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### WOMEN ENCOURAGED TO PURSUE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST GBV

The government has urged women facing Gender-based violence (GBV) to seek legal redress to access justice and protect their Rights. Deputy Minister for Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups, Ms. Mwanaidi Alli Khamis, made the call over the weekend in Dar es Salaam while officiating the Jubilee Mums Day Out 2025, an annual event organized by Jubilee Health Insurance under the Jubilee Women Club initiative and she said that when you encounter gender related challenges, turn to legal institutions such as the Mama Samia Legal Aid Initiative to pursue justice. Ms. Khamis praised public-private partnerships for empowering women through education on safe childbirth and responsible parenting, noting that such efforts are instrumental in nurturing a healthier more prosperous generation.

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### TANZANIA'S BIG STEP IN WAR ON FINANCIAL CRIME

In a landmark boost the nation's financial reputation, Tanzania was officially removed from the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) grey list in June 2025 marking significant step forward in its efforts to combat money laundering, terrorist financing and related financial crimes. The FATF's grey list is reserved for jurisdictions under increased monitoring due to strategic deficiencies in their anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing (AML/CFT) frameworks. Tanzania had been placed on this list in October 2022, following the identification of 21 specific gaps in its legal, regulatory, and institutional framework. According to FATE, Tanzania made "significant progress" by fulfilling all the action items set out in its 2022 evaluation. These included, improving risk-based supervision, which involved conducting inspections of financial institutions and designated non-financial businesses and professions based on risk profiles. Applying effective sanctions for non-compliance, as this step entailed strengthening investigative and prosecutorial capacity the Minister for Finance Hon. Dr. Mwigulu Nchemba emphasized that Tanzania will maintain momentum by continuing to build capacity and enforce AML/CFT Frameworks we are committed to protect the integrity of Tanzania's Financial system.

Source: The Guardian

### AFDB'S DR. ADESINA CALLS FOR AFRICA BOLD LEGAL BOLD LEGAL, GOVERNANCE REFORMS TO UNLOCK PROSPERITY.

The President of the African Development Bank Group, Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, has told more than 1,200 lawyers, judges, and government officials attending the Kenya Law Society's 2025 Annual Conference that when Africa stands for the rule of law, the world will stand with Africa. Dr. Adesina drew a clear link between judicial independence, sound public finance, and sustainable economic growth. He emphasized that Africa's true wealth lies not

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only in its natural resources but also in its ability to govern them transparently, enforce contracts fairly, and ensure justice for all citizens. Dr. Adesina urged African nations to strengthen judicial independence and attract to transparency to global capital, reform natural resource laws to ensure benefits reach communities, not elites, develop sovereign wealth funds to safeguard prosperity for future build generations and strong African arbitration systems to settle disputes and locally fairly He challenged Africa's lawyers, judges, and arbitrators to rise as 'guardians of promise and stewards of destiny' by enforcing constitutional safeguards on public finance

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## **THE HIGH COURT OF TANZANIA'S COMMERCIAL DIVISION IS KEY TO ECONOMIC GROWTH AND JUSTICE**

For Tanzania to maintain economic momentum, the ability to resolve commercial disputes quickly and fairly is crucial. That is where the Commercial Division of the High Court steps in not just as a legal mechanism, but as a powerful driver of national prosperity. The Commercial Division focuses on resolving commercial disputes. It handles cases related to trade, business contracts, corporate matters and other commercial transactions. Established in September 1999 amid a wave of economic liberalization, the Commercial Division aims to provide expertise in complex commercial litigation as well as fostering a favourable environment for business operations. As trade expands and investments grew, so too did disputes, some involving large sums of money and complex contracts. Unresolved commercial disputes can undermine economic growth by disrupting the environment that investors need for confidence, security, and long-term planning. Investors want predictable environments. Disputes create uncertainty, making businesses fear sudden policy shifts, violence or regime changes. This instability increases perceived risk, leading to capital flight and reduced Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).

International investors shift capital to countries with more stable investment climates, depriving conflict-affected economies of needed funds. In response, the division was created as a specialized platform to handle commercial cases with speed, professionalism, and focus. According to Assistant Registrar of the High Court of Tanzania's Commercial Division Mr. Kelvin Ndomba, the Court plays a transformative role in Tanzania's economic stability. Among the cases heard are those concerning commercial contracts such as loans between banks and individuals or companies, insurance contracts and company disputes under the Companies Act, Cap. 212. The Court also deals with disputes related to shares, company management and insolvency, as well as the registration and enforcement of various commercial awards, which often arise from arbitration. The Court is used to formally recognize such awards so they can be enforced with the legal power of a court judgment

**Source: Daily News**

## **TCRA ISSUES GUIDELINES ON BULK SMS DURING ELECTION**

Dr. Bakari reminded that all bulk messages must be thoroughly screened before distribution to prevent the spread incitement and misinformation that could threaten peace. He stressed that telecom operators and SMS aggregators to ensure all bulk SMS content related to election complies fully with relevant laws and regulations Postal Communications Act (EPOCA) of 2010 and the Online Content Regulations of 2020, including their 2022 amendments. They provide among others, that anyone providing services without proper licensing will face strict legal action, including prosecution. He said TCRA regulates

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telecommunications, internet services, postal services and broadcasting, including radio, television and online content and closely monitors online content delivery in line with its legal mandate. All election related content requires prior approval from the relevant institutions or political party leadership. Service providers must retain records of all bulk SMS messages sent during the legally mandated period for verification if needed.

**Source: The Citizen**

### **GOVERNMENT START DRAFTING PLAN FOR VISION 2050 SWIFT IMPLEMENTATION.**

The National Planning Commission (NPC) has begun drafting new five-year development plan that will align and advance the objective of Tanzania's Development Vision (TDV) 2050. NPC Economist Mr. Jordan Matonya said achieving a trillion-dollar economy would require reforms in the digital sector strengthening value chains and expanding collaboration with the private sectors, in these five years plan we shall introduce significant reforms, strengthen institutions, and promote good governance. NPC Deputy Executive Secretary, Dr. Mursali Milanzi, said that the blueprint will be ready by November this year, our task is to ensure all policies are harmonized. The process has already started with a review of sectoral documents to determine their alignment with Vision 2050. Dr. Milanzi made the remarks during a media orientation session themed "Partnering for Awareness Action on Tanzania Development Vision 2050", organized by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in collaboration with NPC. He said that once the five-year plan is finalized, the Commission will begin preparing annual plans to be rolled out from the 2026/27 fiscal year.

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**Source: The Guardian**

### **TABACCO RULES: ACTIVISTS FILE HIGH COURT PETITION**

Anti-Tobacco campaigners have filed a constitutional case at the High Court of Tanzania, seeking government intervention to strengthen regulation of tobacco use and safeguard public health from its harmful effects. The case, number I4430, was filed on May 26 this year at the High Court main registry in Dodoma, listing respondents at the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Agriculture, the National Environment Management Council (NEMO) and the Attorney General's Office. Mr. Hamis Mayombo, a lawyer with the Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC), said in Dar es Salaam that the case was lodged by four individuals namely Lutgard Kagaruki, Alpha Kawonga, Millennium Mosha and Hassan Said. The petitioners are expected to appear before the court on August 27, 2025. Their main objective is to compel the government to regulate tobacco use and production more effectively, given that young people and the elderly continue to suffer from the consequences of tobacco consumption," he explained. Both sides have already submitted their written arguments, and the upcoming court session will allow clarification.

Mr. Alpha Kawonga founder of the local "No Tobacco initiative" said that they also aim to protect non-smokers from second-hand smoke while pushing for policies such as banning tobacco advertising, increasing taxes on tobacco, regulating sales and promoting healthier lifestyles. Stakeholders hope that the case will set a legal precedent for stronger anti-tobacco policies in Tanzania ultimately reducing health risks and protecting future generations.

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## **TRA DELIVERS AWARENESS SESSION TO TRADERS ON CHANGES TO FINANCE ACT 2025**

The Tanzania Revenue Authority training (TRA) has conducted sessions for business operators in Mwanza Region aimed at raising their awareness on recent amendments to the Finance Act and reminding them of their obligations to pay taxes in accordance with the law. Ms. Eugenia Mkumbo, TRA Chief and Communication Education Officer, explained that amendments passed this year are intended to broaden the tax base, simplify payment processes and provide legal clarity where there has been ambiguity. Mr. Joseph Kahungwa a trader, said that the training was beneficial as it helped participants understand the new amendments, some of which provide relief for small businesses while others raise tax rates to boost government revenue. He emphasized that several changes have brought us tax relief.

[Source: Daily News](#)

## **PRIORITISE HUMAN RIGHTS, BUSINESSES URGED**

The Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance (CHRAGG) has called on business enterprises in Tanzania to place human rights at the center of their operations. In a move aimed at safeguarding workers, communities and the nation's overall social welfare. CHRAGG Vice Chairperson, Mr. Mohamed Khamis Hamad emphasized that while businesses play a crucial role in driving economic growth, creating jobs and attracting investment, these achievements must not come at the expense of human dignity. CHRAGG Executive Secretary, Mr. Patience Ntwina highlighted that respecting human rights is not only a legal obligation but also a strategic foundation for building sustainable and resilient businesses. He urged companies to integrate human rights into every stage of their operations, from supply chain management to workplace policies, ensuring that economic growth and profit do not come at the cost of the people rights or community well-being.

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[Source: The Guardian](#)

## **JUSTICE REFORM VITAL TO CURB UNLAWFUL DETENTIONS**

Urgent reforms to criminal justice system are needed to curb widespread unlawful detention, denial of bail in primary courts and extensive abuse of the power of arrest, stakeholders. The Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) issued this appeal in policy brief update released this week and circulated to various organizations, highlighting violations of constitutional rights despite legal protections and recommendations earlier issued by Presidential Commission Criminal Justice Reform. Citizens continue to suffer under a restrictive and outdated legal framework that routinely denies them justice, particularly at the point of arrest and detention. LHRC stresses that this violates Article 13 (6) (b) of the constitution which makes the guarantee of bail a fundamental right, pointing at findings from the 2021 Human Rights Report that 46 percent of citizens see bail access as a problem, while 35 percent see it as a very serious concern.

[Source: The Citizen](#)

## **MODERN MINERAL LABORATORY START TO TAKE SHAPE IN GEITA**

The government has begun construction of a modern mineral research laboratory in Geita Region, aimed at serving seven mining regions across the Lake Zone. The facility, which is expected to become a center of excellence in laboratory services, is being built at a cost of TZS3.5 billion and is scheduled for completion in August 2026. It will serve Geita, Mbogwe, Kagera, Mwanza, Shinyanga, Kahama and Mara. Speaking after inspecting the construction

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site at Kasemwa Ward in Geita. District, the Minister for Minerals, Hon. Mr. Anthony Mavunde, said the government is building three modern laboratories in Chunya (Mbeya Region), Dodoma and Geita as part of efforts to strengthen the mining sector. He added that Dodoma is hosting a large laboratory that will provide world-class services in East and Central Africa. The President is determined to ensure that the sector grows not just in words, but in action. Improving research infrastructure is central to developing the mining industry. The Director of Laboratory Services at the Geological Survey of Tanzania (GST), Mr. Notka Banteze, said the new facility will analyze a wide range of samples, including gold, gemstones and other minerals.

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