Parliament honours President Samia for role in transformative leadership

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE National Assembly has presented a special honorary award to President Samia Suluhu Hassan in recognition of her outstanding leadership and unwavering commitment to inclusive development and national progress.

The award ceremony took place in Dodoma over the weekend, where Speaker of the Parliament, Dr Tulia Ackson (pictured) formally bestowed the honour upon President Samia. In her remarks, Dr Ackson praised the president for her visionary leadership, which has spearheaded significant and positive changes across a broad spectrum of key sectors in Tanzania.

According to an official statement from the Directorate of Presidential Communications, the award symbolises the collective appreciation and respect of all Members of Parliament for the president's achievements and her role in guiding the country toward a brighter future.

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"Under President Samia's stewardship, Tanzania has undergone significant transformation," said Speaker Ackson. "This progress is evident in the implementation of major strategic projects and remarkable advancements in critical areas such as education, health, mining, tourism, transportation, agriculture, energy, and international diplomacy."

The award is not only a mark of personal recognition but also a symbol of national unity, reflecting the president's dedication to fostering development that benefits every Tanzanian, regardless of their background or region.

In her acceptance speech, President Samia expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Parliament for its continuous support and constructive oversight, which she described as vital to enhancing government effectiveness and accountability.

"Parliament plays a crucial role in improving government performance through budget deliberations, legislative processes, and offering valuable recommendations," she said. "I sincerely appreciate the lawmakers' dedication to representing the interests of their constituents both inside and outside the parliamentary chamber."

President Samia also emphasised the importance of collaboration between the executive and legislative branches of government as a foundation for achieving sustainable development and good governance.

The award ceremony highlighted the strong working relationship between the presidency and parliament, reinforcing President Samia's vision of inclusive governance, transparency, and shared national progress.

This recognition comes as Tanzania continues to experience economic growth and social development under the leadership of President Samia Suluhu Hassan, inspiring confidence both at home and abroad in the country's future.

Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP) facilitator Vena Assenga (R) addresses members of various groups, including traditional elders, religious leaders and government officials during dialogue on gender equality and challenges commonly facing women and the youth. The event, held at Kidoka village in Chemba District yesterday, was sponsored by the Embassy of Ireland in Tanzania.

Eight journalists honoured in data journalism awards for promoting women in leadership

By Guardian Reporter

EIGHT journalists and three media outlets have been recognised for excellence in reporting on women and leadership during the Data Journalism Awards organised by the Tanzania Media Women's Association Zanzibar (TAMWA ZNZ).

The awards ceremony celebrated outstanding contributions to gender equality through data-driven storytelling across radio, print, social media, and youth journalism.

The event, held in collaboration with the Office of the Chief Government Statistician (OCGS), the Association of Women with Disabilities Zanzibar (JUWAZA), the Zanzibar Female Lawyers Association (ZAFELA), and the Pemba Environment, Gender and Advocacy Organization (PEGAO), highlighted journalists' role in advancing gender-inclusive narratives.

Aziza Hassan Bakar of Zanzibar Leo newspaper was announced as the overall winner of the competition and also won in the newspaper category. She received a cash prize of 1.5m/-, a trophy, and a certificate of excellence for her impactful reporting on gender and leadership issues.

In the radio category, Hawakila Nassor Mohd of Assalam FM Radio was awarded 1m/-, a trophy, and a certificate for her outstanding coverage promoting women's leadership.

Salum Ameir Salum won in the social media category and received a similar prize package. He was also among the five recipients recognised in the Young Media Fellows (YMF) category, underscoring his emerging talent in gender-focused journalism.

The YMF category spotlighted five up-and-coming journalists who were each awarded a certificate and an iPad for their promising work. The young winners are Salum Ameir Salum, Zuyena Ramadhan, Nihifadhi Abdulla Issa, Fatma Hamad Faki and Maryam Nassor Suleiman.

Three media houses were awarded for their consistent efforts in promoting gender equality through editorial content and programming. Each received 2m/- and a certificate of recognition. The recognised outlets include Michewent Community Radio and Mkoani Community Radio.

Notably, Michewent Community Radio emerged as the leading media outlet in promoting gender equality, followed closely by Zanzibar Leo newspaper.

Organisers encouraged journalists and media organisations to continue producing stories that use statistics to promote gender equality, showcase women's achievements, and address the structural barriers that limit women's access to leadership positions.

A total of 235 entries were submitted from various media platforms, including print, radio, television, and social media. Of these, 120 submissions were reviewed by a panel of judges, leading to the final selection of winners.

The Data Journalism Awards are part of the ongoing Strengthening Women in Leadership (SWIL) programme, implemented by TAMWA ZNZ, JUWAZA, ZAFELA, and PEGAO in collaboration with the Royal Norwegian embassy in Tanzania.

Iringa district commissioner Khert James addresses a Tanzania Association of Transporters meeting in Iringa Municipality at the weekend.

Transport players win govt praise for boosting the sector

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

IRINGA District Commissioner (DC) Khert James has commended the Tanzania Association of Transporters (TAT) for its vital role in advancing the country's transport and logistics industry, describing it as a key driver of economic and social development.

Speaking here over the weekend during the annual transport and logistics conference, DC James acknowledged TAT's contributions in creating employment, facilitating trade, and enhancing the delivery of public services across the country.

"I commend the members of TAT for their efforts and substantial contributions in improving the transport sector in Tanzania," said DC James. "This sector is the engine of our economy and community development, and the government will continue to support it."

A major highlight of the event was the official launch of the TAT central zone office, which will serve six regions: Iringa, Njombe, Ruvuma, Songwe, Mbeya, and Katavi. The new office is situated within the Hanspoppe Hotel compound under the Iringa Municipal Council.

More than 100 participants attended the conference, including transport company owners, cargo and passenger vehicle drivers, as well as representatives from government agencies and private sector stakeholders.

The conference provided a platform to discuss the current state of the transport sector, focusing on infrastructure development, operational challenges, and ways to enhance service quality, safety, and sustainability.

Participants noted persistent issues such as poor road infrastructure, limited access to modern equipment, high operational costs, and bureaucratic bottlenecks in regulatory bodies.

Omary Kiponza, TAT acting president said the association has grown significantly since its founding in 2015, now boasting over 1,000 members from both Mainland Tanzania and the islands.

"We are now launching a zonal office to simplify transport operations in the southern and western regions," said Kiponza. "We want to ensure that every member can access our services locally."

He added that TAT plans to collaborate more closely with institutions such as LATRA, TRA, and TARURA to foster a more enabling environment for transport businesses.

DC James reaffirmed the government's commitment to working closely with private sector players like TAT to resolve sector challenges and promote growth.

"The government is committed to remaining a close partner of the private sector, particularly TAT, by ensuring that all challenges hindering the growth of the transport industry are addressed in a timely manner," he stated.

The conference ended with a resolution to strengthen collaboration between public and private sectors through a joint strategic plan aimed at improving infrastructure, policies, and workforce skills in the transport industry.

Government agencies in attendance included TARURA, TANROADS, LATRA, TRA, the Weights and Measures Agency, and Air Tanzania Company Limited (ATCL).

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Igogwe Secondary School receives ICT tools worth 30m/- to boost digital learning

By Guardian Correspondent, Tarime

IGOGWE secondary school in Tarime District, Mara Region, is on course to become a digital learning environment following the donation of information and communication technology (ICT) equipment valued at 30m/-.

The support includes 20 computers, a data storage device, smart TV, server, and projector, all of which were unveiled during the official launch of the school's new ICT laboratory.

Speaking during the event on behalf of Tarime District Commissioner, Hassan Mandia, senior divisional officer James Chacha highlighted the government's ongoing commitment to ensuring a quality education.

He noted that more than five schools already have been connected to the school to support infrastructure development, including classrooms, dormitories, teachers' housing, a library, administration blocks, and modern laboratories.

The ICT laboratory part of the plan to build a technologically equipped generation, said Chacha. "We urge pupils to take advantage of this opportunity to enhance their skills, both for academic excellence and to prepare for a digital future."

The equipment was donated by Camara Education Tanzania in collaboration with Helios Towers Tanzania, as part of their joint initiative to improve digital learning in underserved areas, especially where Helios has network infrastructure.

David Daglia, CEO of Helios Towers Tanzania, said the project aligns with the company's broader commitment to supporting national development priorities and contributing to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, particularly in education and environmental sustainability.

"Our aim is to empower schools like Igogwe with the digital tools they need to thrive in the 21st century," Daglia said. "In addition, we are working to reduce our carbon footprint by 46 percent per tenant by 2030 and plan to power all our towers through renewable energy connected to the national grid."

Dayani Mbowe, director of Camara Education Tanzania, said the organisation is focused on ensuring that both pupils and teachers are equipped to adapt to evolving education policies that emphasise practical digital skills aligned with the job market.

The school's headmaster Hassan Amasi praised the donation as a major milestone, noting that the school, which opened in July 2022, is already ranked among the top-performing public schools in the district. "This ICT lab will not only improve academic delivery but also simplify administrative tasks and bring learning into the digital era," he said.

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