

E-Govt systems elevate TZ status internationally

From **BENARD LUGONGO** in Arusha

MINISTER of State in the President's Office, Public Service Management and Good Governance, Mr George Simbachawene has stated that the e-Government systems established in the country have earned Tanzania significant international recognition.

Minister Simbachawene explained that the systems, which were developed by local experts through the e-Government Authority (e-GA), have enabled the country to win various awards in international competitions.

He made the remarks in Arusha during the annual e-Government Conference, which brought together stakeholders from public institutions to discuss achievements, challenges and ways to enhance public service delivery

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State pushes LNG deal

Talks with investors to conclude in June

By **SUSAN MMARY**



PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa speaks to Saudi Arabia business delegates at his office in Dar es Salaam yesterday. His team includes Minister of State in the President's Office, Planning and Investment, Professor Kitila Mkumbo (on his left) among others. (Photo by PMO)

DEPUTY Prime Minister and Minister for Energy, Dr Doto Biteko has assured that the government is discussing tax incentives with investors to construct a 42 billion US dollar (about 109tr/-) liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant in the country.

Dr Biteko who is in India to attend the third annual Energy Week conference said the talks could be completed by June.

Equinor and Shell are joint operators of the country's mega gas project, while Exxon Mobil, Pavilion Energy, Medco Energi and Tanzania's national oil company TPDC are partners.

"The project hasn't stopped, we are negotiating on the terms of how we can make the project viable for both of us," said Dr Biteko.

He added that some government incentives would have to be given, and that the production volume depends on negotiations.

He added "I cannot say until we complete the negotia-

tions, but I think the negotiations will be completed within this financial year, between now and June."

The project would unlock 47.13 trillion cubic feet of natural gas deposits in the country. Dr Biteko added that the country is looking forward to launch an exploration licensing round for 26 oil and gas blocks next month.

Meanwhile, Dr Biteko has invited Indian companies to invest in Tanzania saying the country has good environment and favourable policies that support investment growth.

He encouraged Indian companies and investors to invest in various sectors including electricity, liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) distribution and bulk fuel procurement.

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Zanzibar takes leap in enhancing road safety

From **ISSA YUSSUF** in Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR has made a significant leap forward in enhancing road safety and modernising its transport sector with the launch of the country's first modern vehicle inspection and certification centre.

Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Mwinyi officially inaugurated the state-of-the-art facility on Tuesday at Dole, Unguja West A district, marking a new era in vehicle inspection standards across the islands.

Speaking at the event on Tuesday, Dr Mwinyi said that the days of manual vehicle inspections are over. All vehicles will now be required to undergo an annual professional inspection at the new centre.

He noted that this development will significantly improve road safety, reduce accidents, and ensure that vehicles are kept in optimal condition.

"This is a revolutionary step for our transport

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Bunge sets new tone to tackle climate change

From **KATARE MBASHIRU** in Dodoma

IF the proposed Environmental Management (Amendment) Bill 2024 receives blessings from President Samia Suluhu Hassan, from now on, every ministry will be required to have

a unit that deals specifically with environmental issues.

Members of Parliament (MPs) yesterday unanimously endorsed the Bill, setting a new tone as the country grapples with unprecedented climate changes adaptation measures.

Following several chal-



lenges that were incurred in the implementation of the Environmental Management Act 2004, the government decided to come with this legislation with a view to making better provisions for environmental management in the country.

The new bill is now pending a greenlight from President Samia prior to its implementation.

Presenting the bill for

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Envoys laud Samia, commit to strengthen ties

By **DAILY NEWS Reporter**

ENVOYS serving various countries in Tanzania have expressed their profound commitment to continue working closely with the government and strengthening multilateralism.

The diplomats, including ambassadors from United States, Algeria and High Commissioners from Uganda and India also lauded President Samia Suluhu Hassan, following her endorsement as the presidential candidate for



the ruling party Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM) in the upcoming General Election.

In addition to congratulating Dr Samia, who also serves as CCM National Chairperson, the diplomats also extended their praise to Dr Emmanuel Nchimbi, who has been picked as Samia's running mate and Dr Hussein Mwinyi, who has been endorsed as the presidential candidate for Zanzibar.

These accolades were presented during separate meetings with CCM Secretary General, Ambassador Nchimbi (pictured) at the CCM's Lumumba sub-head-

quarters in Dar es Salaam, yesterday.

During his discussion with Dr Nchimbi, the Algerian Ambassador to Tanzania, Ahmed Djellal, highlighted the historical ties between Tanzania and Algeria, particularly Tanzania's role in Africa's liberation struggles.

He also commended Dr Samia, President Mwinyi and Dr Nchimbi for being entrusted with leading CCM into the upcoming election.

Dr Nchimbi and Ambassador Djellal also discussed ways to strengthen economic cooperation between Tanzania and Algeria, including

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