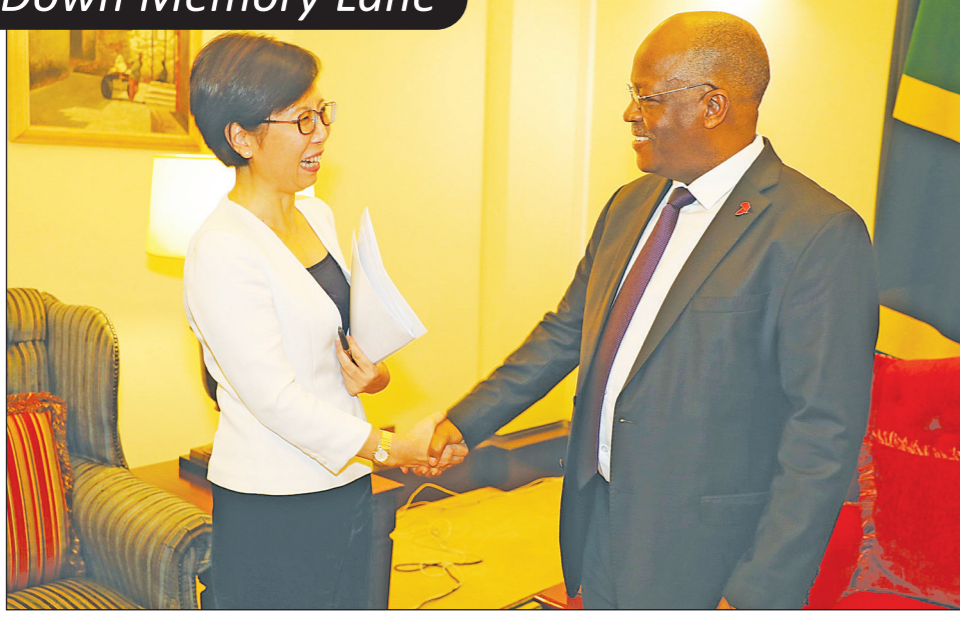


**Down Memory Lane**



AUGUST 6th, 2018; PRESIDENT John Magufuli welcomes Chinese Ambassador to Tanzania Wang Ke, who delivered a letter from President Xi Jinping offering academic sponsorship for 20 specialist doctors in bone marrow and liver transplant, and 30 hospital managers for training at Shandong University, China. (Dailynews Archives)

**Quotable Quotes**

"We are not only all responsible for each other's security. We are also, in some measure, responsible for each other's welfare. Global solidarity is both necessary and possible. It is necessary because without a measure of solidarity no society can be truly stable, and no one's prosperity truly secure." - Kofi Annan

**Humour**

**Mysterious QR code stickers appear on more than 1,000 graves in Munich**

MORE than 1,000 stickers were put on gravestones and wooden crosses at three cemeteries in the southern German city of Munich.

The stickers, which have been put on both old and recent graves, have a QR code that when scanned shows the name of the person buried and the location of their grave in the cemetery.

The 5x3.5-centimeter (1.95x1.2-inch) stickers surfaced in recent days at the Waldfriedhof, Sendlinger Friedhof and Friedhof Solln cemeteries.

"We haven't found any pattern behind this yet. The stickers were put both on decades-old gravestones and very new graves that so far only

have a wooden cross," police spokesperson Christian Drexler said.

"People who have witnessed anybody putting the stickers on the graves are asked to reach out to the respective cemetery's administration," Mr Drexler said.

Meanwhile, a large sinkhole has opened up in a Surrey village - forcing the high street to be closed.

The sinkhole measured up to 62ft (19m), according to reports, but this has not been confirmed by authorities.

Surrey County Council has declared a major incident and local residents have been urged to avoid the area while repair work is being carried out.

Godstone resident Sarah

Dennis told Sky News' Matt Barbet on The UK Tonight her home's water supply has been cut off even though she lives around half a mile away.

She said the sinkhole is "getting bigger and bigger and more homes are being evacuated".

Those forced to leave their homes have "no idea when they will be able to go back or even when they can get their personal possessions".

Back in 2019, there was a "slight sinkhole" in the same place, she said, and the village is "right next to the M25", meaning there are "a lot of large lorries using the road regularly".

"It's really scary to think that's the road all the school-

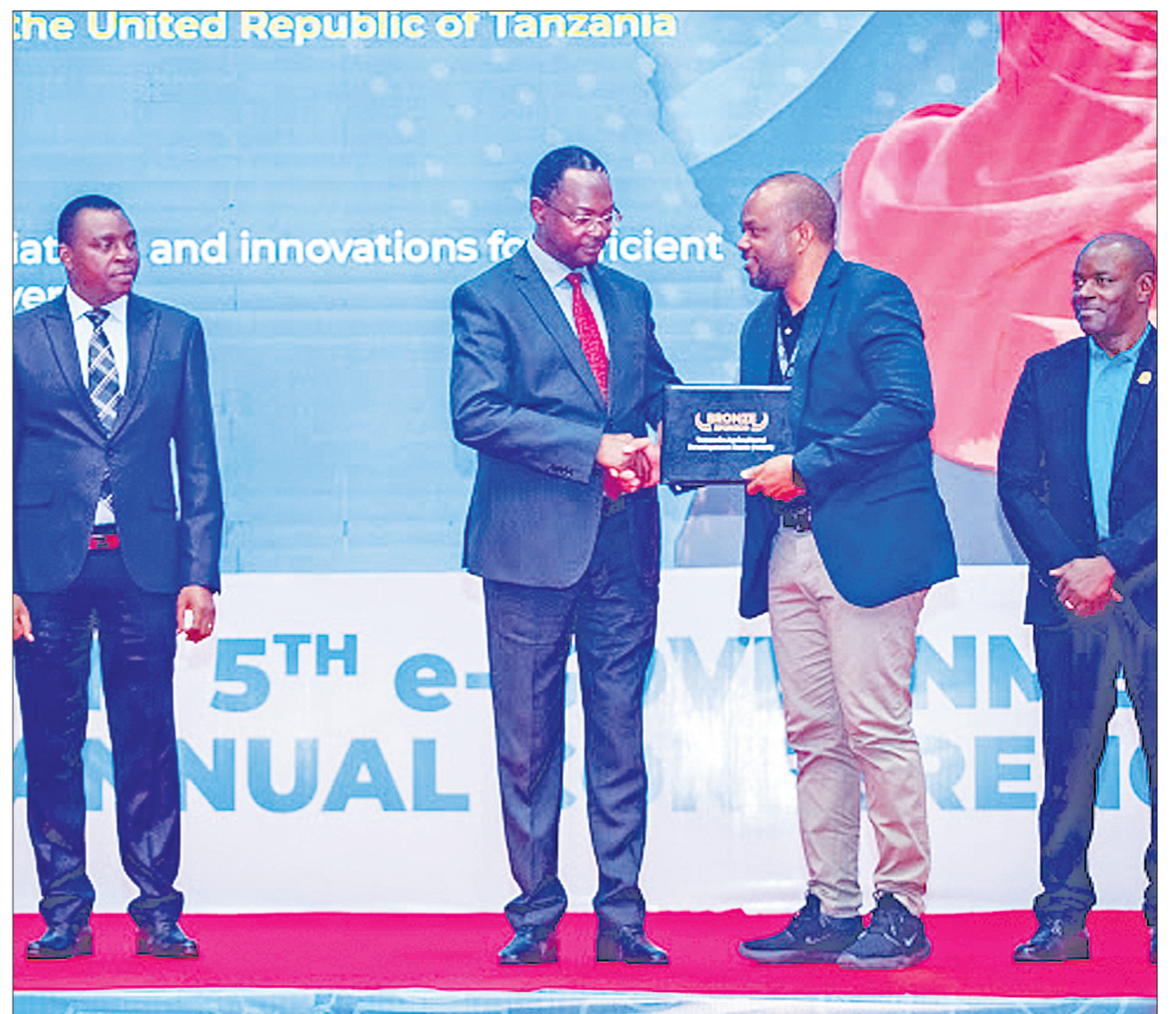
children go down during school time," she said. "Thankfully, we're on half-term at the moment, but it doesn't even bear thinking of what could have happened."

Nicola and Damian Styles, 46 and 44, live in Godstone High Street and said they were woken up by police knocking on their door at about half past midnight on Tuesday morning, who told them to evacuate their home because there was a risk of a gas explosion.

"My sister lives in Purley so we just drove there in the middle of the night."

Mr Styles said: "We just sort of grabbed everything, the clothes on our back and our work laptops, and drove out quickly."

**e-GA Awards: Driving digital transformation in public services**



MINISTER of State in the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance), Mr George Simbachawene (second left) presents an e-Government award to a representative of the winning public institutions in Arusha, recently. With them are Permanent Secretary in the State House, Mr Mululi Mahendeka (left) and e-GA Director General, Engineer Benedict Ndomba (right).

By BERNARD LUGONGO

THE advancement of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) has reshaped service delivery worldwide and Tanzania is no exception.

Recognising the need to enhance efficiency, transparency and accessibility in government operations, the e-Government Authority (e-GA) has introduced the e-GA Awards a strategic initiative aimed at stimulating digital innovation and improving public service delivery.

Held as part of the 5th Annual e-Government Conference in Arusha, the awards honour public institutions that excel in implementing digital government solutions.

Speaking during an award-giving ceremony, Manager of Standards and Compliance at the e-GA, Ms Sultana Seif, said the recognition serves as both an incentive and a benchmark for institutions striving to align with Tanzania's digital transformation agenda.

Ms Seif argued that one of the primary objectives of the e-GA Awards is to encourage government institutions to adhere to established digital governance policies and frameworks.

She said the "Best Performance in Compliance to the e-Government Act, Standards, and Guidelines" category recognises institutions that have successfully integrated digital solutions while complying with legal and regulatory requirements.

"Compliance is evaluated based on several key criteria, including submission of quarterly reports on digital government implementation, as mandated by the e-Government Act, 2019, regular assessments of institutional digital maturity levels, proper governance of ICT infrastructure through institutional ICT committees, appointment of an ICT Security Single Point of Contact (SPOC) to safeguard government systems, and seamless data exchange through the Government Enterprise Service Bus (GovESB)," she stated.

Institutions that demonstrated the highest levels of compliance in this category include the Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs (MoCLA) in first place, the Workers Compensation Fund (WCF) in second place, and the Roads Fund Board (RFB) and Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA), which tied for third place.

By honouring these institutions, the awards reinforce the importance of accountability and structured ICT governance, ensuring that public services are not only digital but also well-managed and secure.

One of the hallmarks of an effective digital government is its ability to interact seamlessly with citizens.

The "Best Performance in Utilisation of ICT for Citizen Engagement" category acknowledges institutions that have leveraged technology to foster public participation and improve service accessibility.

A key tool in this initiative is the eMrejesho System, a digital platform that allows citizens to submit complaints, inquiries, suggestions, and compliments regarding government services.

The award criteria focused on the number of institutions integrated with the eMrejesho System, the volume of complaints and feedback received, and the efficiency in resolving citizen concerns.

Institutions recognised for their outstanding performance in citizen engagement include the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) in first place, Mwanza Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Authority (MWAUWASA) in second place, and Dodoma Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Authority (DUWASA) in third place. By integrating ICT tools like eMrejesho, these institutions have set an example for responsive governance, ensuring that citizens have a voice in service delivery.

A critical aspect of digital governance is seamless data sharing between institutions.

The "Best Performance in e-Government System Integration through GovESB" category recognises institutions that have effectively adopted the Government Enterprise Service Bus (GovESB), a platform that facilitates secure data exchange among government entities.

Evaluation criteria included the adoption of GovESB in compliance with the e-Government Act, 2019, timeliness in processing integration requests, and the number of successfully processed transactions.

The GovESB plays a crucial role in reducing bureaucratic inefficiencies, allowing institutions to access real-time data for better decision-making and service provision.

Beyond individual institutional achievements, the e-GA Awards are a driving force behind Tanzania's digital transformation.

By recognizing and rewarding excellence in e-Government implementation, the awards encourage competition and innovation as institutions strive to enhance their ICT strategies to receive national recognition.

They also enhance service delivery by increasing compliance and integration, ensuring that citizens experience more efficient and transparent services.

Additionally, the awards promote collaboration between the public and private sectors by providing a platform for stakeholders to exchange best practices and explore new technological solutions.

As digital transformation continues to evolve, initiatives like the e-GA Awards will remain pivotal in shaping a tech-driven, citizen-centred public service system. The commitment of Tanzania's government to modernising its digital infrastructure is evident, and the institutions recognised through these awards are leading the way in creating a more connected and ef-

ficient governance ecosystem.

When opened the conference, Vice-President Dr Philip Mpango ordered all public institutions to engage the e-GA at every stage of ICT system development and implementation to protect citizens' data and mitigate cyber threats.

The Vice President also stressed the importance of interoperability between ICT systems in public institutions, noting that it facilitates efficiency and enhances service delivery.

"I am satisfied with e-GA's efforts in implementing this directive by the President Samia Suluhu Hassan to make these systems integrated and exchange information," he insisted.

He also commended the e-GA for successfully establishing digital platforms that enhance efficiency in public service delivery.

On his part, Minister of State in the President's Office for Public Service Management and Good Governance, Mr George Simbachawene, directed public institutions with low adoption of e-Government initiatives to accelerate the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) so as to improve efficiency.

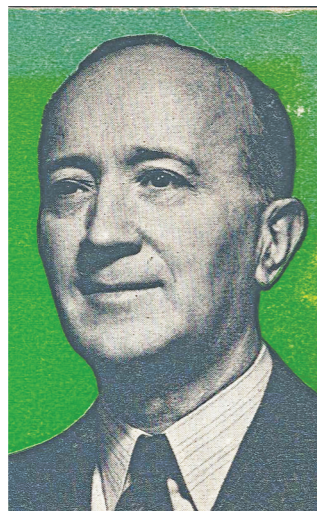
While closing the three-day conference, Mr Simbachawene further instructed the public institutions that have yet to update and document their operational procedures to do so, in order to enhance systems integration and data exchange.

The three-day conference brought together approximately 1,500 stakeholders, including accounting officers, directors, ICT heads and system users from various public institutions, councils and agencies.

Minister Simbachawene emphasised the government's commitment to advancing ICT usage to align with global technological developments. He noted that many economic and administrative activities worldwide now rely on digital systems.

**Birthdays**

- 1778: José de San Martín, Argentine General, liberated Argentina, Chile and Peru from Spanish rule, born in Yapeyú, Argentina. (d.1850)
- 1835: Matsukata Masayoshi, Japanese politician (Prime Minister of Japan 1891-1892, 1896-1898), born in Kagoshima, Japan (d. 1924)
- 1857: Friedrich Reinitzer, Austrian chemist and botanist (discovered properties of liquid crystals), born in Prague (d. 1927)
- 1881: William Z. Foster, American labor organizer and Communist Presidential candidate (1924, 1928 and 1932), born in Taunton, Massachusetts (d. 1961)
- 1970: Maneno Oswald is a Tanzanian and former super-middleweight boxer, born in Dar es Salaam.



WILLIAM Foster

**Other Events**

- 1836: Samuel Colt patents first multi-shot revolving-cylinder revolver, enabling the firearm to be fired multiple times without reloading
- 1836: Showman P. T. Barnum exhibits African American slave Joice Heth, claiming she was the 161 year-old nursemaid to George Washington
- 1862: First Legal Tender Act 1862 is passed by the US Congress, authorizing the United States note (greenback) into circulation, the first fiat paper money that was legal tender in America
- 1870: Hiram R. Revels is sworn in as 1st African American member of Congress as US Senator from Mississippi.

**Daily Horoscope**

**Aries (March 21-April 19)**

This is an excellent day for research because you're in a serious frame of mind and you won't overlook details. However, you're also keen to enjoy the company of friends and members of groups and organizations. This is a good day to think about future goals.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)**

Today someone older or more experienced might have advice for you. Or possibly, you are the older, more experienced sage dispensing advice to others? Be aware that some people know personal details about your private life. (In case you have to do some damage control.)

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)**

A discussion with a boss, parent, teacher or an authority figure (including the police) will be serious and to the point today. Someone might lay down the law or show you how things are done. Meanwhile, travel with a friend will appeal. You might meet someone "different."

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)**

This is an excellent day to study because you have a disciplined mind plus the perseverance to stick with whatever you want to learn. You can also apply this strong focus to dealing with medicine, the law, publishing and the media. A boss or authority figure might favour you today.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)**

This is a great day to travel or make travel plans with a friend. However, there's good news and bad news regarding financial discussions about shared property. You might be disappointed in your fair share. Or on the upside, you might be happy with a detailed picture of what's happening.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

A discussion with someone older, perhaps an expert, might put you in the picture regarding a particular area. You have faith in their advice and their expertise. Meanwhile, gifts, goodies and favours from others might come your way today, including equipment

or a budget increase at work.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

Your critical faculties are sharp today, which will be helpful at work or doing anything related to forms, detailed work and dealing with health issues. Meanwhile, you feel warm and friendly today and eager to socialize. Meet someone to share lively conversation.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

Relations with coworkers are positive and friendly today. However, you might have a serious discussion with a romantic partner. Likewise, parents might have cautionary discussions with their kids. Today you have the patience to practice or hone a technique in sports or the arts. Use it.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

Even though family discussions might be sober, even restrictive; nevertheless, grab every chance to get out and socialize! Sports events, social outings and chances to explore the entertainment world will please you. You want some fun and pleasure!

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

This is the perfect day for doing work that requires attention to detail because you won't overlook a thing. Your mind is sharp and you are patient and persevering. You might even teach or explain something to someone today. Meanwhile, enjoy redecorating and entertaining at home.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

This is a good day to draw up a budget or focus on finances because you have a cautious, realistic point of view. Furthermore, you have the patience to study all variables and come to a conclusion. Do set aside time to socialize with others and appreciate the beauty of your daily surroundings.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)**

Today Mercury is lined up with Saturn in your sign, which makes you careful. You might say goodbye to someone. While focused on details, you might overlook the big picture. (Can't see the forest for the trees.) Fortunately, finances are reassuring.