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### Samia rewards brave Stars

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## Arusha hosts EAC Heads of State Summit

From DAILY NEWS Reporter in Arusha

LEADERS from the seven East African Community (EAC) partner states are converging in Arusha this week, for the 23rd ordinary EAC Heads of State Summit.

The two-day high-profile meeting will also see South Sudan's President Salva Kiir replacing Burundi's President Evariste Ndayishimiye as the chairperson of the regional economic bloc. Among other issues that will take centre stage in the summit will be climate change

and food security. Kiir is expected to steer the regional bloc at a time when the region is holding discussions on regional peace and security, particularly the crisis in Sudan and the Eastern

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## US City of Milwaukee celebrates Tanzania Day

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## ROMANIAN PRESIDENT VISIT:

# Why it holds great promise

By SOPHIA KUMKANA

ROMANIAN President Klaus Iohannis left the country yesterday, leaving behind yet another mark that Tanzania continues to extend its wings of trade and investment in Eastern Europe.

On Friday, President Samia and her Romanian counterpart, Iohannis agreed to continue taking collaborative measures to deepen ties in strategic areas for mutual benefit of both nations.

Their discussions, according to President Samia, were centred on various issues of importance to both nations, including ways to increase trade and investments.

The two Heads of State also witnessed the signing of two Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs), the first one between the Prime Minister's Office and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Romania which particularly aimed at promoting cooperation in the areas of disaster(s) management and international humanitarian.

The second one was between Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) and Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Science (AFS). This is to promote and encourage economic, scientific and technical cooperation in the field of agriculture and environment.

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PRESIDENT Samia Sulu Hassan in conversation with her guest, Romanian counterpart, Klaus Werner Iohannis as he leaves the State House in Dar es Salaam, yesterday, after a four-day state visit in the country. (Photo by State House)

## Govt warns against arbitrary use of antibiotics

From NELLY MTEMA

THE government has warned pharmacies and drug dispensing outlets to stop selling antibiotics to patient without a doctor's prescription, since the practice exacerbates antimicrobial resistance.

Chief Pharmacist Daudi Msasi said that improper use of antibiotics poses a threat to the public health, calling on stakeholders to help spread education on the proper dispensation.

He said that the government has already endorsed the Pharmacy (Prescription Handling and Control) Regulations since June last year in handling antimicrobial resistance.

Elaborating, he noted that the respective authorities had started holding accountable pharmacists who go against the laws.

Mr Msasi said that penalties outlined in the regulations include among others fines, facing jail term or closing down their businesses by revoking their licences.

"Antimicrobial resis-



However, people should use antibiotics according to their doctors' prescriptions and avoid buying such drugs without being recommended by any medical personnel."

Mr Msasi

tance is costly because when diseases are not responding to the drugs, it will force the government to look for others, which might be expensive," Msasi said, while officiating at a meeting to discuss the problem ahead of the World Antimicrobial Awareness Week.

The meeting was organised by the Roll Back Antimicrobial Resistance Initiative (RBA Initiative), a non-governmental organisation whose aim is to fight back antimicrobial

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## FORMER LEADERS' BENCH WITH DAILY NEWS:

## Dr Bilal feels he's much more scientist than administrator

- Years to see TZ becoming a scientific nation
- Had false start in the first two terms of Form One
- Earned US university scholarship in Form Five
- His father failed to pay 3,080/- airfare to the US
- Suffered two accidents at a lab and on football ground

By ABDUEL ELINAZA

MOHAMED Gharib Bilal (PhD), a nuclear scientist and mathematician, is a humble and down-to-earth elder, who climbed ladders to the top second national post against his dream.

Dr Bilal's political life started when he was appointed Permanent Secretary in the newly introduced Ministry of Science Technology and Higher Education in 1990 after spending 13 years at the University of Dar es Salaam as a don. He served the post for five years until 1995.

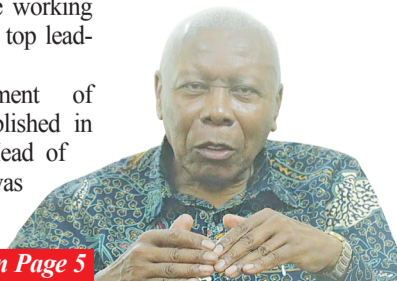
Serving this post, opened

Dr Bilal's route to a political career, which propelled him to the Vice-President's post.

"I didn't want to leave my department of physics which was getting its teeth on the ground...to a government post," Dr Bilal opened up to the 'Daily News' last Friday on the operating realities during his time in office and his experience working with the country's top leaders.

The Department of Physics was established in 1965. The first Head of the Department was an Australian,

In 1995, Dr Bilal was appointed Chief Minister of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar until 2000. From November 2010 to November 2015, he was the Vice-President of Tanzania, under President Jakaya Kikwete.



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## Govt lures Saudi private sector to invest in Tanzania

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