar has said that Banca distribution channel has become a strong channel in order to make insurance products accessible to a large number of Tanzanians, which aims to improve the penetration of insurance in all regions of the country.

ZIC marks 60 years of independence in style

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR Insurance Corporation (ZIC) has marked the 60 years of the Independence of Tanzania mainland by launching an ambitious campaign called "Wese ndio mchongo" which provides opportunities for its customers across the country to refill their vehicles.

Speaking at the launch of the three-month campaign in Dar es Salaam yesterday, ZIC director of trade and investment, Mohammedi Ameir said the campaign targets comprehensive insurance customers who would be in a position to win up to 100 litres of fuel.

"Zanzibar Insurance Corporation is an organisation that caters to many people from both sides that is Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar and we have always been closer to our customers. In view of this we decided to come up with this

kind of offer to our customers so that they can joyfully celebrate the important celebration in the country," he said.

Speaking further at the event, the head of sales ZIC post office branch in Dar es Salaam Amina Mohammed said in order for a customer to enter the oil refill drawer he/she must register for the comprehensive insurance at ZIC's offices across the country.

"What determines the amount of fuel that a customer deserves is his or her luck in choosing a small ball with a paper inside labeled the amount of fuel he or she has won so that he can get his fuel through various petrol stations anywhere in the country," he said.

The campaign will last for three months, aiming to reach all Zanzibar Insurance Company customers throughout Tanzania, with the motto "Wese Ndio Mchongo, Kata Bima Tukuja Wese".



Zanzibar Insurance Corporation (ZIC) officials led by the corporation's director of trade and investment, Mohammedi Ameir (2nd L) show journalists (not pictured) special balls containing different figures (number) indicating the amount of fuel to be offered to the winners of the "Wese Ndio Mchongo, Kata Bima Tukuja Wese" campaign that provides an opportunity for ZIC's customers across the country to refill their vehicles, as a gift to celebrate 60 years of the independence of Tanzania mainland as well as the 58th anniversary of the Zanzibar Revolution. The campaign was launched in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

NECTA outlines achievements during 60 years of independence

By Guardian Reporter

IN commemorating 60 years of Tanganyika's independence, the National Examinations Council of Tanzania (NECTA) has outlined various achievements by the council that enabled it to operate in a modern way, including the use of modern equipment.

NECTA Executive Secretary, Dr Charles Msonde says in the past the printing of examination papers and related paperwork was done in black and white, the situation that made it hard for students to understand the question(s) from what they had been taught in class when it was in color.

However, he adds: "From efforts of the various phases of the government, the Council was able to buy printing equipment that could print examinations papers in color."

Dr Msonde says that the government has done a great job improving the printing unit, as students' certificates used to be imported.

"The Council was thus able to buy modern printing machines that incorporated security marks on the certificates it issues, and these are more of high quality than those that came from foreign,"

Dr Msonde says in an interview.

In the past, he says the counting and packaging of examination papers and related paperwork used to be done manually and involved a lot of teachers from within and outside the Council, the job that consumed a lot of time.

"As for now purchasing two modern electronic poly wrapping machines, that job was now being done by the machines that have speeded up the work."

In regard to the machines that pack examination papers, Dr Msonde says due to Tanzania's policy of inclusive education, the government facilitated the Council to purchase five machines that print braille scripts for blind students.

He adds that in the 60 years since independence, NECTA was able to go with time by using various ICT systems in its daily operations, noting that the machines include those for registering primary school students (PREMs) by using computers that have done away with challenges faced by teachers having to travel to NECTA offices to present CDs that contained candidates' particulars.

Dr Msonde further says the council continues to



NECTA Executive Secretary, Dr Charles Msonde

improve its systems by creating a new system for taking pictures of students who were registered in their registration records both for PreM and PREMs.

He said heads of primary and secondary schools take pictures of candidates using mobile phones and the particu-

lars directly go into the database for record-keeping. "The system has enabled the Council to save more than 2.1bn/- that was being used in the past paying photographers who take pictures of students at schools and submit them to the Council, stressed Dr Msonde.

Another system that

has changed the image of NECTA is the digital system of Primary Schools Statistics Form Number 9 (TSM9) (pupils' enrolment data system), which for a long time teachers were having difficulty filling in student information by hand on those forms.

"The work was time-consuming and costly for

the government. In view of the inconvenience caused by teachers and with the aim of simplifying the work and reducing the use of government funds; NECTA created the system that facilitates digital access to TSM9.

"The system also facilitated the sending of digital forms wherever need-

ed including the school, council, and national level. The system was created which saved the use of 2.3bn/- used to print hard copies annually and distributed to the regions for distribution at council and School level," emphasizes Dr. Msonde.

The council also improved Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE) marking process by using information and communications technology (ICT), which started last year. "This digital marking system of correction was previously created by experts from the UK-based company called (DRS), which was cost the country a lot of money," he says.

As a result of this success, the National Examinations Council has been able to overcome the dependency on using software created by the UK-based company—DRS, which despite being costly in making systemic updates; dependence compromised the security of the processed data.

According to the NECTA boss, Tanzanians should be proud of because the Tanzania Examinations Council is a role model in Africa. This is due to the facilitation of government; the council has been able to create a system to facilitate the enroll-

ment of students to join universities and colleges online.

Using our IT experts, the council created an Application Program Interface (API) that enables the systems of universities colleges, Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU), the National Council for Technical Education (NACTE), and the Employment Secretariat to contact the NECTA's examination results system.

Dr Msonde adds that the system has enabled Tanzanians who want to further their education to apply for admission without submitting their certificates unlike in the past where they had to walk with their certificates in order to apply for admission to colleges.

The 48 year-old NECTA has been marking using different centers such as teachers' training colleges, secondary schools, and other institutions.

Dr Msonde says in order to reduce the overlap of work between the Examinations Council and the Institutions used for the examination marking process, the government has dishied out funds for building marking center at Mbezi Wani in Dar es Salaam, with the capacity to hold 900 markers at once.

APDA young leaders devise solutions for the future

Seoul, South Korea

Whether you look at society, the environment, or technology - the world is changing rapidly. Global organizations strive to adapt to this change. The United Nations, for example, has developed the Sustainable Development Goals as a blueprint for human development.

Youth must and should be at the forefront when tackling the changing world. Consequently, a socially literate, educated generation equipped to tackle these challenges is crucial, and many institutions are taking up this challenge.

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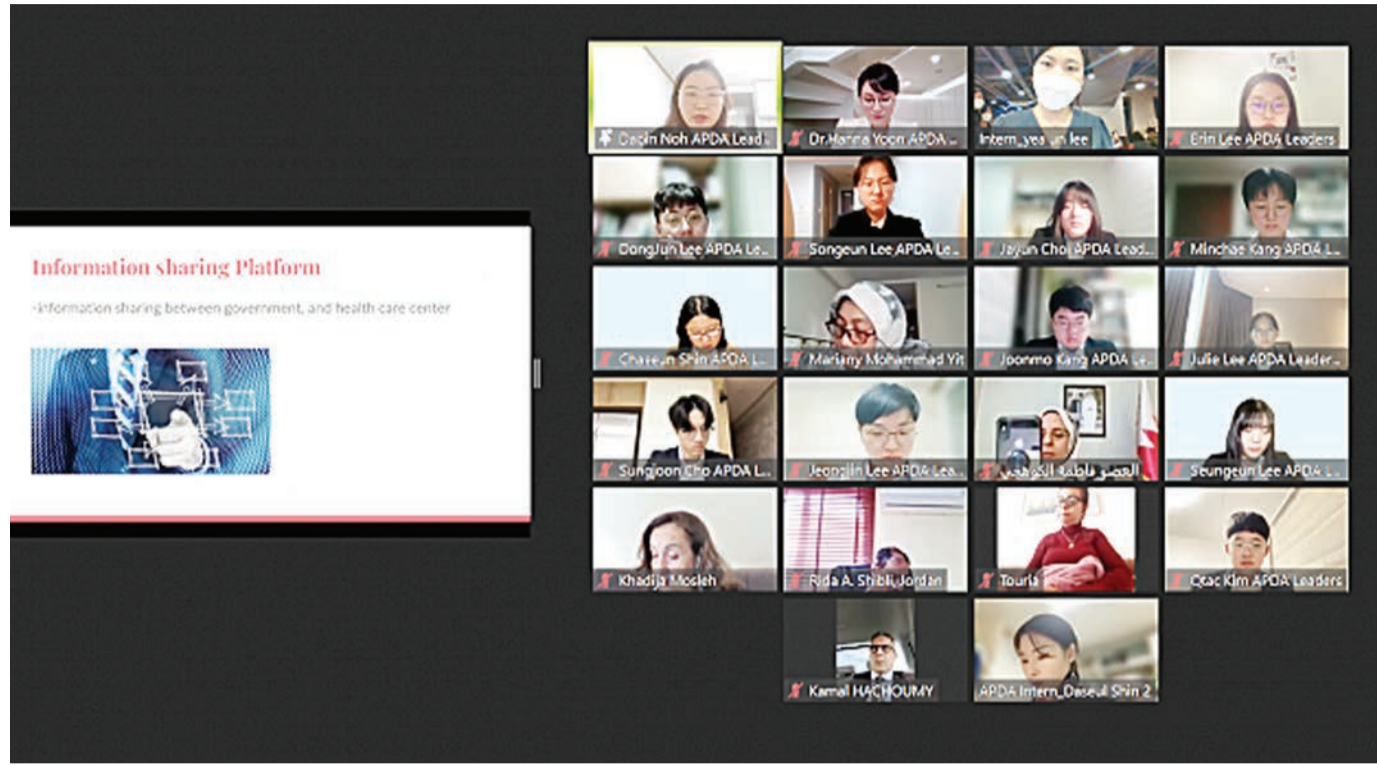
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The APDA Global Young Leaders' Course is one such initiative. It has just completed its first year, supported by UNFPA, IPPF, and AFPPD.

The program's founder Dr Hanna Yoon says future societal issues will be complex and multifaceted.

She wanted "to create a program where young leaders could learn to explore the relationships between two seemingly unrelated ideas."

Yoon devised the Leaders' Course



Representatives from the APDA Global Young Leaders' Course during their presentations to the Asian and Arab parliamentarians, with Dr Hanna Yoon, who led the first youth course. Credit: APDA

to help students develop skills to assist them in dealing with diversity. The course curriculum brought them in contact with unique ideas and perspectives, leadership through teamwork, and the ability to solve problems.

The program effectively combines a holistic curriculum and active learning tech-

niques. APDA's holistic curriculum, which featured ten different experts, seeks to prepare students for the multicultural societies of the future.

Dr Helen Lee taught students about the design thinking process, which they would later utilize in their projects.

Dr Osamu Kusumoto, APDA's secretary-general, spoke

about population issues.

Students learned how to initiate and manage innovative startups from Semoon Yoon from the World Economic Forum (WEF).

The vice executive director of Okayama University, Professor Mitsunobu Kano, introduced solutions that use medical care for social issues.

Farhana Haque Rahman, senior vice president of IPS, encouraged the students to write journals and spoke about the role of media in contemporary society.

Dr David Smith, associate professor, Anglia Ruskin University, lectured on the correlation between ethnicity and inequality in global health.

Siobhán Tracey from Concern Worldwide Korea informed the students about the cause and impact of hunger.

UNFPA regional advisor Dr Rintaro Mori gave a lecture on aging and low birth rate.

Kevin Sanjoto, the group CEO at Alfabeta, taught about the fourth industrial revolution with its components of artificial intelligence (AI), robotics, and more, which can solve social problems.

Finally, Mr Saroj Dash, the director of the international programs of Concern Worldwide Korea, taught about climate-smart agriculture.

The course also featured various active learning opportunities, which prompted students to develop their knowledge and skills. They participated in discussions, carried out group activities, and gave presentations based on what they - and their teammates - had learned.

These problem-solving activities encouraged students to explore the material on their own. They based their learning on the design thinking process, which allowed students to consider a fundamental problem and independently create a solution.

on their interests in the global issues identified.

These issues included technological inequality among different social classes, another was negligent/careless littering, and a third was an unimformed citizenry.

The first team spoke about utilizing technology to empower social minorities and resolve poverty.

Their presentation included proposals like involving the youth in smart agriculture.

The second team discussed ways to reduce littering while increasing recycling. They introduced an application that utilizes collective intelligence to map out trash cans in public spaces.

The third and final team spoke about the need for an information-sharing system between government departments and firms. They used the Australian precedent to support their views on sharing health information.

Moreover, they devised a plan to call on the youth to combat the older persons' issues with internet technology.

After the presentation, teams answered questions and debated their ideas with Arab and Asian parliamentarians.

The open discussion ranged from general feedback and questions of how to encourage the youth to participate in inquiries regarding several policies proposed by the teams. Delegates also asked the students to collaborate with the youth in their countries.

Students eagerly responded to their offers, hoping to maintain a close and steady relationship in the future.

It pushes students to challenge their pre-existing beliefs and understand the nuances behind various social issues. It also provides students with the right tools to harness the information they learned.

This process has helped us uncover our potential as the leaders of the 21st century.

At the end of the course, the future leaders presented at a youth forum. The teams then spoke to parliamentarians about the proposals they had been developing throughout the course. The students joined teams based

• This opinion editorial was written by the APDA Global Young Leaders' Course students. The writers are all school-going pupils selected by their schools. This is the first in a series of opinion editorials written by participants on the 2021 course.

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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

3 LETTERS: CAB, INN, MOB
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5 LETTERS: RAIDS, NIGER, NOVEL, SOBER ORIBI (5 WORDS)
6 LETTERS: ARDENT, REASON, RIDERS, BRAZIL PLEASE (5 WORDS)
7 LETTERS: MINERAL
8 LETTERS: CAMBODIA
10 LETTERS: SWEET BRIAR

CLUES: Across

- Deepest lake in Tanzania
- dough made from maize flour and used to make tortillas, tamales
- a picture in the mind
- marks left on the skin
- a mischievous child
- the ability to appear effortlessly suspended while performing movements during a jump
- as soon as possible (abbrev)
- gas used to control riots
- a week
- call given by a court officer to command silence and attention
- the choice sth must be done

Down:

- minutes, hours, days
- a headland
- sweet potatoes
- Rwanda's President
- a commonly used British system of bidding designed to enable partners with weaker hands to find suitable contracts
- ereneic
- a master key
- evaluate
- Grasshoper in Kiswahili
- Turkish footballer
- plant seeds
- acquire as clear profit

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TIPER READY TO HOST NATIONAL STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE

By Property Watch Reporter

KIGAMBONI based Tanzania International Petroleum Reserve Limited has enough facilities to host the country's proposed strategic petroleum reserve for emergency use.

TIPER's Deputy Managing Director, Martin Mosha said in Dar es Salaam mid this week that the company which is jointly owned by Treasury and Audax Oryx Geneva of Switzerland, has invested heavily in expanding and modernising the facility.

"Currently we have capacity to store 254 million litres of petroleum products after heavy investment made since 2000," Mosha said while noting that the former Tanzania Italian Petroleum Refinery which changed its function in 1999, has since become a complete storage facility.

He said storage capacity of the facility increased from 140 million in 1999 when the Italian government through Agip Oil sold its 50 percent shares to Audax Oryx Geneva. "The government through Treasury owns 50 percent



TIPER tank farm at Kigamboni in Dar es Salaam.

of shares," he added.

Mosha explained that in 2018, the government had made a decision to turn TIPER's Kigamboni tank farm into a national strategic petroleum reserve facility but that the decision was suspended almost immediately.

"We are ready to become a strategic oil reserve for the country, a move that will save the nation money and time," he stated while revealing that the offloading of petroleum products from oil tankers to different depots of oil marketing companies causes delays which attract demurrage charges

paid to ship owners.

"But we also lose almost one percent of the products through leakages," the TIPER Deputy MD stated while stressing that such losses can be reversed in addition to stabilization of pump prices if the Kigamboni tank farm is utilised fully.

The Kigamboni TIPER tank farm stands on a 50 hectares piece of land with direct connections to Kurasini Oil Jetty and Dar es Salaam Port's SPM. "But we are also connected to all oil marketing companies depots for easy transferring of petroleum products," Mosha stated.

In his report in 2016/17, Controller and Auditor General advised in a report that TIPER be turned into a single receiving facility for all petroleum products imported into the country to save the nation demurrage charges which are paid to shipping liners for offloading delays at the port.

"The country pays up to US\$25,000 per day in delaying charges to oil tanker owners per day," the CAG report stated while noting that in addition, up to one percent of the product is lost through leakages as the offloading is done to different oil marketing companies oil depots.

Data centre volume growth set to brighten Africa's future

CAIRO

The world's major data centres have been typically centralised at several key points across the globe. Together, these data centre locations account for a substantial share of a global footprint. Compared to its continental counterparts, Africa is lagging with a total datacentre size of approximately 140,000m² which is comparable Switzerland.

The continent, as it stands, is clearly underserved. For example, live IT power demand in markets like Dublin and London total 795.8MW but in markets such as Johannesburg and Nairobi live IT power accounts for 54.9MW and 19.04MW, respectively.

But there is some good news, with growing digitisation and the rollout of 4G and 5G infrastructures (across the continent) this means data centres' volumes are set to grow significantly in the next five years. We have the possibility to "leapfrog" in technology and embrace the latest best practices and trends established today and thus see a fleet of modern facilities with higher efficiencies. Africa with its population of 1.3 billion is driving a rapid and accelerating deployment need, particularly with a young technology savvy and dynamic populace; the sky could be the limit.

To accelerate Africa's digitalisation, there is a number of significant hurdles to be crossed. For one, cloud-based service providers require closer proximity to populated centres to enable them to deliver more sophisticated services in a timely and competitive manner while also reducing data shipment costs.

Currently, nearly half of Africa's colocation facilities are based either in South Africa or Nigeria with Kenya and Morocco following suit. Ironically, many African websites are currently hosted in European datacentre facilities.

Datacentres must be as close as possible to the user to minimise latency, thus ensuring fast and reliable access to the information or services. Closer proximity typically translates into more capacity and speed, which drives down costs and ultimately increases accessibility.

As it stands, the African datacentre market can be segmented into three main tiers: Tier-1 - Cairo in Egypt, Johannesburg and Cape Town in South Africa, Lagos in Nigeria, Nairobi in Kenya. These locations tend to be leading Africa's datacentre markets and are supported by investment from multinationals, developers, and operators; Tier-2 are those cities strategically positioned in the most populous countries which include Giza and Alexandria in Egypt, Addis Ababa in Ethiopia, Luanda in Angola, Accra in Ghana, Maputo in Mozambique, and Dar es Salaam in Tanzania; and Tier three markets are those sparsely populated countries with poor infrastructure connectivity and business opportunities.

Barrick's Bulyanhulu acquires highly prospective licences for expansion

By Property Watch Reporter

TWIGA Minerals Corporation, a joint venture between Barrick and the government has announced the acquisition of new prospecting licences by Bulyanhulu Gold Mine Limited, a subsidiary of Barrick.

Bulyanhulu has entered into a binding agreement with Barrick Gold Corporation, Tembo Gold Corp., the Mineral Industry Promotion and Consulting Company Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tembo, dated December 7, 2021 in respect of the acquisition of certain prospecting licences.

In a statement, Barrick said under the purchase agreement, Bulyanhulu will acquire from MIPCCCL a 100 percent interest in six prospecting licences held by MIPCCCL. The licences are located in areas adjacent to the Bulyanhulu mine and have the potential to add significant mineral reserves to Barrick's asset base in Tanzania.

"Under the terms of the purchase agreement, the consideration payable by Bulyanhulu is US\$6 million, plus certain other contingent payments. Such contingent payments will be calculated based on the inferred, indicated and measured gold mineral resources identified in the areas of land which are covered by the licences using Barrick standards for determining mineral resources," the statement added.

Bulyanhulu is required to invest a minimum of US\$9 million in the licence area over the course of the four years following the closing of the Transaction. Concurrently with the execution of the purchase agreement, Bulyanhulu has agreed to subscribe for, on a non-bro-



Bulyanhulu Gold Mine in Kahama district of Shinyanga region.

kered private placement basis, 5,518,764 of common shares of Tembo at a price of C\$0.27 per common share, the statement noted.

"The transaction and the private placement are subject to the approval of the TSX Venture Exchange, certain regulator

approvals in Tanzania, and other closing conditions customary in transactions of this nature. Closing of the Transaction and Private Placement is expected to occur in the first quarter of 2022," the statement explained.

Barrick President and CEO, Mark Bris-

tow said the acquisition was a significant step forward in the company's strategy of increasing its investment in new growth opportunities in Tanzania and a further demonstration of the value-creation potential of its partnership with the government.

Kenya receives 'Africa's largest' 3D-printed affordable housing project

NAIROBI

A new neighbourhood near Mombasa, Kenya is to be built in record time thanks to a world-beating 3D printing technology.

It was recently announced that Africa's largest 3D-printed affordable housing project will be developed by 14Trees, a joint venture between Holcim and CDC Group, the UK's development finance institution. The 52

house Mvule Gardens project will be located in Kilifi town, north of Mombasa, in Kenya.

Earlier this year, 14Trees built the world's first 3D printed school in the Salima district of Malawi. The development followed the company's first 3D-printed prototype house in Lilongwe, Malawi - built with precision in less than 12 hours, which significantly reduces the four days spent building a home

with conventional building practices.

Building on a track record of speed and progress, the new complex in Kenya underscores 14Trees' forward plan to support Africa's innovation in construction and further develop 3D printing technology across the continent.

This project was made possible by Holcim's proprietary ink, TectorPrint, giving the walls

structural function to bear the load of the building. The new technique reduces the environmental footprint by more than 50% compared to traditional processes and lowers CO2 emissions typical to standard methods of cement production.

Further, 14Trees identifies natural fibre components to strengthen best practices in 3D printing for construction in Africa and creates locally based skilled

jobs in sustainability and 3D technology operations, among other areas.

The new 52 house community will be part of the Green Heart of Kenya regenerative ecosystem, a Kenyan model for inclusive and climate-resilient cities. The project is a testament to 14Trees' high regard for sustainability and won the IFC-EDGE advanced sustainable design certification, recognising resource-

efficient and zero-carbon buildings.

In addition, the purpose-built design by the United States - Africa-based architectural practice, MASS Design Group, seeks to provide modern and replicable housing units adapted to the needs of underserved communities among lower-income households. 14Trees will begin construction of Mvule Gardens in the first quarter of 2022.

ALMC, AGA KHAN IN A MAJOR FORAY IN MEDICAL TOURISM DRIVE

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

BETTER days for chronic disease patients are in the offing thanks to a deal signed between Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre (ALMC) and The Aga Khan Hospital of Dar es Salaam to boost medical tourism drive.

In their painstaking efforts to attract foreign patients and ease the plight of local patients seeking treatment abroad, the ALMC and The Aga Khan Hospital signed the agreement to create a synergy between the two world-class medical care facilities in fostering provision of global standard healthcare service for chronic illness patients.

The memorandum of understanding between the two institutions which was signed by the ALMC and The Aga Khan Health Services CEOs, Elisha Twisa and Sisawo Konteh, respectively indicates that they will also collaborate in provision of referral and other specialized healthcare-related services.

Under the deal, both health facilities have agreed to cooperate in quality assurance and accreditation procedures in order to uplift the ALMC into a full-fledged centre of excellence, specialized healthcare services and exchange programmes.

Other key areas of collaboration cover capacity building and training, research and development, resource mobilisation that includes project designs and business development as well as outreach programmes.

Aga Khan Hospital offers training for medical doctors to be specialists in international medicine, second family medicine, third general surgeries, fourth obstetrics and gynaecology as well as fifth paediatrics.

"The essence of this MoU, among others, is to relieve the chronic disease patients with a burden of seeking treatment abroad, as from now they will be treated either at the ALMC in Arusha or at The Aga Khan



Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre and Aga Khan Health Services CEOs, Elisha Twisa (2nd R) and Sisawo Konteh, shake hands after signing an agreement to boost medical tourism drive. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

Hospital in Dar es Salaam. We are going to offer them a cutting-edge medical care with the global benchmarks to ease the country's medical tourism bill," said ALMC's CEO, Elisha Twisa.

Currently, the annual medical tourism bill for East African region which includes Tanzania, stands at US\$150 million, up from US\$60 million in 2010, with the majority of patients seeking heart, kidney, and cancer treatment.

"This kind of pollination partnership will guarantee patients the highest quality healthcare services of international standards within the country and will lower the medical tourism bill. With the professional exchange of best practises, it's possible," Twisa explained.

Twisa said that the ALMC hospital is well equipped in terms of state-of-the-arts equipment coupled with qualified

healthcare staff including 21 medical specialists, the highest number indeed compared to its peers.

The hospital runs an advanced emergency medicine department, performing laparoscopic surgeries, Nephrology and Dialysis, Neurosurgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology and a well-equipped NICU, Orthopedics, Radiology that include CT-Scanning, palliative care among others.

In remarks after the signing ceremony, The Aga Khan Health Services' CEO, Konteh, termed the agreement as a critical milestone in healthcare service provision, as it brings the two world-class private hospitals together to complement each other in their quest to offer the highest quality of specialized health care for the people of Tanzania. "We are looking forward to witnessing a very fruitful

collaboration in healthcare service provision. This agreement will be a game changer in driving the country's medical tourism," Konteh said.

In 2018, expansion of the ALMC transformed the institution into a world-class health care facility. A leading 170-bed teaching and tertiary care referral hospital enabled it to provide a significantly higher level of specialised care combining cutting-edge technology with highly skilled human resources.

On the other hand, The Aga Khan Hospital in Dar es Salaam is the only hospital in the country with the prestigious gold standard quality accreditation from Joint Commission International (JCI) as well as ISO 9001 for complying with strict criteria such as in-patient safety, delivery of clinical care and overall patient support.

Abu Dhabi's Chimera to invest \$100m in Naguib Sawiris's Gemini

CAIRO

Abu Dhabi-based investment company Chimera is investing \$100 million in Egyptian developer Gemini Global Development for a significant minority equity stake in the company in a bid to support its expansion in the Arab world's most populous country.

The new investment from Chimera will help develop the operations of Gemini, which is a subsidiary of Ora Developers, the two companies said on Monday. "Through this partnership, Chimera continues to grow and further enhance its global portfolio by investing in a prominent player operating in a high-growth sector in Egypt," said Syed Shueb, chairman of Chimera.

Set up in 2007, Chimera is part of Abu Dhabi's Royal Group, which is active in a number of sectors including property, construction, food and beverages, hospitality, aviation and health care. The group has more than 60 companies under its umbrella and employs 120,000 people.

Cairo-based Ora Developers is owned by Egyptian billionaire Naguib Sawiris and is known for building a number of successful property projects in the North African country, including Zed El Sheikh Zayed, Zed East and Pyramid Hills.

"Since inception, our goal for Ora Developers was to continuously seek opportunities that will help us to expand our offerings to various markets while partnering with leading global investors, contractors and retailers," Mr Sawiris said. The Egyptian company is planning to spend at least \$1 billion on expanding its presence in African markets over the next five years, Mr Sawiris told The National in an interview last month.

Ora is currently building projects in Grenada, Egypt, Pakistan and Cyprus. The company is also considering plans to expand its presence in Pakistan, where it is developing a large residential project in the capital, Islamabad, that includes commercial facilities and a golf course. Egypt's property market has been attracting the interest of investors from Gulf countries, who are looking to tap into one of the largest property markets in the Mena region.

Kenya Railways adds SGR coaches on Christmas demand

NAIROBI

Kenya Railways has increased passenger capacity on the standard gauge railway (SGR) train between Nairobi and Mombasa to cater for the rising demand during the Christmas festive season. The company has increased coaches to 11 from eight for economy class passengers.

First-class passengers will also get an additional unit from the two coaches in operations. The increased capacity from the extra coaches takes effect from December 9 to January 6, 2022. The Madaraka Express train's bookings register shows it is fully booked for the Christmas season.

The train is currently pulling eight coaches (944 passengers) on economy class tickets and two coaches (144 passengers) on the first-class tickets. Kenya Railways increases the number



Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) Passenger Train Make its way to the Miritini Station in Mombasa in this photo taken on 14th October 2021.

of coaches during the holiday seasons to meet demand surges. Last month, the company said the trains had been fully booked up to December 24.

Fares on the economy class section are Sh1,000 with first-class tickets going for Sh3,000. Children below three years are not charged any fee to take a

ride on the train while those from 3-11 years pay half the price adults pay on the economy and first-class tickets. The SGR passenger train

service between Nairobi and Mombasa was launched in June 2017. The trains have been departing daily from both directions, offering a five-hour non-stop connection between the country's two major cities.

The inter-county service train that was launched in 2018 charges Sh70 from Mombasa to Mariakani, Sh310 from Voi to Kibwezi, Sh220 from Athi River to Emali on economy class coaches. On first-class, passengers have been paying Sh140 from Mombasa to Mariakani, Sh920 from Voi to Kibwezi, Sh660 from Athi River to Emali, Sh2, 130 from Nairobi to Voi and Sh1, 670 from Emali to Makenyi.

South Africa new border fencing and improved military facilities in the pipeline

MAPUTO

The newest addition to South Africa's list of agencies, authorities and other government sanctioned organisations - the Border Management Authority (BMA) - is set to take its first operational steps in the upcoming festive season.

The Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Home Affairs (PCHA) and the Select Committee on Security and Justice heard earlier this month (December) discussions were underway with the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) hierarchy to finalise a memorandum of agreement allowing for part-time soldiers to be called up on detached service to the BMA. They are apparently going to be involved in patrol work alongside Department of Home Affairs (DHA) officials.

Apart from almost immediate deployment, the defence/home affairs discussions cover what was termed "seconding" the Reserve Force. This some parliamentarians took to indicate part-time soldiers could well be the nucleus of the BMA's border guard conducting law enforcement at ports of entry and on the borderline. The BMA border guard will be "launched sometime early next year." One parliamentarian with concerns, particularly as regards the BMA's cost, is Democratic Alliance (DA) shadow home affairs minister Adrian Roos.

He asks initially how the BMA is allowed to go ahead without secured funding in the light of presentations outlining, among others, a personnel cost of R2 974 962 978 and a further R5 281 133 622 for goods and services. There was, in the Parliamentary present-



A defaced barbed wire fencing marking the border between Mozambique and South Africa.

tation, no indication of the goods and services cost decreasing once specific goods, for example office equipment, are acquired.

Roos would rather the BMA has as its major tasking co-ordination

of border control and security. "Make funding for maintenance and repair (of border headquarters buildings, including water provision and ablation facilities) available to the Defence Works

Formation (DWF) and boost the allocation for SANDF patrols."

An approach of this type should see National Treasury either come forward with "funding guarantees for full implementation of the BMA or its mandate should be adjusted to that of a lead agency." "This agency would be responsible for development and implementation of coherent border security and control policy, facilitating co-operation and co-ordination between border stakeholders," Roos said adding this approach was an option put forward in the socio-economic impact assessment of the BMA bill.

"For the foreseeable future while SANDF border patrols suffer crippling underfunding and delinquent border washing line builders are back in business, the BMA will busy itself with statio-

nery, uniforms and duplication of administrative staff. The hope is National Treasury will be able to fund it sufficiently to avoid becoming a bureaucratic shell staffed with millionaire managers," is his take on BMA appointments and the necessities associated with setting up offices.

Knowing hindsight is 20/20, Roos goes back to 2003 when the SANDF was "removed" from border security in favour of the SA Police Service (SAPS). "By 2008 it was apparent SAPS would not be able to adequately manage border security alone.

In 2009 government reversed the decision with the SANDF redeployed to secure border areas under Operation Corona. "We cannot afford to backtrack again and sit with a bureaucratic beached whale in five years' time."

CONSTRUCTION

VIETNAM WAREHOUSE SECTOR SEES OPPORTUNITY AMID PANDEMIC

HO CHI MINH

Let's go back to the end of June 2021, when the ultra-contagious Delta variant triggered a spike in infections in Ho Chi Minh City, reaching as high as 4,000 cases for the first time.

As an office worker in a non-priority vaccination group, you hastily ordered an imported box of FDA-approved 3M 1870+ N95 masks from the e-commerce site Shopee. Before the spike, orders were delivered within 3-5 days, and certainly in no more than a week. However, in fact, due to strict social distancing restrictions, it wasn't until mid-September, when you'd already received two doses of AstraZeneca, that your order arrived at your door.

In that 10X-longer delivery window, several things happened: city authorities tightened social distancing measures three consecutive times, the number of infections exceeded 650,000, and the number of COVID-19-related deaths surpassed 16,000. With the pandemic putting incredible pressure on importers, sellers, e-commerce sites and delivery companies, the shipping delay was an inevitable consequence of an overloaded global supply chain. Alongside the epidemic's heartbreaking statistics is a gloomy economic picture: in the third quarter of 2021, Vietnam's GDP shrank by 6.17 percent, and nearly 10,000 businesses left the market every month.

While the effects of COVID-19 have touched nearly every aspect of the global economy, not all businesses have been adversely impacted. "The pandemic has certainly led to an unfortunate series of events. However, from a business perspective, it's been an accelerant for warehouse demand," said Lance Li, CEO of BW Industrial Development Joint Stock Company, in an interview with Forbes Vietnam.



A BW logistics facility at VSIP in Haiphong.

While the pandemic left the world grappling with supply-chain and logistical disruptions, the demand for warehouses has soared due to overwhelmed transport networks and a surplus of raw materials to ward off inventory shortages. BW, the largest industrial real estate developer in Vietnam specialising in the development of warehouses and factories for rent, witnessed a high volume of inquiries throughout the pandemic.

The company's long-term development strategy allowed it to capture these short-term opportunities efficiently: it developed light, modern, industrial warehouses to satisfy the rising demand in manufacturing and explosive growth in e-commerce. Currently, BW offers a variety of product lines, mainly ready-built factories, ready-built warehouses and built-to-suit facilities.

"Even during the recent rise of the Delta variant, our overall occupancy is close to 90 percent," Li said. This second year of the COVID-19 pandemic has been an active year for BW. At the beginning of 2021, the company witnessed a threefold increase in rental enquiries compared with the same period last year. The company recently closed a deal with a well-known logistics and package delivery company for a 5 hectare (12.4 acre) warehouse in a strategic location in Ho Chi Minh City.

Wanek Furniture, a key manufacturing company in the supply chain of one of the largest furniture retailers in the US, Ashley Furniture, leased another 4 hectare site from BW in Binh Duong Province. Market demand skyrocketed in the past two years, evidence of which can be seen in the fact that BW's factory in VSIP 2A industrial park is already fully occupied following

its construction completion in early June 2021.

Founded in 2018, BW is a joint venture between Warburg Pincus and Becamex IDC. The high-profile private equity firm and the pioneer developer of large-scale industrial townships in the South shared a strategic vision of establishing a modern industrial and logistics real estate platform in Vietnam.

In only three years, BW's rapid expansion has drawn undeniable attention from local industrial developers. As of the end of September 2021, the company has grown its land bank massively, with a total of 602 hectares to date and various projects located in Binh Duong, Dong Nai, Ho Chi Minh City, Bac Ninh, Hai Phong, Hai Duong and Hanoi – Vietnam's key industrial cities. Following in the footsteps of the "queen bees", or giant FDI companies investing in Vietnam, hundreds of satellite

and ancillary businesses fuel the demand for ready-built factories. BW already has a stronghold in ideal locations to satisfy such growing demand.

BW is led by senior executives with varying international backgrounds and has executed on the clear strategy and international expertise of Warburg Pincus, the equity firm that witnessed the rapid development of the for-rent industrial real estate market in China and other Asian countries. BW's key product lines are ready-built factories and warehouses with flexible sizes suitable for all types of tenants.

In addition, the company also provides customised industrial and logistics facilities based on each customer's business goals, budgets and progress. As of September 2021, BW's ready-built properties' total gross floor area is 4.1 million square metres (44.1 million square feet),

of which nearly 1.3 million square metres is completed and under operation. The company offers a variety of flexibly-sized factories from 500 to 10,000 square metres, which means the largest size can be 1.5 times larger than a FIFA football field.

One of BW's customers is Shopee, a leading e-commerce platform with more than 60 million monthly visits. "The strategic partnership with BW gives us the capability to deliver best-in-class logistics services to our users, further strengthening the growth of e-commerce in Vietnam," said Tran Tuan Anh, managing director of Shopee Vietnam.

Similarly, Nelson Wu, general director of BEST Inc Vietnam, said his company visited more than 50 facilities and worked with more than 10 agents before finding BW: "Their solid infrastructure platform helps deploy modern tech solutions, which helps us better manage our business."

BW's operations are targeted at specific customer groups, among which are the e-commerce platforms in a "money-burning" race to win the market without racking up massive investment in fixed assets while allocating resources mainly for promotions and expansion.

Another group of customers using leased assets is foreign investors implementing the China+1 strategy due to the ongoing trade war between the US and China. To avoid solely investing in China and to diversify business into other countries, especially taking on the supply chain lessons learned during the first wave of the pandemic, foreign investors are choosing Vietnam as an alternative production base. In the first stage, these overseas investors seek ways to stabilise their cash flow by renting ready-built factories, especially when industrial parks in prime locations have reached 2-3X the price increment in the last three years.

Average UK property prices hit record high of £272,992

LONDON

The average British house price recorded its fastest growth in 15 years in November taking property values to a record high of £272,992 (\$361,765).

House prices rose 8.2 per cent compared with November last year and 1 per cent against October's £270,027, with quarterly house price inflation at its strongest level since 2006, with 3.4 per cent growth, according to the Halifax House Price Index.

"This is the fifth straight month that average house prices have risen, with typical values up by almost £13,000 since June, and more than £20,000 since this time last year," said Russell Galley, managing director of Halifax.

"Since the onset of the pandemic in March 2020, and the UK first entering lockdown, house prices have risen by £33,816, which equates to £1,691 per month." Britain's property market has continued to rise since the end of the stamp duty holiday on October 1 despite fears that it would stutter once the tax break ended.

Mr Galley said the performance of the market is underpinned by a shortage of available properties, a strong labour market and keen competition among mortgage providers keeping rates close to historic lows.

"Those taking their first step on to the property ladder are also playing an important role in driving activity, with annual house price inflation for first-time buyers at 9.1 per cent compared to 8.8 per cent for home movers," he said.

This trend is also reflected in different property types, with double-digit annual price inflation for flats of 10.8 per cent over the past year compared with slower gains for detached properties of



A street in London showing houses on sale.

6.6 per cent.

"This could suggest the 'race for space' is becoming less prominent than it was earlier in the pandemic, with industry data also showing the overall number of completed transactions has fallen back since the end of the stamp duty holiday," Mr Galley said.

Halifax said the average house price in Wales has passed £200,000 for the first time. Wales also had the strongest annual house price inflation in November, at 14.8 per cent, while Northern Ireland recorded an

increase of 10 per cent and Scotland 8.5 per cent.

Meanwhile, London continued to lag the rest of UK in its rate of house price growth, with annual inflation of 1.1 per cent. Looking ahead, Mr Galley said there is now greater uncertainty than has been the case for quite some time, with interest rates expected to rise to guard against further increases in inflation.

"Economic confidence may be also be dented by the emergence of the new Omicron virus variant, though it remains far too early to

speculate on any long-term impact, given insufficient data at this stage, not to mention the resilience the housing market has already shown in challenging circumstances," he said. "Leaving aside the direct impact of a possible resurgence in the pandemic for now, we would not expect the current level of house price growth to be sustained next year given that house price to income ratios are already historically high, and household budgets are only likely to come under greater pressure in the coming months."

Hydrogen-powered jet concept produces no emissions

LONDON

A UK-backed research group has unveiled a design for a liquid hydrogen-powered airliner theoretically capable of matching the performance of current midsize aircraft without producing carbon emissions.

The FlyZero concept envisions a plane carrying 279 passengers non-stop from London to San Francisco at the same speed and comfort as today, the Aerospace Technology Institute said in a statement on Monday. The group, a partnership between the UK government and industry, is meant to accelerate high-risk projects that will benefit home-grown aerospace firms.

Hydrogen propulsion is seen as one of the most promising technologies for achieving carbon-neutral commercial aviation, but it's expensive, and it will take years to develop the planes and build infrastructure such as airport refuelling capacity.

The UK, which hosted the Cop26 climate summit last month, is funding new technologies to help create aerospace jobs while meeting its climate targets. The government has committed £1.95-billion of funding to ATI since its start in 2013 through 2026, an amount to be matched by industry.

"These designs could define the future of aerospace and aviation," said business secretary Kwasi Kwarteng in the statement. "By working with industry, we are showing that truly carbon-free flight could be possible, with hydrogen a frontrunner to replace conventional fossil fuels."

ATI said it expects hydrogen aircraft to be operating from the mid-2030s offering better economics than conventional planes. By early next year, the FlyZero project will publish detailed concepts for regional, narrow-body and midsize aircraft, with technology road maps, market and economic reports and a sustainability assessment, the group said.

The midsize aircraft being showcased on Monday would store hydrogen at -250°C in cryogenic fuel tanks at the rear of the plane and in two smaller "cheek" tanks along the forward fuselage to keep the aircraft balanced. It would have a wingspan of 54m, between Boeing's 767 and 787 twin-aisle jets, and be powered by two turbofan engines.

WORLD

Act now to curb Omicron's spread, WHO's Tedros tells world

GENEVA

GOVERNMENTS need to reassess national responses to COVID-19 and speed up vaccination programs to tackle Omicron, though it is too early to say how well existing shots will protect against the new variant, the World Health Organization said on Wednesday.

The variant's global spread suggests it could have a major impact on the COVID-19 pandemic, and the time to contain it is now before more Omicron patients are hospitalized, WHO director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said.

"We call on all countries to increase surveillance, testing and sequencing," he told a media briefing. "... Any complacency now will cost lives."

WHO emergency director Mike Ryan said that as the variant appears to be

more easily spread, efforts must be doubled to break chains of transmission.

The WHO noted early evidence from BioNTech and Pfizer of the effectiveness of their vaccine against Omicron.

The German and US companies said on Wednesday a three-shot course of their COVID-19 vaccine was able to neutralize the new Omicron variant in a laboratory test, while two doses resulted in lower neutralizing antibodies by a factor of 25.

Warning against jumping to conclusions from the test, the WHO's chief scientist said it was too soon to say whether the reduction in neutralizing antibodies meant the shot was less effective.

"It is premature to conclude that this reduction in neutralizing activity would result in a significant reduction



WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

in vaccine effectiveness. We do not know that because as you know the immune system is much more complex," Swaminathan said.

"And so what we need now is a coordinated research effort and not jumping to conclusions study by study."

Ana Maria Henaio-Restrepo, WHO head of research and development unit, said that its closed-door meeting of experts on Monday had reviewed variability in the results of early data on vaccine effectiveness against Omicron.

"Neutralizing antibodies are an important piece of information, they play an important role in the control of the infection, but they are only one part of the protection against severe disease," she said.

The WHO also said it would publish a review of its stance on booster doses within days, but with vaccination rates worryingly low in much of the developing world, administering primary doses - rather than boosters - remained its priority.

"Wholesale boosters are not the solution," Swaminathan said.

Xi highlights key tasks on human rights

PEOPLE in different countries should and can independently choose a path for the development of human rights suited to their national conditions, and China has successfully found its own path featuring a people-centered approach, President Xi Jinping said.

Xi made the remark in a congratulatory letter sent to the 2021 South-South Human Rights Forum. The biennial forum, this year themed "Putting People First and Global Human Rights Governance", opened on Wednesday in Beijing.

Noting that human rights represent the progress of human civilization, Xi said in the letter that it is a common pursuit of human society to protect the life, value and dignity of everyone and deliver human rights to all.

Putting people first and taking people's aspiration for a better life as a goal to strive for is a responsibility placed on all countries, he said, add-

ing that the Communist Party of China is committed to respecting and protecting human rights.

Xi said that China had successfully found a path for human rights development which conforms with the trend of the times by following a people-centered approach, putting people's interests first, advancing human rights through development, developing a whole-process people's democracy and promoting the free and all-around development of humanity.

With remarkable achievements being made in human rights in the country, the Chinese people have gained a growing sense of fulfillment, happiness and security, he said.

Human rights practices have diverse forms, Xi said, and China will work with fellow developing countries to promote the common values of humanity, practice true multilateralism and contrib-



Chinese President Xi Jinping

ute wisdom and strength to the sound development of the global cause of human rights.

Huang Kunming, a member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and head of the Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee, read out Xi's letter at the opening ceremony of the forum.

Huang said that Xi's letter showed the importance that the Party and the central government attach to the forum

and demonstrated China's full commitment to advancing the cause of human rights.

China has joined hands with developing countries to help improve their human rights protection through development. For example, over the past eight years, China has put forward a series of projects under the Belt and Road Initiative and promoted the development of countries involved in the initiative by creating more than 300,000 jobs, Huang

said. He called on the international community to work together to safeguard the development interests and opportunities of developing countries and to enable their peoples to share the fruits and opportunities of development.

Vice-Foreign Minister Ma Zhaoxi said at the opening ceremony that, "Some Western countries have appointed themselves as so-called guardians of human rights and arbitrarily pointed fingers at the human rights situation in other countries, while ignoring and neglecting their own human rights problems."

Bouthaina Shaaban, special adviser to the Syrian presidency, said via video link that Western-style democracy cannot be the only type of democracy in the world, as there is no one-size-fits-all model.

"Many countries in the world have their own democracy based on their own history and the needs of their own people," she said. **Xinhua**

Omicron 4 times more infectious than Delta in new study

JAKARTA KUALA/ SINGAPORE

THE Omicron variant of COVID-19 is 4.2 times more transmissible in its early stage than Delta, according to a study by a Japanese scientist who advises the country's health ministry, a finding likely to confirm fears about the new strain's contagiousness.

Hiroshi Nishiura, a professor of health and environmental sciences at Kyoto University who specializes in mathematical modeling of infectious diseases, analyzed genome data available through Nov 26 in South Africans in Gauteng province.

"The Omicron variant trans-

mits more, and escapes immunity built naturally and through vaccines more," Nishiura said in his findings, which were presented at a meeting of the health ministry's advisory panel on Wednesday.

Concerns are swirling globally that Omicron could deal the world a bigger blow than even Delta, and the World Health Organization has cautioned that it could fuel surges with "severe consequences."

But a jump in cases in South Africa in the wake of the variant's emergence hasn't yet overwhelmed hospitals, leading to some optimism that it may only cause mostly mild illness. Pfizer Inc and BioNTech SE also said this week that a booster dose of their vaccine could fortify protection against the strain.

Japan has reported its fourth case of the Omicron coronavirus variant, TV Asahi said on Wednesday.

Australia

COVID-19 infections have been spreading in pubs and clubs in Australia's biggest city, including three new cases of the Omicron variant found among people who went on a harbor party cruise, sending officials rushing to trace contacts.

Authorities have been easing restrictions in Sydney since early October when the city emerged from a nearly four-month lockdown to contain the Delta coronavirus variant after the population reached higher vaccination levels.

Dozens of people who attended a Sydney pub quiz tested positive for the coronavirus and officials are awaiting the results of genomic tests to see if they are infected with the Omicron variant.

Daily COVID-19 infections have been steadily rising as restrictions have eased with New South Wales state, which includes Sydney,

logging 420 new cases on Thursday, its biggest rise in about two months, with most caused by the Delta variant.

Australia Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce has tested positive for COVID-19 in Washington, DC while on an official visit, his office said in a statement yesterday.

The remaining members of his delegation have tested negative and Joyce will remain in isolation until further advice, the statement said.

Joyce had been experiencing mild symptoms and chose to get tested for COVID-19. He is the highest-ranking Australian leader to contract the virus since the pandemic began. **Agencies**

Envoy: US 'democracy summit' anything but democratic

MOSCOW

THE United States has become a major obstacle to the democratization of international relations by holding the so-called "Summit for Democracy," which is harmful to the cause of international democracy and solidarity, Chinese Ambassador to Russia Zhang Hanhui has recently written.



In an article published in Russian newspaper *Komsomolskaya Pravda*, Zhang (pictured) outlined the dangers of such a summit, particularly due to its hidden motives and undemocratic nature, saying that the United States, which has been criticized by the global community for its own handling of human rights issues, is now deeply gripped by domestic and foreign troubles.

"Racial discrimination, the gap between the rich and poor, a chaotic electoral system, and problems with tackling the pandemic" have all proven the ineffectiveness of Washington's democracy in its national governance, said the diplomat.

Using democracy as a pretext for expansion, Zhang added, Washington has intervened abroad on numerous occasions, hiding its true motives under humanitarian purposes or human rights protection.

In fact, "the democratic transformations there have led to numerous humanitarian disasters on a global scale, including the wars in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria," said the ambassador.

It is absolutely absurd when a country that grossly violates international law and the principles of national sovereignty with the aim to maintain its hegemony decides to host a summit for democracy, Zhang said, adding that the very fact that Washington decides which countries are invited and can be considered democratic is in itself "illegal" and discriminatory.

"The summit will not bring tangible benefits to real-world democracy," he said.

France frees man who was held over suspected Khashoggi link

PARIS

THE Saudi man arrested at a Paris airport over suspected links to the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi was released on Wednesday after officials concluded it was a case of mistaken identity, Paris prosecutors said.

French law enforcement sources on Tuesday named the man as Khaled Aedh Al-Otaibi, the same name as a former member of the Saudi Royal Guard listed in US and British sanctions documents and a UN-commissioned report as having been involved in Khashoggi's killing in Turkey.

The Saudi Embassy in Paris had said late on Tuesday the arrested person "has nothing to do with the case in question."

Prosecutors said in a statement checks had shown that a warrant issued by Turkey, which had triggered the arrest when the man's passport was scanned during border checks, did not apply to the man arrested at the airport.

Khashoggi, a Washington Post journalist and critic of Saudi Arabia's de facto ruler, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, was last seen entering the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul on Oct 2, 2018. Turkish officials believe his body was dismembered and removed. His remains have not been found.

Last year, a Saudi court jailed eight people for between seven and 20 years over the killing, but none of the defendants was named. The trial was criticized by a UN official and human rights campaigners who said the masterminds of the murder remained free.

In her 2019 report for the United Nations, former UN investigator Agnes Callamard named Al-Otaibi as being part of a Saudi team that killed Khashoggi and dismembered his body before flying back to Saudi Arabia.

A Saudi official told Reuters: "Media reports suggesting that a person who was implicated in the crime against Saudi citizen Jamal Khashoggi has been arrested in France are false."

"This is a case of mistaken identity. Those convicted of the crime are currently serving their sentences in Saudi Arabia."

The 2019 report compiled by Callamard said Al-Otaibi was a member of a 15-man Saudi team involved in killing Khashoggi after the journalist went to the consulate to obtain a document to allow him to marry his fiancée.

That report said Al-Otaibi was one of five members of the team who were not in the consulate itself - where the report said the killing took place - but in the consul general's residence. **Agencies**

THE Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has yielded fruitful results over the past eight years since it was proposed. From 2013 to September 2021, the cumulative value of trade in goods between China and countries participating in the BRI amounted to \$10.4 trillion.

The proportion of the volume of trade in goods between China and BRI countries in the country's total foreign trade volume increased by 4.1 percentage points from 2013 to 2020.

Recently, multinational electronics company TCL Technology put into operation its subsidiary which just settled in the comprehensive bonded zone of Chengdu International Railway Port in Chengdu, capital of southwest China's Sichuan province.

Cumulative value of trade in goods between China and BRI countries reaches \$10.4 tn

"The efficient logistics services provided by relevant departments make us more confident about the development of our business," said Sun Xiuhong, an executive in charge of TCL Technology's manufacturing base in Chengdu.

Chengdu has become an important manufacturing export base of TCL Technology for expanding its business in countries along the routes of the BRI, according to Sun, who disclosed that more than 90 percent of the components and parts used in the six production lines of TCL Technology's assembly base in Poland are transported by China-Europe freight trains from Chengdu.

China-Europe freight trains have formed a grand channel for international trade spanning the Eurasia. As of the end of October 2021, a total of 73 routes of China-Europe freight trains had been launched, linking China with 175 cities in 23 European countries, and more than 46,000 trips had been made by China-Europe freight trains.

The unimpeded international logistics has facilitated trade. During the past eight years, trade cooperation between China and BRI countries has continuously scaled new heights, and BRI countries have become China's important trading partners.

In the first ten months of this year,

China's foreign trade volume with BRI countries amounted to 9.3 trillion yuan (about \$1.46 trillion), surging 23 percent year on year. During the period, the country's volume of exports to BRI countries climbed 21.9 percent from the same period last year to 5.27 trillion yuan, while its imports from these countries rose 24.5 percent year on year to 4.03 trillion yuan.

On Nov. 17, customs officers inspected a batch of cross-border e-commerce packages for export at the comprehensive cross-border e-commerce pilot zone in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang province. After passing customs inspections, these goods were transported to Hangzhou

Xiaoshan International Airport in Xiaoshan district of Hangzhou and then to Belgium by a cargo flight dedicated to cross-border e-commerce.

These packages were transported to a cargo transshipment hub in Liege, Belgium, and then quickly distributed to surrounding countries, noted Zhu Zekun, manager of the business department of Zhejiang Ueasy Business Service Co., Ltd., a provider of comprehensive services for foreign trade companies.

"Buyers in foreign countries usually receive their packages sent from China five days after they place order on e-commerce platforms," said Zhu. The rapid development of new

business forms and models in trade, in particular, cross-border e-commerce, market procurement trade, and overseas warehouses, have provided new possibilities of business expansion in BRI countries for more small and medium-sized foreign trade enterprises, lowered the threshold for trade, and stimulated driving forces of the high-quality development of foreign trade.

"The customs clearance procedures are handled in less than half an hour. The more convenient trade has not only enriched market supplies for BRI countries, but also brought considerable rewards to us," said an employee of an agricultural product company based in Hotan prefecture of north-west China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region. **People's Daily**

Russia advocates peace, but has right to ensure its security – Putin

SOCHI

RUSSIA advocates peace but has the right to ensure its security in the medium to long term, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Wednesday.

"It's a loaded question," he said at a news conference following a meeting with Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis, when asked by reporters if Russia was going to invade Ukraine.

"Russia is conducting a peaceful

policy but it has the right to ensure its security, as I mentioned, in the medium and longer term," he went on to say. "We are discussing it with our partners, all of our partners, including the person I spoke with yesterday, the President of the United States of America, Mr. Biden."

Putin and Joe Biden held a video call that lasted two hours on December 7. The talks focused on the situation around Ukraine, while the leaders also discussed bilateral relations, cybersecurity and the Iranian nuclear deal.

US Senate passes Republican bill to overturn Biden vaccine mandate

WASHINGTON

THE Democratic-controlled US Senate on Wednesday approved a Republican measure that would overturn President Joe Biden's COVID-19 vaccine-or-test mandate for private businesses, with two Democrats joining Republicans to back the initiative.

The 52-48 vote sends the legislation to the Democratic-led House of Representatives, where it faces strong headwinds, while Biden has threatened to veto it.

The legislation would overturn administration rules ordering businesses with 100 workers or more to require vaccinations or coronavirus testing for millions of employees.

The measure was not subject to Senate rules that require 60 of its 100 members to agree on most legislation, meaning it could pass with just a 51-vote simple majority. Two Senate Democrats - Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Jon Tester of Montana - joined 50 Republicans in voting for the bill.

The initiative underscores the intense political opposition facing administration efforts to combat COVID-19 at a time when health officials are trying to contain the highly contagious Omicron variant.

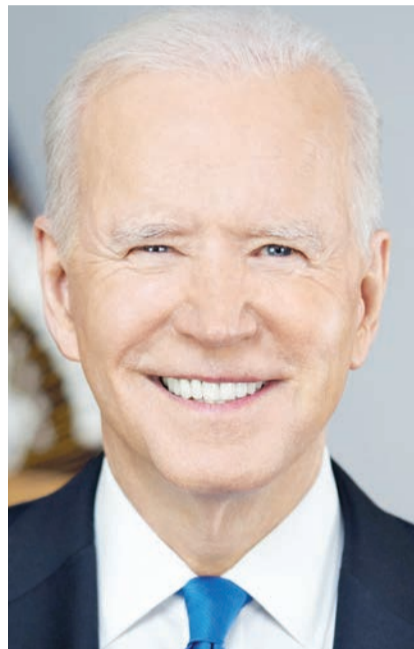
"I have always supported a vaccine mandate for federal employees and the military because maintaining essential services and military readiness the federal government provides is a matter of national importance," Manchin said in a statement following the vote.

"However, I do not support any government vaccine mandate for private businesses. It is not the place of the federal government to tell private business owners how to protect their employees from COVID-19 and operate their businesses," he said.

Manchin added he was fully vaccinated and had received a booster shot, and encouraged all Americans to do the same.

Republicans have said they were inundated with calls from businesses with up to 500 workers that are concerned about having to fire employees who oppose COVID-19 vaccines and testing.

"It's got Main Street America scared," Republican Senator Mike Braun, who was spearheading the legislative drive,



said before the Senate vote.

The White House said in a statement on Tuesday that employers would face no burden from the mandate because the vast majority of American adults are fully vaccinated and noted that the rule exempts small businesses.

Biden's private business mandate has already been put on hold by a federal appeals court. A US judge in Georgia also blocked a Biden vaccine mandate aimed at federal contractors on Tuesday.

"We are in the middle of a public health crisis. Everyone sees the damage it causes," Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, the top Democrat, said in a speech. "The way to solve this is to be driven by science."

The United States has the world's highest daily average of new reported coronavirus infections. The virus has infected 49.5 million Americans and killed more than 794,000, the highest death toll of any country, according to the Reuters COVID-19 Tracker.

Republicans touted the measure's bipartisan support as a clear message of public concern about the mandate's potential impact on workers, businesses and the economy.

The chamber's top Republican, Mitch McConnell, branded the Biden mandate as an "illegal" and "absurd" government effort to micromanage the lives of private citizens.

Scholz takes reins from Merkel, ushers in new era for Germany

BERLIN

OLAF Scholz from Germany's Social Democratic Party (SPD) was sworn in Wednesday as the new Federal Chancellor, taking the baton from his predecessor Angela Merkel who bowed out from the political stage after a 16-year run.

Scholz, deputy chancellor and finance minister under former Chancellor Merkel, won 395 votes from the 736-seat Bundestag, the lower house of Parliament.

He will lead Germany's first three-party coalition composed of the SPD, the Greens, and the Free Democratic Party (FDP). His new cabinet of 16 ministers will helm a green transition, infrastructure upgrade and social welfare development amid a fourth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a new chapter in German politics unfolds, the world is watching how the 63-year-old new chancellor will live up to his commitments and what his new government means for Europe and the rest of the world.

AMBITIOUS PLANS

Scholz's new government has announced ambitious plans regarding Germany's domestic and international interests, but questions remain. The 177-page coalition agreement signed on Tuesday places climate change as priority.

The deal pledges to phase out coal by 2030 instead of 2038, to cover 80 percent of power demand with renewables instead of the previous 65-percent target and to have at least 15 million electric vehicles on German roads by the decade's end.

As part of the agreement, the new government plans to increase the minimum wage from 9.6 euros (10.85 U.S. dollars) an hour to 12 euros (13.60 dollars) an hour, build 400,000 new housing units every year and restrict rent



Olaf Scholz (L) takes the oath after being elected as chancellor at the Reichstag building in Berlin, capital of Germany, on Wednesday. Olaf Scholz was elected as the new German Federal Chancellor on Wednesday, becoming the fourth Federal Chancellor from the Social Democratic Party (SPD). (Xinhua/Shan Yuqi)

risers.

The new government will also focus on upgrading infrastructure, providing faster internet speeds, improving health services, and offering more training to the jobless.

One big question is how the new government will raise enough funds for all its plans without violating either its promise of no tax increases or the "debt brake" - Germany's constitutional cap on new borrowing from 2023 onward.

Analysts here believe the state-owned development bank KfW will play the role of an innovation and investment agency, using its expanding balance sheets to leverage private investments in green energy and digitization.

SYMBOLS OF CONTINUITY

Germany's power transition is widely expected to be stable. The joint appearances of Merkel and Scholz at the Group

of Twenty summit in Rome in October impressed the European media, which reported that it signaled a great deal of continuity.

Scholz once served as mayor of Hamburg and was vice chancellor for three years to Merkel, who wished him good luck at the handover ceremony on Wednesday.

As for foreign policy, Germany's new government will continue to strengthen the European Union (EU) on the global stage and will make sure that Germany is part of that process, Scholz said at a press conference on Tuesday.

German foreign policy is a policy of continuity," he added. Scholz's first trip outside Germany as chancellor will take him to France, just as Merkel did after her first election in 2005, and then to

Brussels for meetings with top EU officials.

Observers say the smooth transition of power relies more on solidarity among the three coalition parties, which had different and sometimes opposing priorities before and during the election on issues like climate change, taxation, fiscal policy and the appointment of ministers in the new cabinet.

How to ensure unity within the new government, achieve its objectives and lead Germany in the post-Merkel era is likely to be a test of political wisdom for the new chancellor.

Xinhua

China will continue to deliver more brilliant performance on WTO stage

THE year 2021 marks the 20th anniversary of China's accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO). In this particular year, a review of China's role in the WTO is of great significance for the new journey of cooperation between the country and the international organization.

Over the last two decades, China has grown from a rule taker into an important participant in rule making within the framework of the WTO. During its full participation in the work of the WTO, the country has learned in practice, improved its work through introspection, and accumulated plenty of experience, making contributions to the normal operation of the three major functions of the WTO, i.e. rule negotiation, policy review, and dispute settlement.

As a major force in rule negotiations under the WTO, China has deeply participated in multilateral trade negotiations including the Doha Round negotiations and negotiations on fisheries subsidies, and submitted or co-sponsored over 100 negotiation proposals, making substantial contributions to facilitating the expansion of the scope of products covered by the Information Technology Agreement and the reaching of the Trade Facilitation Agreement.

China is undoubtedly a "straight-A student" in WTO's policy reviews. The country has gone through nine transitional reviews and eight trade policy reviews from the WTO, in which it has given honest answers to more



An ocean-going vessel is loading at the container terminal of Lianyungang city, east China's Jiangsu province, Oct. 13, 2021. File photo

than 10,000 questions raised by other WTO members. During the WTO's eighth trade policy review of China alone, which was held at the end of October, the country answered over 2,500 questions from other WTO members.

Besides, China has served as a "night watchman" of the WTO's dispute settlement mechanism. The country has participated in nearly 200 lawsuits in the WTO. After the international organization's dispute settlement mechanism was paralyzed, China, together with dozens of other WTO members including the European Union, established the multi-party interim appeal arbitration arrangement that opens to all members, endeavoring to safeguard the WTO's two-tier dispute settlement system.

Over the last two decades, China has developed from a user of public goods to an important supplier of public goods on the WTO stage. It should be

noted that China's development is closely intertwined with the world's prosperity. As China's gross domestic product accounts for a larger proportion of the world's total, the country voluntarily shoulders greater international responsibilities and provides more public goods.

As a close friend of the least developed countries (LDCs), China has provided funds and established the China's LDCs and Accessions Program (the China Program) together with the WTO Secretariat, in bid to support the LDCs in integrating into and benefiting from the multilateral trading system by helping them with capacity building and sharing experience with them. It has helped six LDCs accede to the WTO under the program.

China has been a supporter and advocate of the reform of the WTO. Back in 2018, the country already put forward specific proposals and suggestions for

the reform of the WTO, and has explored new routes to making the WTO rules keep up with the times. It initiated the Friends of Investment Facilitation for Development (FIFD) and proposals for plastic pollution prevention and control, which have been joined by over 100 and more than 60 members respectively, making WTO rules more responsive to the needs of the times.

China is also a practitioner of the opening-up of markets. During the recently concluded negotiations on services domestic regulation, China, as a key participant, contributed to the success of the negotiations. It will implement the negotiations' results on the basis of most-favored-nation treatment to further open the service market, which will benefit all WTO members.

Over the last two decades, China has fulfilled its commitments to the WTO and taken active actions, playing a constructive role in promoting the development of the international organization.

China has achieved an "A+" score in fulfilling its WTO commitments, noted Pascal Lamy, former Director-General of the WTO.

During the WTO's eighth trade policy review of China, representatives of many WTO members spoke for justice, acknowledged China's contributions to the multilateral trading system, expressed gratitude to China for its selfless support for other countries in their COVID-19 responses, and looked forward to China's bigger role in the WTO.

People's Daily

UN Security Council voices concern over sentencing of Myanmar's civilian leaders

UNITED NATIONS

THE Security Council on Wednesday expressed deep concern over the sentencing of Myanmar's State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi, President Win Myint and others.

In a press statement, the members of the Security Council reiterated their calls for the release of all those who have been arbitrarily detained since the military takeover on Feb. 1.

"The members of the Security Council once again stressed their continued support for the democratic transition in Myanmar, and underlined the need to uphold democratic institutions and processes, refrain from violence, pursue constructive dialogue and reconciliation in accordance with the will and interests of the people of Myanmar, fully respect human rights and fundamental freedoms and uphold the rule of law," said the statement.

Xinhua

Russia's Sputnik V is world's safest Covid vaccine, says RDIF CEO

MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S Sputnik V coronavirus vaccine in the safest and the most effective vaccine in the world, CEO of the Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) Kirill Dmitriev said in an interview with the Izvestia daily that came out yesterday.

"The latest data indicate that it is the best, the most effective and safest vaccine in the world," he said.

As an example, he cited a study conducted in Hungary. It demonstrated that Sputnik V's efficacy is 98% "It is the highest

figure.

It means that people inoculated with Sputnik V are protected against death from the coronavirus infection by 130 times better than those unvaccinated. It is the highest level of protection among the five vaccines that were studied," he said.

He also noted that Sputnik V's efficacy lasts for a longer time as compared with other vaccines and it causes much lesser side effects.

Dmitriev also said that Sputnik V is highly effective against new coronavirus mutations.

"As of today, Sputnik V has demonstrated the highest efficacy among all other vaccines against genome mutations. So, there are no serious grounds to doubt Sputnik V's high efficacy against new mutations," he said, adding that the Gamaleya Institute, the vaccine developer, is studying the new Omicron strain and will release its findings in two weeks.

He also said that in case of the emergence of new infectious agents, Sputnik's platform can be adapted quite swiftly and the production of a new vac-

cine may be launched in two to three months.

Sputnik V was registered in Russia on August 20, 2020 to become the world's first officially recognized coronavirus vaccine. By today, it has been approved for use in 71 world nations.

As of today, Sputnik has demonstrated the highest efficacy among all other vaccines





Tanzania's amputee football team 'Tembo Warriors' player, Juma Kidem (R), challenges Cameroon side's players, when they faced off in the 2021 Cup of African Nations for Amputee Football (CANAF) semi-final which took place in Dar es Salaam on December 1. 'Tembo Warriors' cruised to 5-0 victory. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Sports associations for people with disabilities hail President Samia

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

A day after President Samia Saluhu Hassan hosted Tanzania's amputee football team 'Tembo Warriors' players and officials in a function, which took place in Dar es Salaam early this week, some leaders of sports associations for people with disabilities have hailed the President for the gesture.

The 'Tembo Warriors' booked a place in next year's Amputee Football World Cup following the squad's fourth-place finish in this year's Cup of African Nations for Amputee Football (CANAF), held in the city last month.

The sports officials have appealed to President to extend the gesture to other sports associations for people with disabilities.

President Samia hosted the ceremony at State House to appreciate 'Tembo Warriors' achievements.

The President hailed the team for qualifying for the next year's Amputee Football World Cup, which will be held in Turkey, and promised the team continued support from the government so that it performs well at the global showdown.

She said the 'Tembo Warriors' performance at the just ended CANAF and its qualification for the Amputee Football World Cup has proved that disability is not inability.

"We played well at the event, I'm really happy that you have qualified for the World Cup which will be held in Turkey next year."

"I'm asking Minister for Arts, Culture, and Sports, Innocent Bashungwa, to work closely with you so that the team can perform well at the World Cup."

"Tembo Warriors' has good and marvelous players who can do well at any event, World Cup is a prominent event, be it playing cards, Bao or any other sport, it is a World Cup, so, you should be proud of yourself that you are going to represent the country at the World Cup."

"But let me advise you, you should not be carried away with the popularity and fame of qualifying for the World Cup," she said.

Tanzania Paralympic Committee (TPC) secretary-general, Ramadhan Namkoveka, hailed the President for the gesture, describing it as welcome.

The Tanzania Amputee Football Federation (TAFF), which takes charge of 'Tembo Warriors', operates under TPC. Namkoveka said the gesture will motivate other athletes with disabilities to work hard in their respective sporting fields knowing that their efforts and contributions are being recognized by the government.

"First of all, I thank the government

and the President in particular for being with TAFF and Tembo Warriors from the beginning up to the time we hosted the championships."

"I think this will go to other sports associations for people with disabilities too," he said.

TPC president Tuma Dandi said it is the best thing ever.

Special Olympics Tanzania (SOT) Director, Charles Rays, also hailed the President for the move, saying it shows that the government is now valuing the contributions made by athletes with disabilities.

He appealed that the focus should not be only one sports discipline for people with disabilities.

"What the President and the government did is very good...it now shows that they are appreciating our efforts, but my appeal is that focus should not be on football only, we have other athletes with disabilities who have done the country proud at international events," he said.

The SOT has fielded athletes with special needs in many international events and the sportsmen and women excelled in the events.

They are the 2007 World Championship held in Shanghai, China, 2011 Athens World Championships, 2012 Africa Games in South Africa, 2015 World Championships in the United States of America (USA), 2019 Abu Dhabi World Cup, and last year's maiden Pan Africa Games which were held in Egypt.

Tanzania's wheelchair tennis team's head coach, Riziki Suleiman, also had praises for the President saying her gesture is very expectational and has touched the lives of many people.

He said in the past athletes with disabilities were not being recognized but now the gesture will motivate them.

"I have four players in 'Tembo Warriors', Frank Ngailo, Ramadhan Somele, Salim Bakari, and Moses Magura, who firstly started featuring in wheelchair tennis, but now it is pleasing that they are representing the national amputee football team," he said.

The country's wheelchair tennis team competed at the 2017 World Team BNP Paribas which was held in Italy and he asked the government to support the team.

He said the national wheelchair tennis team will compete at next year's wheelchair tennis tournament which will be held in Turkey in May.

The event will be used as a qualifying competition for August World Team BNP Paribas which will be held in Portugal.

Suleiman appealed for support so that the team can compete at the qualifying event in Turkey.

Yanga focused on defeating Simba SC in NBC Premier League, says coach



Yanga's head coach Nasreddine Nabi. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

NBC Premier League leader, Yanga, says it is unperturbed by Simba SC's success in this season's CAF Confederation Cup Additional Second Preliminary Round, as the two sides prepare for a league fixture scheduled for tomorrow in Dar es Salaam.

The archrivals will lock horns in the eagerly awaited duel, with both garnering victories in their respective past clashes.

Yanga walloped Mbeya Kwanza FC 2-0 in a domestic top-flight clash, which took place in Mbeya on November 30.

Simba SC sailed through to CAF Confederation Cup's Group Stage, knocking Zambia's Red Arrows FC out of the Additional Second Preliminary

Round.

Yanga's head coach Nasreddine Nabi said that despite their opponents qualifying for the CAF Confederation Cup Group Stage, his players are not daunted by the latter's success.

The Tunisian coach stressed he hardly fears Simba SC, the latter therefore has to prepare his team's onslaught.

Nabi noted he knows the game will be competitive because of the rivalry between the two teams but, with the quality of his squad, he is sure they will collect three points.

The tactician disclosed: "I can't underestimate Simba SC because it is a great team and it is the league defending league champion, but let them know they are going to face the best and strongest team this season."

"We beat them in the Community Shield game and we will do it again on Saturday no matter what," Nabi noted.

Yanga's vice chairman, Fredrick Mwakalebela, urged their crosstown rivals Simba SC to prepare for defeat.

Mwakalebela said they have prepared their team well to ensure they leave with a victory in the game, hinting Yanga has prioritized it.

"Simba SC should realize that it is coming to succumb to its first loss this season because it will face the best team with the biggest goals this season," the official revealed.

Yanga is positioned first with 19 points followed by second-placed Simba SC with 17 points in the standings. The two clubs will meet for the first time this season in the league.

Kurasini Heat opts out of 2022 BAL qualifiers

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

DAR ES SALAAM Regional Basketball Association (RBA) League winner, Kurasini Heat Basketball Club, has officially withdrawn from the Basketball Africa League (BAL) second round of qualifiers that are ongoing in South Africa.

Kurasini Heat resorted to withdrawing from the tournament, which started on December 6 and is expected to end tomorrow, due to the outbreak of the new COVID-19 variant called Omicron.

The Tanzania basketball governing body, TBF, has released a statement to the public explaining the reasons for the Kurasini Heat's withdrawal as obtained by The

Guardian.

The statement read: "On behalf of the TBF we would like to inform you that the Kurasini Heat Basketball Club, who are the champions of the 2020 National Basketball League (NBL) and represented Tanzania in the 2021 Basketball Africa League (BAL) Qualifiers held in Dar es Salaam from October 29-31, 2021 and made it to the second stage, has opted out (BAL) Elite 16, which takes place in Johannesburg, South Africa."

A statement that was issued by Basketball Dar es Salaam's Chairman, Shendu Mwangalla, on behalf of Kurasini Heat, explained had issued the reasons for the withdrawal.

According to the statement, there was an uncertainty of the

safety of their players due to the emergence of another COVID-19 variant in South Africa.

The letter was sent to the headquarters of the International Basketball Federation, FIBA Africa, Abidjan, Ivory Coast, and TBF was given a copy.

The statement further said: "FIBA Africa has informed TBF of the decision by Kurasini Heat and will submit a statement of the decision to the FIBA Africa Executive Committee which will make the final decision."

"The TBF calls on all clubs participating in international competitions to make adequate preparations before confirming their participation in international competitions to avoid any inconvenience to the re-

spective clubs, TBF and FIBA."

The TBF statement revealed: "We would like to thank all those who participated in one way or another to help the Kurasini Heat participate in this important African Basketball Championship which is being run in partnership between FIBA Africa and the USA's National Basketball Association (NBA)."

The BAL Qualifiers, dubbed Road to BAL 2022, up to now involves a total of 16 teams doing battle for the right to secure the remaining six slots for the 12-team Final Round of the BAL.

Six teams from Angola, Egypt, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, and Tunisia have automatic entry to the BAL.



New generation music artist with visual impairment, Bakari Mneka, performs at the launch of a campaign, known as 'Safe Journey for Girls and Students Without Sexual Corruption Is Possible', organized by the Women in Development Efforts (WAJIKI), at Mbagala, Dar es Salaam yesterday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT SABATO KASIKA

Tanzanian referee gets shot at officiating ties in England

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIAN Ericson Temu has become the first soccer referee from the East Africa nation to officiate a match in the United Kingdom.

The 26-year-old Temu officiated his first game as a central referee with great elegance over the weekend as he supervised the U-23 match between Charlton Athletic FC and Queens Park Rangers FC.

Temu, a resident of Arusha, studied his primary and secondary education at St. Jude School in the region before moving to Mauritius for higher education and later headed to the United Kingdom.

While at St. Jude School in Tanzania, he started studying previous refereeing courses offered by the Arusha Regional Football Association at various times.

Temu stated his dream is to officiate in the English Premier League and with the zeal he showed in his first game, he believes that will be possible shortly. England Football Referees Association, he stated, has promised to arrange other games for him.

Apart from being a soccer referee for the past 10 years, Temu has been at the root of helping young adults to process learning and grassroots capacity building.

The project gears towards seeing to it they can translate their learning, ideas, and vision into sustainable social impacts and develop a strong, passionate, healthy sustainable, and resilient generation equipped to take on future socio-economic, political, and environmental challenges.

As 21st century emerging and dedicated young leader,

Temu is very keen on demonstrating experience in motivating youths to understand that climate change is a fact and is happening today, its contours of this century.

He pointed out youths have to dedicate passion, time, and energy by embracing the responsibility to do something urgently to reduce the growing threat.

Temu believes that by facilitating social values through creating a productive workforce of Millennials that can make sustainable contributions to economic development, the approach will improve community growth.

The initiative will further support global peace through supporting youth at risk and creating equitable opportunity for all disadvantaged and marginalized groups with confidence and the ability to impact many

lives of the ever-growing young population.

Temu has been a football referee for nine years with the duty to enforce the laws of the games.

The soccer official has a background in Social and Business Entrepreneurship, Leadership, and Social Development.

Temu has worked with national, international organizations and enterprises.

These organizations such as United Nations youth Council, African Union, World Climate advocacy association vouch for creating a safe space for youths to creatively express their reality through community activities as they engage their peers in encouraging youths to contribute positively to the community via philanthropy, and empowering them to develop passion and skills to form solid foundations for their future.

Barca's Xavi 'angry' after UCL exit to Bayern

MUNICH

BARCELONA coach Xavi Hernandez wants the club's early Champions League exit to serve as a point of inflection and the start of a new era at Camp Nou.

Goals from Thomas Muller, Leroy Sane and Jamal Musiala earned Bayern Munich a 3-0 win at the Allianz Arena on Wednesday and condemned Barca to a place in the Europa League in the New Year.

It's the first time since 2003-04, when Barca were in the UEFA League, that the Catalan club will not be in the knockout stages of the Champions League, a competition they have won five times.

Xavi, who replaced Ronald Koeman as coach in November, conceded that the loss in Munich served as a wake-up call to the scale of the task facing him. "Bayern dominated us," he said. "We always want to dominate but it was the opposite here. We must demand more. We're Barca. This must be a point of inflection to change the dynamic and many more things.

"This is the Champions League, but this is also our reality. It's the situation we're in. I'm angry. This is the reality and it pisses me off. We have to tackle it face on. There's nothing else for it.

"A new era starts today. We start from zero. Our objective is the Champions League, not the Europa League but that is our reality now and we have to try and win it."

Xavi's return to Barcelona as coach began with two wins and a draw, but the defeat to Bayern came after a 1-0 reverse at home to Real Betis in LaLiga at the weekend, which left Barca languishing in seventh in the table.

"I've seen how tough the reality is," Xavi added. "I hoped we would compete better. Bayern are better. That's the reality. But we're going to work hard and give our all so that this doesn't happen again. It's a feeling of helplessness.

"We have to start to get Barca back where they belong, which is not in the Europa League. This is also a hammer blow for me as a coach. We will work hard to bring Barca back, but we have to change a lot, of course."

Barca have declined sharply since last winning the Champions League in 2015. Since then, they have suffered heavy defeats to Paris Saint-Germain (twice), Juventus (twice), AS Roma and Liverpool.

Bayern, meanwhile, have now beaten them 8-2, 3-0 and 3-0 in their three meetings over the last 16 months.

"I don't think Barca can cope with the intensity," said Bayern midfielder Muller, who opened the scoring at on Wednesday. "Technically, they have it all, they have great players tactically and technically. But they can't cope with the intensity in top-level football."

Muller opened the scoring in the 34th minute, with Sane adding the second in a one-sided contest from distance just before the break. Musiala scored the third in the second half after good work from Alphonso Davies.

Bayern had already booked their place in the last-16 as group winners, but the win ensures they progress with a 100 percent record for just the second time.

They're joined in the knockout stages by Benfica, who beat Dynamo Kiev 2-0 on Wednesday to jump ahead of Barca into second place in Group E. (Agencies)

Pelé in hospital due to colon tumor, to be released in days

SAO PAULO

BRAZILIAN soccer great Pelé was hospitalized in Sao Paulo to continue his colon tumor treatment.

Hospital Albert Einstein said in a statement on Wednesday that 81-year-old Edson Arantes do Nascimento is "stable and expected to be released in the next few days."

Pelé's assistant Pepito Fornos told The Associated Press that Pelé is having chemotherapy sessions to treat the tumor that was found during routine exams at the end of August.

Pelé was briefly put in intensive care after surgery on his colon. He was discharged on Sept. 30, almost one month after being hospitalized, and doctors said he would begin chemotherapy.

Kely Nascimento, a daughter of Pelé's living in the United States, posted a picture of one of his sisters and her father in hospital. Both were smiling.

"My father finished a procedure that was scheduled for months," Nascimento said. "In two or three days he will go back home to enjoy Christmas."

Pelé had been recovering at his home in Guarujá, outside Sao Paulo. He published several videos and photos on his social media channels showing his health is improving.

The Brazilian's latest Instagram post was published Tuesday; a picture of him and another World Cup winner, Germany great Franz Beckenbauer.

Pelé won the 1958, 1962 and 1970 World Cups and remains Brazil's all-time leading scorer with 77 goals in 92 matches.

Before his health scare, Pelé had been staying out of the public eye following the cancer-related death of his brother, Jair, in March 2020. AP

Barcelona out of Champions League, snow extends group stage

LONDON

BARCELONA'S 17-year streak of advancing to the Champions League knockout rounds each season ended Wednesday with an exit from the group stage that failed to finish on time because of snow in Italy.

Barcelona fell to a 3-0 loss at Bayern Munich that dumped the five-time European champion into a dismal – and deserved – third place in Group E.

"We start a new era, from zero, from here," Barcelona coach Xavi Hernández, who re-joined a club in crisis last month, told broadcaster DAZN.

Bayern's perfect six straight wins started with a 3-0 win at Camp Nou in September, and a repeat result at home let Benfica rise above Barcelona – and into the round-of-16 draw on Monday – by beating Dynamo Kyiv 2-0.

Only 15 of the 16-team lineup in the knockout stage were known on Wednesday night.

The Atalanta-Villarreal game to decide who will finish runner-up in Group F was postponed by heavy snow in the northern Italian city of



Zenit's Magomed Ozdoyev celebrates after scoring against Chelsea (AFP)

Bergamo. The group was already won by Manchester United before it drew 1-1 Wednesday with last-place Young Boys at Old Trafford.

UEFA later asked Atalanta and Villarreal to try again on Thursday evening.

A grim evening for Spanish sides saw Sevilla join Barcelona in being eliminated, failing to advance from the wide-open Group G where all four teams kicked off in contention.

Lille, the team lowest-ranked by UEFA in the group stage, seized top spot by beating Wolfsburg 3-1 in Germany. Canada forward Jonathan David scored the second

goal for Lille. Salzburg beat Sevilla 1-0 to advance to the round of 16 as runner-up. The consolation for third-place Sevilla is a switch across to the second-tier Europa League where it is the record six-time title-holder.

Defending champion Chelsea and Juventus had already sealed their round-of-16 places from Group H but first place in the group was in play Wednesday.

Chelsea was stunned by Zenit St. Petersburg's leveler deep into stoppage time for a 3-3 draw in Russia that let Juventus secure top spot with a 1-0 win at home to Malmo.

pot of seeded teams with the other group winners in Monday's draw, where the unseeded pot now includes Chelsea and Paris Saint-Germain.

BARCELONA SLUMP

Before Lionel Messi left for PSG, in all 17 years of his first-team career at Barcelona the club took its place among the elite in the round of 16 each February. They won four Champions League titles in that era.

In the club's first post-Messi season, the Europa League playoffs now beckon after a group-stage campaign that brought more 3-0 losses (three) than goals scored (two).

The decline also ex-

tends at home and to the club's finances. A current seventh place in La Liga is outside the European qualification spots and years of big spending on wages mean there is no quick fix for the prodigal son who returned last month to coach the club.

"We need to work hard, many things that put Barcelona in this situation. But this is our reality. I cannot say anything else," Xavi said.

BYERN SOARING

Bayern won its group with a 22-goal tally that was more than twice as many as the other three teams combined.

Goals from Thomas Müller, Leroy Sané and Jamal Musiala against Barcelona ensured Bayern matched Ajax and Liverpool who completed their six straight wins on Tuesday.

Bayern was joined by Salzburg in playing in empty stadiums just like 2020 in European soccer during the first waves of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Salzburg's first entry into the knockout rounds follows several years as junior partner to fellow Red Bull affiliate Leipzig, which placed third in its group Tuesday and will switch to the Europa League.

ROUND-OF-16 DRAW
The round-of-16 draw

is on Monday at 1100 GMT at UEFA headquarters in Nyon, Switzerland.

There are restrictions in the draw. Teams that already played each other in the group stage and teams from the same country cannot be drawn together.

Pot 1 has Manchester City, Liverpool, Ajax, Real Madrid, Bayern Munich, Manchester United, Lille and Juventus.

Pot 2 has Paris Saint-Germain, Atlético Madrid, Sporting Lisbon, Inter Milan, Benfica, Atalanta or Villarreal, Salzburg and Chelsea.

First-leg games are played over two mid-weeks from Feb. 15-23 and return games are from March 8-16.

Eight teams that placed third in Champions League groups enter a separate draw on Monday for the Europa League knockout play-offs in February. They will play two-leg series against runners-up in Europa League groups with winners advancing to the competition's round of 16 in March.

The third-place teams are Leipzig, Porto, Borussia Dortmund, Sheriff, Barcelona, Atalanta or Villarreal, Sevilla and Zenit St. Petersburg. AP

Barcelona's Champions League exit shows just how far they have fallen

By Sam Marsden, ESPN Barcelona correspondent

BARCELONA will play in the Europa League in the new year. The very same Barcelona that wanted to – and still want to – form a European Super League earlier this year are no longer good enough to make the knockout rounds of the Champions League, missing it for the first time in 17 seasons. What chance would they have in a Super League?

Wednesday's 3-0 defeat against a Bayern Munich side in second gear, coupled with Benfica's big win over Dynamo Kiev in Lisbon, sentenced them to third place in Group E and condemned them to Thursday night football in 2022. It's the first time since 2003-04, when they didn't qualify for the Champions League, that Barca won't be in the last-16 of Europe's elite competition.

People who have been following Barca closely in recent years won't be surprised by their demise. Since last competing in the Europa League – when it was still known as the UEFA Cup – in 2004, they've won the Champions League four times. Since last winning it, though, in 2015, things have deteriorated quickly. They've lost by three goals or more to Paris Saint-Germain (twice), Juventus (twice), Roma, Liverpool and Benfica in Europe in the past four seasons alone. And then there's Bayern, who have now beaten them by three goals or more three times over the past 16 months, totting up an aggregate score of 14-2.

If Bayern Munich are the benchmark in Europe along with their Premier League peers,

then Wednesday in an empty Allianz Arena as the snow fell offered the latest glimpse into just how far Barca have fallen. Asked why Bayern are now so superior to Barca ahead of this week's game, defender Gerard Pique said it's because they are a better-run club. "It's as simple as that," he said, pessimistically.

While it's true that previous president Josep Maria Bartomeu ran the club into the ground – Joan Laporta succeeded him this year, with the club's gross debt standing at €1.4 billion – that simplistic view removes any blame from the players, who were once again shown up in Munich. It's a cliché, but it really is men against boys whenever Barca player Bayern at the moment. The German side are stronger, quicker, smarter and better-coached.

Barca tried to take the game to Bayern early on, but they just simply weren't good enough. Even against a side that in theory had nothing to play for, having already secured top spot in the group and missing Joshua Kimmich, Leon Goretzka and Serge Gnabry through injury. Barca have injury problems of their own, with Ansu Fati, Pedri and Sergio Aguero among those sidelined.

Ousmane Dembele, making his first start of another injury-hit season, struck Barca's best chance over the bar, but from the moment Thomas Muller opened the scoring in the first half, there was only going to be one winner. Leroy Sane added the second from distance – Marc-Andre ter Stegen might have done better –



Xavi Hernandez

and Jamal Musiala completed the scoring in the second half after good work from Alphonso Davies, one of Barca's chief tormentors in Bayern's 8-2 quarterfinal win two seasons ago.

After that 8-2 loss, Pique said Barca had hit rock bottom, but things haven't improved much since. It's no longer just the defeats to Bayern; it's the failure to beat the theoretically weaker sides in the competition, too. In six games against Dynamo Kiev, Benfica and Bayern this season, Barca scored just two goals. Bayern have

scored 22. In all competitions, Barca have managed 25 goals to Robert Lewandowski's 27 – and the Polish international didn't even get on the scoresheet on Wednesday night.

Barca have now won just 10 of their last 24 away matches in Europe, and have lost five of their last nine games in the Champions League. It's hard to find a positive statistic. They will now hope the Europa League really does represent rock bottom and that the rebuild can start here. "A new era is starting," was the optimistic view from

coach Xavi Hernandez immediately after the game.

The seeds for change have already been planted by the appointment of club legend Xavi – as well as the return of Laporta as president earlier this year – but the Bayern game was just his fifth in charge. He may need five years to get Barca competing for the Champions League again. Dani Alves has also been brought back to the team – as a player at 38 years old – as the club bank on a mix of nostalgia, veterans and youth to take them back to the top. There are not many players in the squad, with the clear exception of Frenkie de Jong, in their peak years.

Financial restrictions that forced the summer exits of Lionel Messi and Antoine Griezmann, have led to extended opportunities for a crop of talented youngsters. In addition to Pedri and Ansu, Gavi, Nico Gonzalez, Ronald Araujo and Abde Ezzaoui have been among the best performers this season. The Europa League could be good for them. By the time the competition restarts in February, Xavi will have

had over three months working with his squad.

Equally, the Europa League may also end up being Barca's best chance of being in the Champions League next season. Sitting seventh in LaLiga, after defeats to Rayo Vallecano and Real Betis, a top-four spot in the Spanish league is by no means a given after 15 games.

Another cliché in Barcelona at the moment is "it is what it is," born from the now infamous comment made – and heavily criticised by the local media – by previous coach Ronald Koeman after the 3-0 defeat to Bayern at Camp Nou in September. There's perhaps no better way to sum up Barca's situation at the right now.

There have been positives since Xavi took charge, but Bayern once again showed how much work Barca have to do. They can deal with not being in the Champions League knockout stages this season, but not being in the competition at all next year would be another economic disaster among many. Until then, they may want to put organising a Super League on the backburner.

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Legal experts support Simba SC in row with TFF

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

SOME legal experts are backing Simba SC's decision to threaten to opt-out of wearing jerseys bearing new NBC Premier League co-sponsor GSM Group's logo.

Early this week, a clip of the voice of Simba SC Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Barbara Gonzalez, went viral on social media, she was heard threatening that her side will not wear the jerseys with the GSM Group logo.

She said first Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) did not consult Simba SC on the sponsorship with GSM Group and also clubs are not aware of the content of the contract signed between the two and how will the clubs benefit from the agreement.

"We were not consulted on the matter, only three days have remained and TFF told us to put on the jerseys with GSM Group logo, we wrote them a letter on December 2 demanding to know the content of the contract but they have not responded to us."

"I will go to a pre-match briefing with our lawyer, we want an explanation," she was heard saying.

Giving his legal opinion, a lawyer Adam Jabir said: "It is not the first time in Tanzanian major football leagues that a club had refused to wear the sponsors' logo, we saw that when Yanga refused to wear Vodacom Company's logo as it was not their choice of colour."

"It is debatable what contractual rights do the football clubs have under the agreements with the League organizers on the one hand and sponsorship contracts between sponsors and the league organizers on the other."

"Meaning contractual rights between parties can be enforced but it cannot against third parties unless there was consent by the third party. It is debatable whether Simba SC can be held for breach of contract entered by TFF and GSM on the basis that GSM Group is a secondary sponsor (NBC is the main sponsor. Beyond what is debatable the TFF rules perhaps solve the grievance by Simba SC."

There is no regulation requiring Simba SC to wear the logo on the left side of the jersey as the rules prescribe that the main sponsors' logo is displayed on the right-hand side," Jabir said in part of his legal opinion.

He further reasoned that the terms between TFF and GSM Group should have a beneficial interest to Simba SC for GSM Group to advertise on the left shoulder of Simba SC jersey that is to say TFF should fully disclose the terms of the sponsorship to the clubs and narrate on how the clubs are going to benefit from it.

Jabir went on to advise that Tanzania Premier League Board should amend its regulations as the current regulations are silent on the scenario of this nature.

"Morever Tanzania Premier League Board should amend its regulations to reflect this scenario as the current regulations are silent hence it will be kind of difficult to enforce this GSM Group sponsorship saga within clubs without a proper legal backup," he said.

Another lawyer, Leonard Mwakasenge, said Simba SC has a point and it must be listened to.

"Simba SC are raising many pertinent issues which must be addressed. In my opinion, the 2021 TFF regulations on sponsorship need to be amended."

"Yes contract has some agreements which are exclusive, but for the interest of the game, they should not have any secret," the lawyer disclosed in a monitored radio interview.

TPLB information officer, Karim Boimanda, said one of the conditions which the co-sponsor and TFF agreed was that clubs should wear jerseys with GSM Group's logo on the left side.

"That was the condition which we agreed with the co-sponsor, I can tell you that up to this time no club has come informing us they have a sponsor of the left side jersey," he said in the radio interview.

Why Pablo arrival stands to make city derby a different encounter

ters with their rivals have often told a different story, which bewails the confidence of their fans, finding it impossible to stomach those results.

The issue is how far this stands to be repeated, and if there is a kind of rule associated with that.

For once, it can be said that the team that ranks as underdogs can always outplay the other side as there is a chance the better side, by conventional assessment, becomes rather confident and plays at lower than capacity.

It is hard to check this tendency on account of insufficient professionalism on the part of our players - by which is meant African soccer as a whole as it is excessively directed towards the fans, rather than the coach.

When a side believes it is better or stands to win, it is hard to extract the best from the players, and this is observed in a series of poor runs on the part of the reigning champions in the league.

Yet unavoidably that situation isn't stationary and is affected by environmental shifts within the camp, namely moods on the technical bench, changes in the coaching as has happened with both clubs since this season started - and more accurately happened at Msimbazi Street recently.

What this is meant to suggest is that Yanga may have outlived the new coach atmosphere while Simba SC is still living their new coach moment.

In that case, it is easier to stretch results from the change of coach at Msimbazi Street than for Jangwani Street, but there are 'constants,' the new skills or patterns imparted already which remain stable.

The new technical bench at Jangwani Street has time to put up fairly stable patterns of play, how players ought to combine to attain cohesion and setting out roles, for instance when it is appropriate to try a shot on goal and when one has to look out for a better-placed player, etc.

The new technical bench at Msim-

bazi Street hasn't made those adaptations to a structural level of some kind, or say hasn't as yet had the time to do so in comparison with the other side, which means that the rivals have a strategic advantage in terms of team stability with a new coach.

But basic patterns aren't everything as tactics that a coach can employ in the course of the game has a better chance of changing results than initial patterns may suggest.

This could just be the clincher as to who emerges the victor in the derby, as the run of play in the past year or so indicates that the more motivated club shall be Yanga, putting everything into the game to win, while Simba SC is incapable of abandoning the view that this is a league encounter like any other, despite that it is somewhat prestigious.

The derby can't rise to heights of CAF Champions League fixtures or at present the CAF Confederation Cup, as this is the sphere Msimbazi Street wishes to make a mark, to count themselves as among Africa's best.

The club side has for a while counted as within the top 10 best CAF club sides.

A quite recent update placing Simba SC at number six in CAF rankings might paradoxically hurt the team in the derby as it may affect the technical bench, especially those recruited from the traditional Msimbazi Street advisory panel, or perhaps advisory crowd.

It is unclear how far players' moods depend on the attitude of the coach and his immediate trainers, who the current coach recruited from his backyard, at his old workstation of Real Madrid, whose ethos is playing for 90 minutes without a shade of relaxation, to reach optimal results.

That isn't the mood here, and it will take time to sort it out, in which case Pablo Franco weighs his shoulders to check not just players' expectations but even those around him, not so closely, but they have a crucial, and often negative, psychological role.



Pablo Franco Martin. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBASC

By Correspondent John Kimbute

EACH meeting of the two city giants, Simba SC and Young Africans SC, popularly known as Yanga, is a match of its kind, reflecting the prevailing state of ability as well as motivation, not just among players but also in club leadership and fan base or club ranks as a whole.

It is an encounter that resets the temperature in the perennial and interminable dispute as to who is better between them, and if that is clear as perhaps it is at present, what prospects the other side stands in the league season. This encounter can also make clear a few such issues.

Looking at what has happened from the time that the two teams met for the pre-season finale of the Charity Shield, their paths have been contrasting in one way and converging in another, and perhaps poised to take another turn, with the derby as an indicator of where this is moving.

For a few years, the Jangwani Street club has been distinct underdogs but their encoun-

Tanzania contemplates reviving John Wayne's Hollywood House in Arusha

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

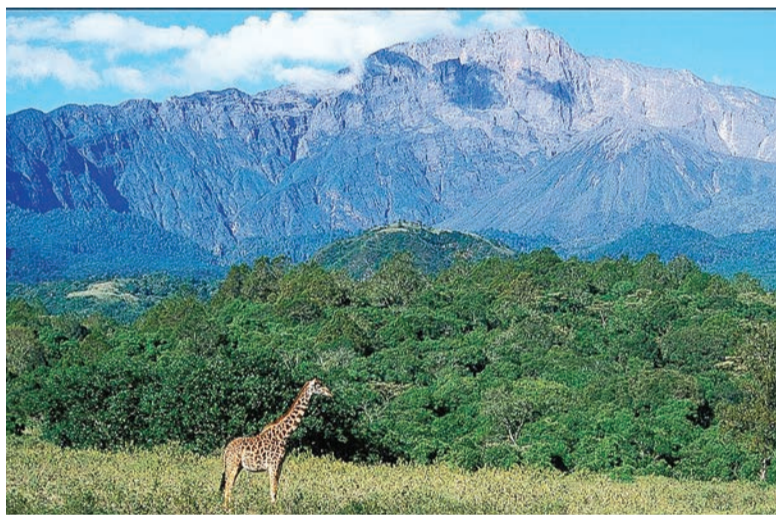
TANZANIA once had Hollywood, the premises in which one of the most successful films was shot, which is still located within the Arusha National Park, currently serving as a tourist lodge.

Momella Lodge is where the international blockbuster movie, titled 'Hatari!', was primarily produced in 1962 shortly after the country's independence, starring Hollywood's iconic figure, John Wayne, popularly known as 'the Duke.'

Assistant Commissioner of Conservation for the Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA), Albert Robinson Mziray, who is in charge of the Arusha National Park, said the property was an important component in the precinct's tourism promotion drive.

"Arusha National Park, founded in 1960 is the second oldest after Serengeti and also among the few that are self-sustaining," Commissioner Mziray explained.

He added that within Arusha National Park, visitors can climb mountains (Mount Meru, the second-highest peak after Kilimanjaro is located within ANAPA), enjoy canoeing at Momella Lakes, experience walking safaris, and even get the taste of Hollywood at Momella and Hatari Lodges.



Arusha National Park.

'Hatari!', translating into 'Danger' in English, was directed by Howard Hawks and remains one of the most realistic Hollywood films ever shot on the African continent.

The movie starred John Wayne, Hardy Krüger, Elsa Martinelli, and Red Buttons.

A relaxing foyer at the Momella Lodge, complete with a traditional fireplace, has even been named

'Hardy Krüger Bar and Lounge.'

The popularity of 'Hatari!' as well as the fame which goes with the name of 'John Wayne,' is enough to make both Momella Lodge and Arusha National Park an outstanding destination for tourists with Hollywood interest.

Posters from the 'Hatari' film hung on the walls. They are complemented by stone engravings

that also immortalize the film inside the Momella Lodge.

Those who watched the feature, which is still a best seller on Amazon even after 60 years, would certainly want to revisit the set.

The film storyline is simple, a group of men trapping wild animals in Tanzania for selling them to overseas zoos, which is exactly what used to take place in pre-independence Tanganyika.

While the plot seems simple, the high-speed action is breathtaking and then the whole thing plunges into some swooning romantic stuff with the arrival of a female wildlife photographer from France who threatens to change the team's style of operating and living.

Much of the set remains the same as it was in the 1960s including the iconic windmill.

The grass-thatched Momella Lodge shows age, but the over 70 years old, white-washed buildings, are still intact and if it was not for the two-year-long pandemic period, the property could be bustling with visitors.

But at the moment the area is very quiet and almost deserted except for the workers cleaning up the premises as well as the surrounding environment.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

