

**United Nations Tanzania**  
**Press Summary, August 26th - 28th 2017**

*From 22 to 24/8, IOM held a three-day training course for Sudanese officials to Increase Border Security, Enhance Protection of Vulnerable Migrants.*

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## **National News**

### **Democratic Governance, Human Rights and Gender Equality**

#### **Geita allocates Sh110m for girls' hostels, curbs early pregnancies**

In a bid to curb teenage pregnancies and teen marriages, among school girls, Geita township has set aside Sh110m for expansion of girls' hostels in the area. The district's secondary education officer, Mr. Ramadhani Khalfani told the Daily News last week that the funds were sourced from the districts FY2017/18. "...in effort to deal with teenage pregnancies .... And for that matter we have decided to set aside funds for completing construction of some of the hostels...." he said. A report by Global sisters Tanzania indicates that one in every four babies is born to a woman under the age of 18. (Monday, *Daily News*)

#### **Give women better loan deals: Samia**

Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday launched Dar es Salaam Women Empowerment Forum and called for banks to consider creating a special lending interest rate for women in small and medium enterprises. "High interest rates are backpedaling women's effort in overcoming poverty," Ms. Hassan said. She added that banks should also come up with innovative ways to attract women in banking their savings. I know most of them are using pig banks as means of saving their income." The VP launched the Dar Women Empowerment chapter before a crowd of almost 4,000 women across the city's five districts--Ilala, Kinondoni, Temeke, Kigamboni and Ubungo. Dar Women Empowerment Forum has some 15,000 members coming from grassroots levels-starting from streets to wards to districts levels. (Monday, [All media](#))

#### **Other Headlines:**

**NGO launches empowerment projects for women in four areas** (Monday, *The Citizen*)

**62 students got pregnant in Njombe** (Monday, *Uhuru*)

**EAC boss to officiate youth forum on elections, democracy** (Monday, *The Guardian*)

**JK stresses good governance, rule of law for peaceful Africa** (Sunday, [Daily News](#))

## Resilience

### UN appeals for aid to feed over 300, 0000 refugees in Tanzania

The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) says it has been forced to reduce food rations for some 300,000 refugees at Meneli, Nduta and Nyarugusu camps in Northwest Tanzania because of funding shortfalls. Due to funding shortages, the food was reduced for the August distribution, reaching only 62 percent of the 2,100 required kilocalories which is the recommended daily intake. "While WFP appreciates, the support received so far, we are urgently appealing to donors to quickly come to the aid of the refugees and provide additional funding so that we can return to full rations and avoid any prolonged negative impacts," said WFP Tanzania Country Representative Michael Dunford in a statement yesterday. (Monday, [All media](#))

### Govt asks UN to repatriate Burundian refugees

The government on Thursday demanded the UN refugees' agency to start repatriating over 8,000 Burundian refugees who have volunteered to go back home within seven days. Speaking at Nduta refugee camp in Kigoma region, the Minister for Home Affairs, Mwigulu Nchemba, said the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) should immediately start organizing logistics for the safe return of the refugees. "Failure to repatriate the refugees, I will consult with the Minister for Defence to release military trucks that will ferry the refugees to Burundi," said Nchemba. An official with the UNHCR told the minister that plans by the UN refugees' agency were afoot for the repatriation of the volunteered refugees. The voluntary repatriation of the Burundian refugees follows the recent directive by President John Magufuli to the refugees to voluntarily return to their country and help rebuild their economy. (Saturday, [The Guardian](#))

## Other Headlines

[Antipoaching drive reach new dimensions](#) (Sunday, *Daily News*)

## Healthy Nation

### Govt welcomes investments in anti-malaria medicine production

The government yesterday welcomed companies to come and invest in the production anti-malaria medicine to control the mosquito-borne infectious disease. "The fight against malaria is one of the most inspiring global health stories of our time, resulting from smart investment and strong partnership with different governments and the private sector that has resulted in dramatic progress against malaria in the past 15 years," said the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Dr. Mpoki Ulisubisya during the inauguration of Guilin Pharmaceuticals Tanzania Limited this weekend. Dr. Ulisubisya added that Guilin Pharmaceuticals is the first Chinese company approved by World Health Organization (WHO) and the only WHO supplier of artesunate in Tanzania. (Monday, *The Guardian*)

## Other Headlines

[WHO: Tanzania leads on road accident deaths](#) (Monday, *Habari Leo*)

[Sh1.8bn set aside for ICU ward](#) (Monday, [The Citizen](#))

[Dar, Coastal may soon 'kiss bye-bye' to water woes](#) (Monday, *Daily News*)

[Woman wants 200m/- relief for 'botched' delivery](#) (Monday, [All media](#))

[1 million die due to accidents each year](#) (Monday, *Habari Leo*)

[TB detecting laboratory spreads wings, engages more hospitals](#) (Sunday, [Daily News](#))

## **Inclusive Growth**

### **Scientists make breakthrough in fight against cassava diseases**

Scientists have identified the first ever genetic markers associated with resistance to two deadly cassava viral diseases in Tanzania's grown varieties. The International Institute for Tropical Agriculture (IITA), in a statement availed to the 'Daily News' yesterday, identified the two varieties as Namikonga and Albert. Mostly grown by Tanzanian farmers, the varieties can withstand the devastating Cassava Brown Streak Disease (CBSD) and Cassava Mosaic Disease (CMD), unlike other varieties. "It is an important milestone in the efforts to revive cassava production in East, Central and Southern Africa where the two diseases remain a serious problem, threatening the region's food security," said Morag Ferguson, a molecular breeder at IITA. (Monday, [Daily News](#))

## **Other Headlines**

**Kenya-Tanzania trade wrangle costs Kenyan firms Sh160 billion** (Monday, *The Guardian*)

**Remote Longido villagers to invest in honey production** (Monday, *The Guardian*)

**Rukwa RC blocks 548m/- deal he deems suspicious** (Monday, [Daily News](#))

**UK-Aid offers Treasury million dollars scholarships** (Sunday, [Daily News](#))

## **General News**

### **Agony of demolition victims as lives turned upside down**

For women, children, the elderly and the sick who are spending nights out in the open after their houses were demolished in Dar es Salaam to pave the way for the expansion of Morogoro Road, dusk marks the start of a painful experience, which repeats itself in 24-hour cycles. With no idea of where to go or what tomorrow will bring, victims of the demolitions have taken to setting up camps, where they gather to spend the night exposed to the elements. One of the victims, whose four houses valued at about Sh900 million were pulled down during the demolitions, Mr. Nicomed Leo, 61, says he never dreamed that he would one day find himself in such a situation. "This is our new home...we sleep here until morning. This is the kind of life that has been imposed on us," he says with a smile on his face as he lights a fire. Mr. Leo, who earlier in the month vowed that he would never allow his houses be pulled down, fainted when a bulldozer belonging to the Tanzania National Road Agency (TANROADS) finally flattened his buildings. (Monday, [The Citizen](#))

## **Other Headlines**

**Lawyers to boycott courts to protest attack in Dar law firm** (Monday, *The Guardian*)

**5-tonne giant dinosaur unearthed in Tanzania** (Monday, *The Guardian*)

**Police kills alleged robber** (Monday, *The Citizen*)

**Doom awaits drug mules at JNIA** (Saturday, *All media*)

## **International**

### **UN's Guterres sees no pressure from Yemen coalition on child rights report**

The United Nations faces "no pressure" from a Saudi-led coalition over a draft UN report on child deaths in Yemen, Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said on Sunday, amid rising concern over civilian casualties from the alliance's air raids. Speaking to Reuters on a visit to Kuwait, Guterres added that in any case no pressure could sway his eventual decision whether to return the Saudi-led coalition to a child rights blacklist annexed to the report. Asked whether he faced any pressure from Saudi Arabia or the coalition it leads in Yemen's civil war, Guterres replied: "We are not facing any pressure and we consider that no pressure would lead to anything, but we are not having any pressure. There is a technical work being conducted, and in the end, that will be presented to me and I will take the decision according to what I will feel is the right thing to do." (Monday, *The Guardian*, *The Citizen*)

## **DR Congo violence displaces 3.8million: UN**

The number of people displaced by conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo has nearly doubled in the past six months to 3.8 million, according to a UN official. George Okoth-Obbo, the number two official at the UN's refugee agency (UNHCR), said food and clothing was needed for the 1.4 million in the volatile Kasai region who have fled their homes in violence that has killed more than 3,000 people. "Immediate protection" was required, he told AFP news agency on the last day of a three-day visit to the country, in particular for children "who are sleeping in conditions that are difficult to imagine". (Monday, *Daily News*)

### **Other Headlines**

**Spate of attacks against Shiite cause fear among Afghans** (Monday, *The Guardian*)

**Supreme Court postpones presidential petition ruling** (Monday, *The Citizen*)

**Fewer buyers at SA's first online rhino horn auction** (Monday, *The Citizen*)

**Merkel backs Libya coastguard but warns against rights abuse** (Monday, *The Citizen*)

**Opposition plans to contest Angola's election results** (Monday, *The Citizen*)

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