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PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ENDORSES TISEZA TO MANAGE BUZWAGI SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Governance, Constitutional and Legal Affairs has proposed that the administration of the Buzwagi Special Economic Zone (BSEZ) be transferred to the Tanzania Investment and Special Economic Zones Authority (TISEZA). The recommendation submitted through the President's Office (Planning and Investment) seeks to streamline operations and position BSEZ as a strategic hub for high-impact investment. By shifting management responsibilities from the Kahama Municipal Council to a specialized national authority, the committee believes the zone will enjoy a more professional, investment-friendly environment capable of generating stronger economic outcomes.

During a recent inspection tour, the committee's chairperson, Dr. Damas Ndumbaro, expressed satisfaction with the progress already made on-site. He particularly commended Barrick Buzwagi Mine for its orderly and professional decommissioning process, which transformed the former mining facility into an investment-ready special economic zone. Dr. Ndumbaro also emphasized the need for government officials to maintain a visible and supportive presence at the site to ensure investors are not hindered by bureaucratic delays. The Deputy Minister in the President's Office (Planning and Investment), Dr. Pius Chaya, confirmed that the government has accepted the committee's recommendation.

THE COPYRIGHT SOCIETY OF TANZANIA WARNS AGAINST SHARING ARTISTS' WORK ON WHATSAPP

The Copyright Society of Tanzania (COSOTA) has issued a warning that the unauthorized sharing or distribution of creative works through WhatsApp groups and other social media platforms constitutes a criminal offence, punishable by heavy fines and possible imprisonment. As digital sharing becomes increasingly common, the agency is reminding the public that forwarding, copying, or circulating music, films, books, and other copyrighted materials without permission directly violates Tanzania's intellectual property laws.

COSOTA Copyright Officer Mr. Paul Makula told reporters that the agency has recently observed a surge in individuals creating social media groups specifically for the illegal distribution of creative content. He said, "Recently, we have seen a wave of dishonest individuals forming online groups to share music, films, and other works without the creators' authorization. Makula also encouraged artists and content

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creators to register their works with COSOTA to establish proof of ownership and ensure they receive the full economic benefits of their intellectual property. He stressed that registration strengthens legal protection and makes it easier to act against copyright infringement.

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GOVERNMENT CONFIRMS SGR TO START HANDLING CARGO DIRECTLY FROM DAR ES SALAAM PORT

The government has confirmed that cargo will start moving directly from the Port of Dar es Salaam into the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) by the end of this month, a shift expected to ease congestion at the port and substantially cut logistics costs. Minister for Transport, Hon. Prof. Makame Mbarawa, said the new system will eliminate the current arrangement in which goods are trucked to Pugu Station before being transferred to the SGR. Prof. Mbarawa said by the end of this month, we expect cargo to move directly from the port through the SGR to inland destinations. This will eliminate double handling, which has been both costly and inefficient, he said during an inspection tour by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Infrastructure.

Currently, a significant portion of the port's cargo is transported using the Metre Gauge Railway (MGR), which officials acknowledge has lower capacity and efficiency. To resolve this, the government is constructing a direct rail link from the port to the SGR line via Pugu. Once completed, cargo will be transported directly from the port to inland regions without the need for intermediate transfers. The Director General of the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA), Mr. Plasduce Mbossa, noted that although the MGR still assists in cargo evacuation, its effectiveness is limited because shipments must first be moved to the Pugu Inland Container Depot before being transferred to the SGR. He added that the new direct connection will simplify operations and significantly improve cargo turnaround times.

STAKEHOLDERS PUSH CLEARER LEGAL FRAMEWORK IN DRAFTING STARTUP POLICY

Stakeholders in Tanzania's startup ecosystem are urging the government to establish a clearer and more supportive legal and regulatory framework for innovation-driven enterprises, as the country finalizes its first National Startup Policy. Their call was made during a policy hackathon organized by the Tanzania Startup Association (TSA) in Dar es Salaam, where industry players reviewed the draft policy and proposed improvements ahead of its official adoption.

For many years, startups in Tanzania have operated without formal legal recognition, relying instead on regulatory regimes designed for traditional businesses. According to ecosystem actors, this gap has restricted startups' access to financing, tax incentives, regulatory exemptions, and broader market opportunities. The Ministry of Communications and Information Technology is currently developing the new policy to establish a comprehensive framework that will guide how startups are

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registered, operate, scale, and eventually exit the market. Legal experts at the hackathon highlighted that one of the most significant shortcomings in the current environment is the absence of an official legal definition of a startup, a gap that complicates regulation and limits access to tailored support mechanisms.

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[Source: The citizen](#)

GOVERNMENT UNVEILS MEASURES TO ATTRACT MORE YOUTH INTO MINING ACTIVITIES

The government has unveiled a broad set of measures aimed at significantly expanding youth participation in Tanzania's mining sector, as the industry continues to generate employment and process minerals worth trillions of shillings within the country. According to the Tanzania Mining Commission, the initiatives planned for the 2026/2027 financial year are intended to create more opportunities for young Tanzanians to engage in mining, mineral trading, and related businesses. Speaking to journalists in Dodoma, the Commission's Director of Mine Inspection and Environment, Hamis Kamando, said several strategies are being rolled out to boost youth involvement across the sector.

As part of the project, the Commission issued 273 mining licences to 183 youth groups between July and December 2025 in regions including Mara, Kagera, Shinyanga, Morogoro, Dodoma, and Njombe, enabling them to extract gold, copper, gemstones, salt, and construction minerals. By December 2025, the initiative had already created 2,550 direct jobs for young people. The government has further enhanced support for small-scale mining by issuing 5,983 licences between July and December 2025 equivalent to 71 percent of all mining licences granted during that period.

[Source: Daily News](#)

COURT ORDERS LOGISTICS FIRM TO PAY TZS. 467 MILLION TO PUBLIC SERVICE SOCIAL SECURITY FUND

The High Court in Dar es Salaam has ordered Pathfinder Logistics Limited to pay more than 467 million shillings to the Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF) for unremitted employees' contributions and accrued statutory penalties covering a period of 35 months. Hon. Judge Awamu Mbagwa issued the order after granting a summary judgment in favour of PSSSF, the plaintiff, against Pathfinder Logistics Limited, the defendant. The court directed the company to settle the outstanding contributions for the periods from June 2012 to August 2014, March 2015, and July 2018 to January 2019.

Hon. Judge Mbagwa ruled that the defendant must pay a total of TZS. 467,451,645.72/-, representing principal contributions and accrued interest for the 35 months in question. According to the facts presented, Pathfinder Logistics Limited has been a contributing employer to PSSSF since January 1, 2012, and, as such, was

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required to remit monthly statutory contributions for its employees at a rate of 20 percent of each employee's salary 10 percent deducted from the employee and 10 percent contributed by the employer.

TANZANIA INSURANCE REGULATORY AUTHORITY ENSURES SAFETY THROUGH LICENSED INSURERS

Insurance plays a vital role in protecting individuals and businesses from financial shocks, but such protection is only effective when policies are issued by legally licensed and financially stable providers. In Tanzania, as economic activity grows and investment increases, insurance has become an essential financial safety net that enables people and companies to recover from losses caused by accidents, disasters, illness, and other unforeseen events while also supporting broader economic stability.

To ensure this protection remains reliable, the Tanzania Insurance Regulatory Authority (TIRA) has strengthened its oversight of the sector by enforcing strict licensing requirements for all insurance service providers operating in the country. TIRA has emphasized that providers whose licenses have expired must immediately cease all insurance activities until renewal is completed. The Commissioner of Insurance, Dr. Baghayo Saqware, has reiterated that license renewal is a legal obligation aimed at safeguarding both providers and consumers, noting that the licensing process ensures insurance companies are officially recognized by law and authorized to operate in the market.

[Source: The Guardian](#)

MWANZA HIGH COURT PANEL CONVICTS SIX FOR TERRORISM

Six defendants have been convicted and one acquitted in a terrorism case involving allegations of plotting to overthrow the government and establish an Islamic state in Tanzania. Delivering the judgment, Judge Godfrey Isaya, who chaired a panel of three judges at the Corruption and Economic Crimes Division of the High Court in Mwanza, stated that the court was satisfied the prosecution had proved its case beyond a reasonable doubt. Those convicted are Mnawala Hamisi, Mustafa Hamisi, Mswadiki Mtaburu, Hamisi Kitigani, Abdallah Rashidi, and Zulfa Ibrahim, while Mayasa Twaha was acquitted due to insufficient evidence.

The charges included conspiracy to commit terrorist acts against all accused; incitement or facilitation of a criminal offence against Zulfa Ibrahim; provision of funds to support terrorism against Abdallah Rashidi and Zulfa Ibrahim; supplying property or resources for a terrorist act against Zulfa Ibrahim; and recruiting individuals for terrorist activities against Mustafa Hamisi and Zulfa Ibrahim. Twaha faced an additional charge of harbouring a person involved in terrorism, which was dismissed. The court ordered all exhibits to remain in police custody and informed the convicted individuals of their right to appeal.

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INVESTORS URGED TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY TIES

Investors operating in Zanzibar have been encouraged to strengthen their engagement with communities living around investment zones to foster positive relations, expand employment opportunities, and support sustainable development. The appeal was made by the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Communications, Information Technology and Innovation, Ms. Fatma Mibarouk Khamis, during an Iftar gathering organized by Fumba Town CPS. The event, held in Nyamanzi, brought together more than 500 residents from the Nyamanzi and Dimani villages. Ms. Khamis emphasized that strong collaboration between investors and surrounding communities is essential for building mutual trust, preventing potential disputes in investment areas, and reinforcing social harmony.

She observed that the gathering served as a demonstration of unity and cooperation between the investors and residents. She also noted that the company has maintained consistent engagement with the community for over a decade since beginning operations in the area. According to her, the long-standing partnership has yielded significant benefits for both sides, including employment opportunities for residents and meaningful cultural exchange, especially during the holy month of Ramadan. She further encouraged investors to continue nurturing these relationships to ensure that development remains inclusive and community centered.

[Source: The Guardian](#)

GOVERNMENT SCRAPS VAT ON LPG IMPORTS, BULK STORAGE USE

The government has scrapped value-added tax (VAT) on the importation of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) cylinders, bulk storage facilities, and carbonisers used to produce alternative charcoal, marking a major policy shift aimed at making clean and sustainable energy more affordable. The announcement was made by the Minister for Energy, Hon. Deogratius Ndejemi, during a clean-cooking energy conference held in the region. The conference, organized by the Ministry of Energy in collaboration with the Uongozi Institute, brought together a wide range of stakeholders, including representatives from financial institutions, civil society organizations, and energy distribution companies.

Minister Ndejemi explained that the removal of VAT directly responds to expanding access to modern energy solutions and reducing the cost of clean-cooking technologies for households. He noted that the tax exemption is expected to significantly lower the cost barriers that have prevented low-income families from transitioning away from charcoal and other traditional biomass fuels. Experts at the event agreed that reducing the price of essential clean-cooking equipment will

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encourage more households to adopt safer, healthier, and environmentally friendly alternatives. Tanzania has set an ambitious goal of ensuring that 75 percent of the population adopts clean-cooking solutions by 2030, with the target rising to 80 percent by 2034. According to officials, progress since the launch of the National Clean Cooking Strategy in 2024 has been encouraging, with government reforms, private-sector participation, and growing consumer awareness driving steady uptake of clean energy technologies.

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[Source: The Guardian](#)

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO HEAR APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS IN DODOMA

The Public Service Commission is set to hear appeals and complaints from public servants in Dodoma during its third meeting for the 2025/2026 financial year, as part of efforts to strengthen fairness and accountability within the public sector. The Commission's acting Secretary, Mr. John Mbisso, announced that the sessions will be held from March 23 to April 15, 2026, at the Universal Communications Service Access Fund (UCSAF) Hall in Ndejengwa, Dodoma. He said we are convening this meeting to ensure that all appeals and complaints submitted by public servants receive due attention and are resolved fairly and transparently.

He explained that the sessions will focus on reviewing and determining appeals and complaints lodged by public servants who are dissatisfied with decisions made by their employers, appointing authorities, or disciplinary bodies. The cases are expected to involve a broad range of employment-related issues, including disciplinary measures, promotions, terminations, and other administrative decisions. Observers note that this initiative demonstrates the government's ongoing commitment to promoting good governance and improving public service delivery nationwide. As Tanzania continues to implement reforms across the public sector, the Commission's role remains central in balancing the interests of employees and employers while upholding the rule of law.

GOVERNMENT STRENGTHENS BUSINESS, INVESTMENT CLIMATE TO FOSTER AN INDUSTRIAL ECONOMY

The government has reiterated its commitment to fostering a conducive business and investment environment aimed at accelerating growth, expanding industrial employment opportunities, and strengthening the role of the private sector in the national economy. Speaking in Dodoma, the Minister for Industry and Trade, Hon. Judith Kapinga, said the government's goal is to ensure that local industries operate efficiently, adopt modern technologies, and produce goods that meet international standards, enabling Tanzanian products to compete effectively both within the country and globally.

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The minister made the remarks during a series of high-level meetings with representatives from major companies, including Huawei, Sunflag Tanzania Limited, GSI Tanzania, Serengeti Breweries Limited, and Dangote Cement.

The discussions focused on enhancing industrial productivity, promoting innovation, and supporting initiatives that create jobs for Tanzanians. During her meeting with Huawei, Minister Kapinga underscored the critical role of digital technology in economic development, stating, we are committed to expanding collaboration in the ICT sector through programs such as DigiTruck and ICT Academy. These initiatives will create jobs, strengthen digital skills, and support long-term economic transformation. She emphasized that such private-sector investments are crucial in driving industrialization and sustaining economic growth.

[Source: Daily News](#)

COMMISSION FLAGS MAJOR TAX SYSTEM CHALLENGES

The Presidential Commission on Tax Reforms has submitted its report to the government, revealing persistent challenges within Tanzania's tax administration system. According to the findings, taxpayers continue to face high tax rates and an unsatisfactory tax dispute resolution mechanism. The report also highlights overlapping and uncoordinated revenue collection by multiple authorities, a narrow tax base, obstacles to business formalization, low tax compliance driven by limited public trust, outdated tax laws, weak use of digital systems, and inadequate support for small entrepreneurs.

Additionally, the Commission noted the absence of a comprehensive national framework to identify, nurture, and support small and emerging entrepreneurs, an issue that has repeatedly appeared in government and ruling party policy priorities.

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TANZANIA SEEKS TO BOOST CHINESE INVESTMENT IN TEXTILE

Tanzania has increased efforts to attract Chinese investment in textiles, agro-processing, and mineral beneficiation as part of its broader plan to speed up industrialization and lessen reliance on imported goods. Speaking at a high-level trade and investment forum in Shanghai, the Minister of State in the President's Office (Planning and Investment), Hon. Prof. Kitila Mkumbo, highlighted Tanzania as a competitive manufacturing destination and a prime gateway to regional markets. The government's initiative aims to help Tanzania keep more value from its raw materials.

Currently, about 80 percent of the country's cotton is exported unprocessed, emphasizing the need for downstream investment that can create jobs, support local industries, and increase foreign exchange earnings. Prof. Mkumbo encouraged Chinese enterprises to partner with Tanzania in establishing modern industrial parks and special economic zones, advancing technology transfer, and expanding manufacturing capacity for international markets. He emphasized that opportunities

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extend beyond textiles, highlighting promising prospects in electronics assembly, construction materials, machinery manufacturing, and mineral value addition to all priority sectors for foreign investors. He also noted that Tanzania is preparing to launch its long-term development framework, Vision 2050, which aims to transform the nation into an upper-middle-income, industrialized, and knowledge-driven economy. Strengthening collaborations with China, he said, is a critical part of achieving this transformation by accelerating industrial growth and boosting competitiveness in global value chains.

TBS TRAINS ENTREPRENEURS TO ADVANCE CLEAN ENERGY

The Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) has strengthened the clean-energy sector by training entrepreneurs in the Kigoma Region to produce high-quality alternative charcoal that meets national safety and performance standards. The initiative aims to equip producers with the technical capacity needed to manufacture certified alternative charcoal, enabling them to expand into both domestic and international markets. TBS Standards Officer Mr. Spiradson Kagaba urged participants to strictly follow established standards to guarantee product quality, safeguard consumer health, and protect the environment.

He noted that the move supports the government's broader strategy to curb deforestation and promote environmentally friendly energy solutions. Mr. Kagaba further highlighted the benefits of alternative charcoal, explaining that it reduces waste, emits less harmful smoke, offers longer burning time, and helps conserve natural vegetation by minimizing the need for cutting down trees. He encouraged entrepreneurs to adopt best practices to ensure their products are competitive, sustainable, and compliant with national requirements.

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