



## Kibaha-Chalinze road project back on track

By DAILYNEWS Reporter

THE implementation of the Kibaha-Chalinze-Morogoro strategic corridor is set to proceed under a Public Private Partnership (PPP) arrangement, marking a significant step in efforts to ease congestion in Dar es Salaam and improve regional connectivity.

The project, valued at over one billion US dollars,

is among key infrastructure initiatives currently under advanced negotiations. Once completed, the corridor is expected to enhance transport efficiency, facilitate trade and unlock new economic opportunities between coastal and inland regions.

Public Private Partnership (PPP) Centre Chief Executive Officer, Mr David Kafulila, said the government is working closely with key institu-

tions to ensure the project is financially viable and delivers value to the public in the next financial year.

Ongoing negotiations involve major stakeholders, including TANROADS, CRDB Bank, the Tanzania Ports Authority and a Chinese infrastructure firm.

"We are structuring these projects carefully to ensure they meet public needs while remaining attractive to invest-

ors," Mr Kafulila said.

He added that TANROADS is playing a central role in technical and financial evaluations to ensure sustainability and long-term impact, noting that the project will also help reduce congestion in the commercial capital while improving logistics efficiency.

The development follows an earlier government decision in March this year to

suspend the Kibaha-Chalinze road project, which had initially been planned under a PPP framework, on grounds of national interest.

Mr Kafulila, speaking in a radio interview, said the government conducted a comprehensive cost assessment before inviting private sector participation.

"Nine companies expressed interest, including one from Turkey and the rest

from China. Of these, five met the eligibility criteria and three were shortlisted to submit documentation. However, only one company from China actually submitted the required documents," he said.

He noted that the investor's proposal was significantly higher than the government's cost estimates.

"On that basis, the government rejected proceeding with the contractor, highlight-

ing that doing so would have harmed the nation and citizens in the long term," he noted.

Meanwhile, the PPP Centre oversees a pipeline of more than 113 projects across infrastructure and transport sectors, ranging from small-scale initiatives to large investments exceeding 20 million US dollars.

Mr Kafulila said eight projects are currently under implementation, while others

are progressing through negotiation and procurement. A total of 21 projects are at the feasibility stage, alongside 36 in pre-feasibility and 42 at the concept stage, highlighting a strong pipeline of future investments.

He said expanding the PPP portfolio is expected to accelerate infrastructure development and meet growing demand for modern transport systems.

## BRELA launches upgraded online services platform

By DAILYNEWS Reporter

THE Business Registrations and Licensing Agency (BRELA) has officially launched its upgraded online service platform, known as BRELA Online Services (BOS), aimed at simplifying business and industrial license registration processes.

According to a public statement issued in Dar es Salaam yesterday, BOS began offering services the registration of new business names and industrial licenses on April 8, 2026.

"Stakeholders intending to submit new applications are now required to use BOS, while clients with ongoing applications will continue to complete them through the previous Online Registration System (ORS)," part of statement stated.

BRELA's Director of Companies and Business Licensing, Mr Isidor Nkindi, said BOS initially covers two modules.

"We have started a gradual rollout of BOS, which will initially provide two single-unit process services: registration of business names and industrial licenses," Mr Nkindi told the Daily News yesterday.

Noting: "After receiving feedback from clients, we will continue to launch the remaining modules, which involve longer processes until completion. Among these modules is company termination which sometimes takes more than 100 days to complete".

Mr Nkindi said that the reason for introducing BOS is to streamline all services into a single system, unlike ORS, which previously handled only registration services.

However, he noted that some functions, including company registration, certificates of good standing, trademarks, and ongoing applications, will continue to be managed through ORS for the time being.

"With the launch of BOS, BRELA aims to simplify business procedures in the country, reduce service delays, and provide easier access for both local and international entrepreneurs and investors through a single platform," he said.

Other services that will remain on ORS include changes of particulars, company registration, filing of company-related documents, annual returns, progress reports, cancellations, trademark registration and filing of related documents, payment of annual maintenance fees, as well as patent registration and filing of patents or utility model documents.

He said the introduction of BOS is part of BRELA's broader efforts to improve efficiency and modernise business services in the country. By consolidating key services into a single platform, the agency hopes to enhance user experience, reduce bureaucratic delays, and support a more enabling environment for business growth and investment.



**LAND Regulatory Authority (LATRA) Director General Habibu Suluo, addresses stakeholders during a consultative meeting on measures to be taken following the rise in fuel prices in Dar es Salaam, recently.** (Photo by Correspondent)

## Zanzibar urges hotels adopt digital systems for taxes

From ISSA YUSSUF in Zanzibar

THE Ministry of Tourism and Heritage, in collaboration with the Zanzibar Revenue Authority (ZRA), has urged business operators, especially hotel owners, to adopt a Property Management System (PMS) to improve transparency and accuracy in revenue reporting.

Acting Minister, Mr Mudrik Ramadhan Soraga said the failure of some hotel owners to use the system has hindered the government from collecting accurate taxes.

He insisted the importance of adopting the improved PMS, noting that it will help curb revenue leakages that previously went undetected.

"The hotel sector contributes significantly to the national economy, so there must be a strong, transparent, and fair tax collection system and this must be implemented by all hotel owners and business operators," he said.

Mr Soraga said that the government introduced various strategies to enhance tax collection, including electronic systems that simplify tracking of hotel revenues.

"All hotels must be registered and use electronic fiscal devices to issue receipts, ensuring that any income is properly recorded and taxes are paid on time," he added.

He noted that the government previously faced significant challenges due to revenue losses and lack of accurate data

on tourist arrivals, including length of stay and spending patterns.

According to Mr Soraga, tourism contributes about 30 percent of Zanzibar's GDP, but actual revenue figures remain inaccurate due to tax evasion.

Further, he said that tax revenues are vital for financing development projects such as infrastructure, healthcare, education, and improving the investment climate.

Meanwhile, Mr Soraga warned hotel owners to comply with tax laws, stressing that the government will take firm action against defaulters. He directed all hotel service providers to register in the system before April 24, 2026, noting that failure to comply will constitute a violation of the law.

"We want all hotel operators to register, as this system will also help us accurately assess government revenues that previously had loopholes," he said.

Mr Soraga assured stakeholders that the government will continue to provide education and simplify procedures to attract more investors into the tourism sector.

Meanwhile, Biubwa Omar from the Zanzibar Association of Tourism Investors (ZATI) said the success of the system will depend on proper oversight to ensure accountability and enable the government to collect due revenues.

Omar called on service providers to cooperate fully to ensure the system's success and contribute to national development.



**TRADERS resume business along the perimeter of a partially burned structure after a recent fire destroyed much of Simu 2000 Market in Sinza Ward, Ubungo District, Dar es Salaam, recently. As they await official plans for permanent stall reconstruction, many operate under difficult conditions. Authorities say new arrangements for reconstruction and allocation of business spaces will be announced at a public meeting scheduled for Saturday.** (Photo by Mohamed Mambo)

## Fruit prices rise slightly in Dar due to rains

By DAILY NEWS Reporter

WHOLESALE fruit prices across various markets in Dar es Salaam have shown mixed trends between February and March, with some commodities recording slight increases due to transport challenges caused by ongoing rains in production areas.

According to a recently report released by the Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TanTrade), a price analysis conducted in Buguruni, Tandale, Ilala, Mabibo, Temeke and Tandika markets indicates that while some fruits have increased in price, others have declined or remained unchanged.

A businesswoman at Tandale Market, Ms Gema Albert, said the availability of certain produce in large quantities, such as mangoes and passion fruits, has contributed to price reductions in some items, offering relief to consumers.

Mr Michael Kidekela, Secretary of Tandale Market, said the fluctuation of fruit prices is largely influenced by seasonal factors and weather conditions. He noted that ongoing rains in production areas have increased transportation costs, causing prices of some commodities, such as oranges and bananas, to rise.

He added that while some fruits have become more expensive, others re-



The report shows that the price of oranges has risen by 150 per cent, from 200/- to 500/- per piece, while bananas increased by 33 per cent, from 150/- to 200/- each. The increase reflects higher transportation costs resulting from rainy conditions damaging feeder roads in producing regions.

However, some fruits have recorded price declines. Mango prices dropped by 38 per cent, from 800/- to 500/- each, while cucumbers fell by 25 per cent, from 2,000/- to 1,500/- per bunch. Watermelon prices also decreased by 25 per cent, from 4,000/- to 3,000/- each.

Similarly, passion fruits fell by 33 per cent from 3,000/- to 2,000/- per kilogramme, as well as tamarind, which declined by the same margin from 3,000/- to 2,000/- per kilogramme.

Meanwhile, some fruits remained stable with no price changes. Among these are pineapples selling at 2,000/- each, pawpaw at 2,000/- per piece, avocados at 1,000/- each and baobab fruit at 3,000/- per kilogramme.

According to TanTrade, the current price trends are largely influenced by weather conditions, particularly ongoing rains in production areas, which have increased transportation costs from farms to markets.

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main stable or have declined due to higher availability in the markets. Mr Kidekela noted the need to improve transport and market infrastructure to reduce price swings and ensure consistent supply for consumers.

Business analysts say that if the rains persist, prices may continue to fluctuate depending on supply levels and transport costs, emphasising the need to improve transport infrastructure to minimise disruptions in the food supply chain.