

HABARI LEO JUMATATO 4 AGOST 2025

Bajaji 5,000 zinatumia gesi asili nchini-TPDC

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SHIRIKA la Maendeleo ya Petroli Tanzania (TPDC) limesema bajaji zaidi ya 5,000 nchini kwa sasa zinatumia nishati safi ya gesi asilia (CNG).

Ofisa Maendeleo ya Jamii Mwandamizi wa TPDC, Ally Mluge alisema hayo jana wakati akizungumza na waandishi wa habari katika Maonesho ya Kilimo, Mifugo na Uvuvi maarufu Nanenane Kanda ya Kusini mkoani Lindi.

"Kwa sasa zaidi ya bajaji 5,000 na magari 5,000 nchini yanatumia nishati safi ya gesi asilia," alisema.

Idadi ya vituo vya kujazia

gesi asilia kwenye magari na bajaji vimefika vinane kikiwemo kituo kikubwa cha jijini Dar es Salaam chenye uwezo wa kujaza gesi asilia kwenye magari 1,200 kwa siku.

"Ujenzi wa kituo hicho umekamilika na kinatoa huduma ya kujaza gesi kwenye magari, bajaji ambapo kimesaidia hata kupunguza msongamano wa vyombo vya moto vinatumia nishati hiyo kwenye vituo vingine," alisema.

Akizungumzia mkakati wa Matumizi ya Nishati Safi ya kupikia, Mluge alisema nyumba zaidi ya 1,522 na taa-sisi 13 Dar es Salaam, Lindi na Mtwara zimeunganishwa na matumizi ya nishati hiyo.

Mkakati huo pia umeunganisha viwanda 57 huku mchakato ukiendelea kuunganisha viwanda vingine zaidi.

Mluge alisema mkakati huo wenye lengo la kuunganisha asilimia 80 ya watazania kwenye matumizi ya nishati safi ya gesi asilia ifikapo mwaka 2034 unaendelea katika mkoa wa Lindi na Mtwara.

Upande wa Lindi, Mluge alisema nyumba 470 zinatarajia kuunganishwa kupitia utekelezaji wa mradi wa pili ambao unatakelezwa katika eneo la Mnazi mmoja. mradi wa kwanza uliunganisha nyumba 209.

Mluge alisema mradi huo utaunganisha nishati kwa

nyumba 570 eneo la Kisemvule Wilaya ya Mkuranga, mkoani Pwani.

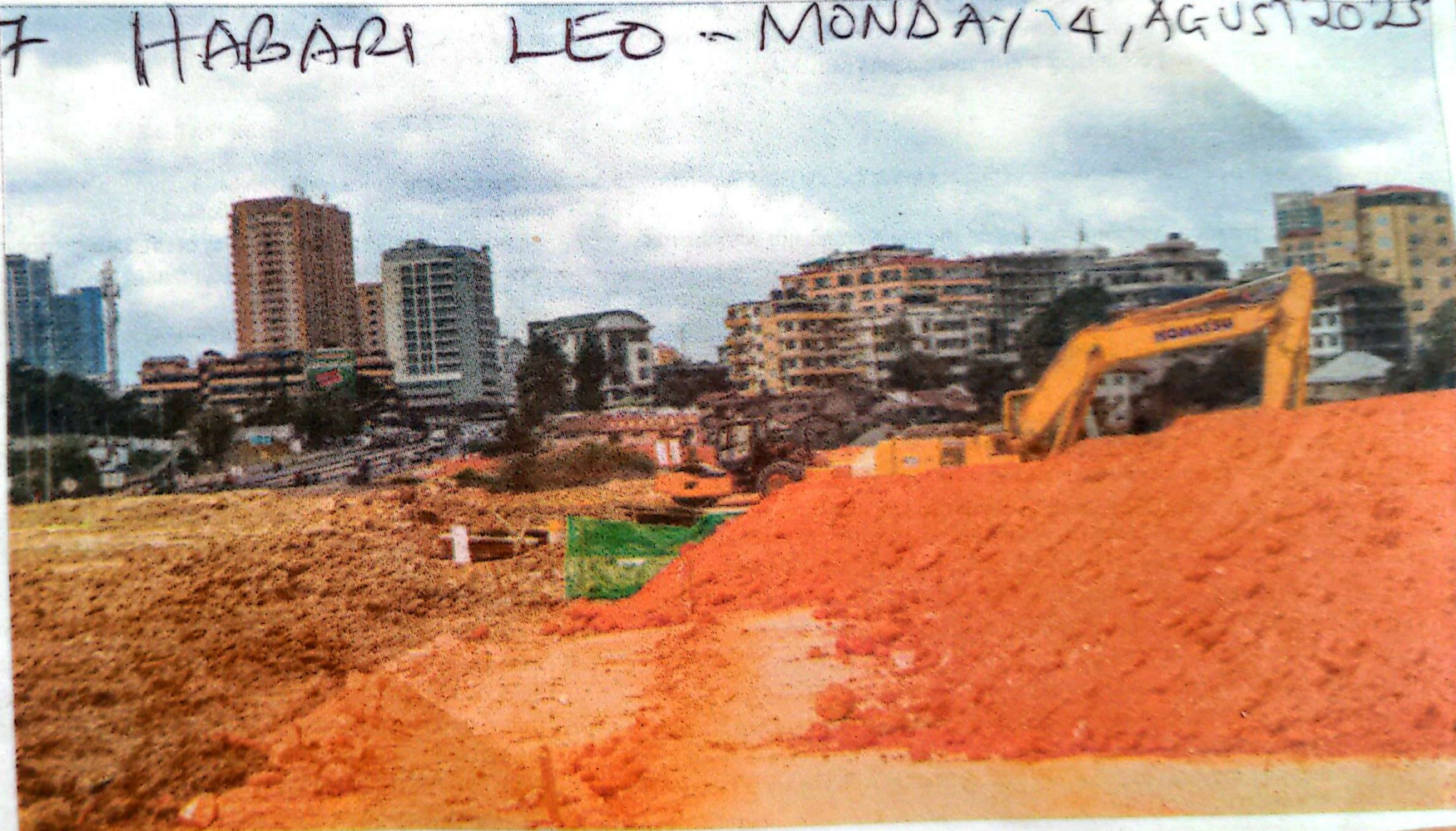
Kwa upande wa Mtwara nyumba 420 zimekwisha kuunganishwa na nishati hiyo.

Ili kuhakikisha kuwa mkakati wa nishati safi ya kupikia unatakelezwa, Mluge alisema TPDC wanashirikiana na Wakala wa Nishati Vijijini ili kutekeleza malengo ya mkakati wa matumizi ya nishati safi ya kupikia ifikapo 2034.

"Mpango wa TPDC ni kuendelea kusambaza nishati hiyo maeneo mengi," alisema na kuongeza kuwa kwa sasa TPDC wanashirikiana na Wakala wa vijijini kutekeleza Mikakati (REA).

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Ujenzi wa barabara ya muda itakayotumika Jangwani mkoani Dar es Salaam wakati wa kutekeleza mradi wa kimkakati wa ujenzi wa Daraja la Jangwani. Kukamilika kwa daraja hilo kutaondoa adha ya kukatika kwa mawasiliano ya kuingia katikati ya mji. (Picha na Rahel Pallangyo).



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Going by this photo, anyone believing that Bajaj operators are easy to beat when it comes to "innovation" in transporting cargo stands little chance of seeing his or her dream come true - as literally anything can happen. Roving correspondent Sabato Kasika captured this scene at Dar es Salaam's Mbezi Mwisho commuter bus station yesterday.

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Road safety improvement on Tanzam Highway reduces accidents in Songwe

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IN a concerted effort to mitigate frequent road accidents, the government allocated funds in the 2024/2025 budget through the Ministry of Works for the rehabilitation of road infrastructure in the Songwe Region, significantly reducing accidents at notorious blackspots.

The Tanzam Highway (Tanzania-Zambia Highway) is a critical artery for many Southern African countries particularly from cargo trucks. This has historically led to persistent challenges of congestion and accidents.

Recognizing the road's immense importance, the government initiated the construction of diversion lanes. The lanes allow vehicles to bypass congested areas, especially when traffic volume is high, significantly enhancing safety.

Drivers commend the improvements. Godwin Moyo, a truck driver with registration number BAZ 1033 from Zambia, expressed his satisfaction, stating that the government has done a commendable job by constructing the diversion roads, allowing them to travel freely without fear of accidents.

Goma Yobe, another Zambian truck driver (BAZ 1044), echoed this sentiment, noting that no accidents have occurred since the diversion roads were built. He urged for similar improvements in other hazardous sections of the road leading up to Tunduma.

Shabani Yassin, a driver for a company based in Dar es Salaam, praised the government for its commitment to drivers' safety by addressing previously dangerous road sections. "In the past, our hearts would race when we drove through these areas. When the government released funds, we saw project supervisors from TANROADS overseeing the construction diligently, leading to quick and high-standard work," he remarked.

Suleiman Bishanga, the Regional Manager for TANROADS in Songwe, explained that the government's objective in rehabilitating the roads

is to improve accessibility across all areas of the region. He detailed that part of the allocated funds were used for contract payment number TR36/024/2024/2025/W/47. This payment was for emergency repairs on the main Tanzam Highway (Songwe-Tunduma section), specifically from kilometre 10+800 to 15+200. The contractor for this 2.879bn/- project was M/s NARMO.

Bishanga further elaborated that while 100 percent of the payment balance has been released, the contract was signed on November 14, 2024, with construction commencing on November 28, 2024. The project had a seven-month timeline and was

expected to conclude on June 30, 2025, covering 87.44 percent of the intended areas. Currently, project progress stands at 75 percent, indicating a delay of 12.44 percent. The project has utilized five months of its timeline, accounting for 87.44 percent of the duration, with financial progress at 71.53 percent. The contractor received an initial payment

of 431,947,500/-, equivalent to 15 percent of the project cost, and has so far been paid 1,789,839,920/-, representing 65.15 percent of the total project cost.

Songwe Regional Commissioner Daniel Chongolo underscored the government's rationale for funding the diversion roads: to ensure trucks can pass without getting stuck or overturning, as such incidents cripple the economy. He emphasized the importance of trucks reaching Zambia, DRC and other SADC countries promptly and returning to Dar es Salaam Port to pick up more cargo. Chongolo also called for additional lighting while awaiting the construction of a four-lane highway.

It is crucial to recognize that the Tanzam Highway, passing through the Tunduma border to SADC countries, serves as a vital gateway for these nations. Therefore, expediting the construction of a four-lane highway is essential to double economic growth and significantly reduce traffic congestion and accidents.