



ZANZIBAR President, Dr Hussein Mwinyi (third left) and other mourners carry the coffin bearing the remains of former Member of Parliament for Kwahani Constituency (CCM), Ahmed Yahya Abdwakil, for funeral prayer "Salat al-Janazah" at Mpendae Mosque before being laid to rest at Buyuni Village in Unguja South Region in Zanzibar, yesterday. (Photo by Zanzibar State House)

Kakono power project gets 96.47bn/- boost

From KATARE MBASHIRU in Dodoma

TANZANIA and the French Development Agency (AFD) have signed a complementary financing agreement worth 34.86 million Euro (equivalent to 96.47bn/-) for implementation of the Kakono Hydro-power project which upon completion will pump into the national grid about 87.8 Megawatts.

The signing ceremony was held at Dodoma's Treasury Square between the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, Dr Natu Mwamba and AFD Country Director, Ms Céline Robert and witnessed by Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Energy, Dr James Mataragio.

The proposed Kakono Hydropower Project which is located approximately 90 kilometres West of Bukoba Municipality in the North-west corner of Tanzania, along the Kagera River will be implemented by the Ministry of Energy via the State-owned power util-

ity firm, Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited (TANESCO).

At the signing ceremony yesterday, the AFD Country Director said that the Grant agreement was delegated by the European Union (EU).

"This financing will support implementation of the Environmental and Social Management Plan as well as the infrastructures associated with the 87.8 MW Kakono Hydropower Plant located in Kagera Region, in the northern part of Tanzania," she said.

According to Ms Robert, TANESCO had already benefited from a 281 million US dollar loan from both the French Development Agency and the African Development Bank (AfDB).

Speaking immediately after sealing the deal, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Finance said that the objective of the project was to increase on-grid energy production using least cost source which is hydro, to address the

electricity deficits in north-western Tanzania.

"The development of Kakono Hydro Power Plant (HPP) will replace the use of fossil fuels in North western corner of Tanzania in the Lake Zone, where costly diesel power generators are often used to either supplement the grid supply or improve the quality of supply to avoid prolonged blackouts," she said.

Dr Mwamba further noted: "I am glad to remind that this project is co-financed by three Development Partners who are AFD (Euro 110 million equivalent to about 304.37bn/-), African Development Bank (USD 161.47 million equivalent to about 413.95bn/-) and European Union (Euro 34.86 million, equivalent to 96.47bn/- to be supervised by AFD).

The Kakono Hydro-power Project is in line with the Third Five-Year Development Plan (FYDP III) with the theme 'Building a Competitive and Industrial Economy for Human Development through im-

proving productive infrastructures, reliable access to energy, strengthening the business and investment enabling environment as well as education and training systems."

"I am grateful that the energy sector is among the top priorities of AFD and the European Union. The project is also well aligned with the current AfDB's Country Strategy Paper (2021-2025) for Tanzania and operational priorities (commonly known as High Fives), which are five and the power sector being the number one," added Dr Mwamba.

The PS further clarified that apart from the electricity supply to consumers, the project will create employment opportunities.

"It is expected that about 1,000 temporary jobs will be created during the implementation phase in addition to 100 permanent jobs during the operation phase and this will boost the economy of the local people at project area to improve their lives."

Dr Mwamba re-affirmed the government's commitment to continue working closely with AFD and other Development Partners to strengthen development cooperation for development of the people.

"With strong relationships, we shall be able to achieve our national and international development aspirations. Further, be reassured that the government will take all necessary measures to ensure successful implementation of this project and achievement of its intended development objective," he said.

Speaking at the event, the Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Energy said that preparations for compensating residents surrounding the project were on top gear and that procedures to obtain the consent of the project were equally ongoing.

"We in the ministry appreciate the technical and financial support that we have been continuously receiving from AFD," said Dr Mataragio.

Rufiji floods wreak havoc

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Let's streamline assessments and ramp up aid distribution; people are eagerly awaiting assistance, which should precede any further evaluations," Mr Kinana urged.

Mr Kinana's statements followed Coastal Regional Commissioner Abubakari Kunenge's emphasis on the floods' impact, underlining the urgent necessity for social support. The region will oversee aid distribution.

Engineer Dismas Mbote from the Tanzania Electric Supply Company (Tanesco) has shed light on the root causes of the flooding in Rufiji, attributing it to human encroachment and activities along the river channel.

"The water volume in the Rufiji River was once recorded at 13,000 cubic meters per second in May 1974. However, during March and April of this year, the volume of water flowing in the river was recorded at 8,444 cubic meters per second," Eng Mbote explained.

Eng Mbote detailed the historical and current water volume data of the Rufiji River, highlighting a significant decrease from the peak levels recorded in May 1974. De-

spite ongoing El Nino rains, the current water levels have not matched those of 1974, indicating that the flooding cannot be solely blamed on the presence of the Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project (JNHPP).

The engineer emphasised that when the government initiated the filling of water in the Nyerere Dam in 2022, it resulted in the blocking of all water from the Rufiji River. Consequently, citizens moved closer to the river channel for agricultural activities and settlement, exacerbating the flooding situation.

Furthermore, Mbote pointed out that ongoing El Nino rains have exacerbated flooding not only in Rufiji but also in neighbouring areas such as Kilombero, Mvomero, Kilosa, Mlimba, Liwale, and Mbarali, despite these regions not being downstream of the Nyerere Dam.

Mbote highlighted the historical recurrence of significant floods in Rufiji District in various years, dating back to 1997, well before the construction of the dam. These floods have resulted in property damage and loss of lives, suggesting that attributing the floods solely to the dam's existence is inaccurate.

TZ mourns three soldiers killed in DR Congo

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She said the country's heroes will be laid to rest by following all the army's protocols.

In another development, she commended the Tanzania People's Defence Force (TPDF) for its tireless operations to safeguard peace within and beyond the country's borders in accordance with regional and international agreements and protocols to which Tanzania is a member.

She extended her condolence to the Chief of Defence Force (CDF), General Jacob Mkunda, relatives, friends and families of the departed.

Earlier on Monday this week, the Southern African Development Community (SADC) in a statement informed that the demise of the three soldiers and the three injured were all from Tan-

zania. "This unfortunate incident happened after hostile mortar round fell near their camp," read the SADC statement.

SADC also informed on the passing on of a South African Soldier who died while receiving treatment due to health challenges in a hospital in Goma, DRC.

According to SADC, the soldiers were deployed under the auspices of SADC as part of a regional response to address the unstable and deteriorating security situation prevailing in the Eastern DRC.

"The SADC family expresses its heartfelt condolences to the beloved family and the government of the Republic of South Africa and United Republic of Tanzania on the irreplaceable loss of the deceased soldiers" SADC said in the statement.

Police nab NSSF fraudsters

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forgery, as they will be apprehended and face severe legal consequences, including prosecution.

Additionally, from January to March 2024, the Dar es Salaam Special Zone Police successfully brought various suspects to court, including Joshua Saidi from Kinondoni, who was sentenced to life imprisonment for rape, and two others, Karmal Mohamed and Mfaume Has-

san from Kigamboni and Ukonga, who were sentenced to life imprisonment for sodomy.

Another defendant, Justice Kasera from Kinondoni was sentenced to 60 years for rape and sodomy, while Meshack Michael from Kinondoni was sentenced to 50 years for rape, and four others were each sentenced to 30 years for rape. Other cases are at various stages of trial. Citizens

are urged to come forward to provide evidence in court regarding such incidents.

Furthermore, from January to March 2024, a total of 221,724 road safety violations were recorded by Dar es Salaam Special Zone Police, including 173,190 vehicle-related offences and 48,534 motorcycle-related offences, resulting in various legal actions, including on-the-spot fines and some drivers/riders being brought to court.

Eighty-nine drivers were

brought to court, 60 were fined for driving under the influence, 759 were fined for crossing red lights, and 3,779 motorcycle drivers were arrested for carrying excess passengers. Additionally, there were 217,034 other offences.

Meanwhile, regarding the Eid Al-Fitr festivities, all drivers are directed not to use alcohol while driving, and parents are reminded to avoid leaving young children unattended in the streets and other

areas. "We are prepared to ensure enhanced security in all areas of the city, including places of worship, streets, beaches and residential areas. The police force wishes everyone a happy holiday," he noted.

Police Spokespersons, Deputy Commissioner of Police, David Misime said everything is in place to ensure Muslims and Tanzanians enjoy the festivities in quiet and peaceful environment.

TCB net profit surges by 529 per cent in Q1

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The total revenue, as revealed at the media briefing, showed that the bank's revenue increased by 30 per cent to 56.8bn/- in the first quarter from 43.7bn/- recorded in a similar quarter last year.

Additionally, the lender's customer deposits increased by 12 per cent to 1.16trn/- from 1.03trn/- recorded in the same period last year, signifying customer's continued confidence in the bank.

On top of that, the to-

tal loans portfolio during the period under review soared by 15.4 per cent to 983.6bn/- in three months until the end of March this year from 852.2bn/- that the bank registered in the same period last year.

Mr Mihayo also highlighted the non-performing loans (NPLs) that stood at 3.97 per cent which is below the central bank's threshold of 5.0 per cent.

"This percentage indicates the portion of loans in the bank's portfolio that are at risk or are already delinquent," said Mr Mi-

hayo. He added, "As we continue with this trajectory of success, we remain dedicated to delivering innovative financial solutions and contributing to the prosperity of the people."

TCB's total expenses incurred during the quarter stood at 43.2bn/- marking a 6.1 per cent increase compared to 40.7bn/- incurred in a similar period last year while total operating expense rose marginally by 1.13 per cent to 26.8bn/- at the end quarter from 26.5bn/- registered in the

same period last year.

Mr Mihayo affirmed that the bank is committed to accelerating efforts in implementing the strategy that focused on driving operational efficiencies and progressively managing cost to income ratio downwards despite the marginal increase for the period.

TCB attributed its record profitable growth to continuous prioritisation of the value and sustainable growth of Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) in the country.

In addition to the SMEs driven focus, the lender leveraged on digitisation of banking solutions which offer efficiency, convenience and ease of transaction ability.

Mr Mihayo also stressed on the bank's initiative to support the retirees that up to date, the lender has loaned a tune of 700bn/- to empower them.

Furthermore, to extend the bank's optimism to support the SMEs, Mr Mihayo noted that TCB has set aside 300bn/- to support them financially.

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The Personal Data Protection Commission informs the Public that it has commenced registration of data collectors and processors as mandated under Section No. 14(1) of the Personal Data Protection Act No. 11 of 2022.

Furthermore, the Commission has provided a period of six (06) months from the date of this announcement for data collectors and processors to register on the Registration System available at the Commission's website www.pdpc.go.tz.

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