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CMA to rule on Acacia security shift

Commission of Mediation and Arbitration (CMA) in Shinyanga Municipality will give the ruling on the disputed labour case involving Acacia North Mara Gold Mine Limited and National Union of Mines and Energy Tanzania (NUMET), on behalf of security workers in the mine before end of this month. Adjourning the labour case today in Shinyanga Municipality, CMA department arbitrator of the matter Mr Kilian Nembeka said that on 29 of this month, his commission will give the ruling on the matter involving security men at North Mara Gold Mine. The case with number CMAI MUS/201/2017 which was opened on October 3 this year at Musoma CMA in Mara Region by NUMET on behalf of D6 security workers whose contracts of employment were threatened to be breached by Acacia by their decision to give the tender to another company from South Africa. a situation which was refuted by the workers. The controversy to replace security men in North Mara Gold Mine, who claim that they began work in the area since 2000 resulted into the labour case in Musoma Municipality where mediation failed to resolve the conflict which resulted into shilling of the case to the arbitrator in Shinyanga Municipality. *"Daily News, Home News Pg.2"*

Third tanzanite auction slated for next Monday

The third mineral auction for Tanzanite Gemstones will be held at Naisinyai Village on the Mirerani Hills in Simanjiro district within the next six days, the 'Daily News' has learnt. This follows directives by President John Magufuli that all transactions related to the blue gemstones must be conducted right at the mining site. An official statement from the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Minerals, Prof. Simon Msanjila, says this auction would run for four days beginning December 18, and that it would involve raw gemstones as well as polished and cut Tanzanite gemstones. Prof. Msanjila revealed that all the gemstones to be auctioned had been derived from the Tanzanite-One Company Limited, whose main operations are at Block C quarries of the Mirerani Hills and runs as a joint venture with the government owned State Mining Company (STAMJCO), with other inputs for the public transaction coming from Tanzanite Africa Limited. In addition to the Tanzanite Auction various other mining firms entities and dealers from around the world are expected to bring their valuable pieces of minerals to be sold during the event at the Simanjiro District Building in Mirerani, Manyara Region. *"Daily News, Home News Pg.3"*

Tan-trade optimistic on Tanzania becoming middle income economy

As Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TanTrade) tracks progress towards 2025, the authority's Chairman Engineer Christopher Chiza told the journalists in Dar es salaam yesterday that the authority is confident Tanzania will become a middle income economy in the next seven years. The chairman said this year's industrial products exhibition in the city the second in a row, was proof of the authority's optimism. "Yes, we have to be sanguine. This year's response is quite encouraging. Last year exhibitors were 476 rising to 506 this year. This is no small number. This means our goal to become a middle- income economy is quite realistic, it is possible," he asserted. Industries mean business he said explaining that a 20 per cent increase in new participants in a big show like that was no small number. *"Daily News, Home News Pg.3"*

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