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Today's News Update



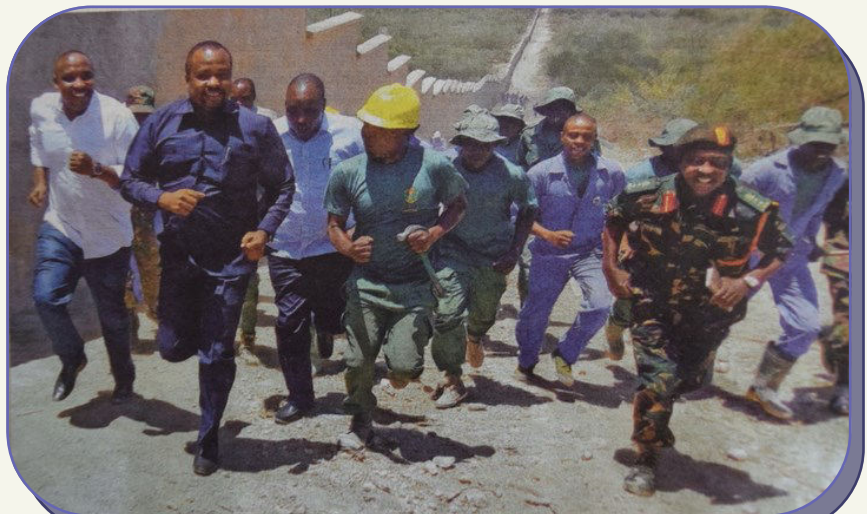
GOVERNMENT SETS PROCEDURES FOR MERERANI ENTRY

Yesterday the Government set procedures which will control entry to the Mererani fenced area with effect from tomorrow 15th February 2018.

Mining stakeholders and miners at Simanjiro district, Mererani mining area will now be required to have special Identity Cards (ID) to access the mining area. No one will be allowed to access the Tanzanite Mining area if they don't possess the ID.

The Northern Zone Assistant Commissioner of Minerals Mr. Adam Juma gave the directives yesterday while speaking to Mererani miners and indicated that about 6,000 ID's have already been provided to miners despite the fact that the area hosts more than 15,000 miners.

On his part the Simanjiro District Commissioner Hon. Zephania



Deputy Ministers of Minerals, Hon. Stanslaus Nyongo (Second from Left) and Hon. Dotto Biteko (Third from Left) and Simanjiro's Constituent Member of Parliament Hon. James Ole Millya (Left) running while inspecting the 24.5Km long Mererani wall in Manyara region.

Chaula insisted that the Government is very serious about the directives and has a good intention of ensuring that Minerals from Mererani are not smuggled to the neighbouring countries and effective tax collection is done by the Government.

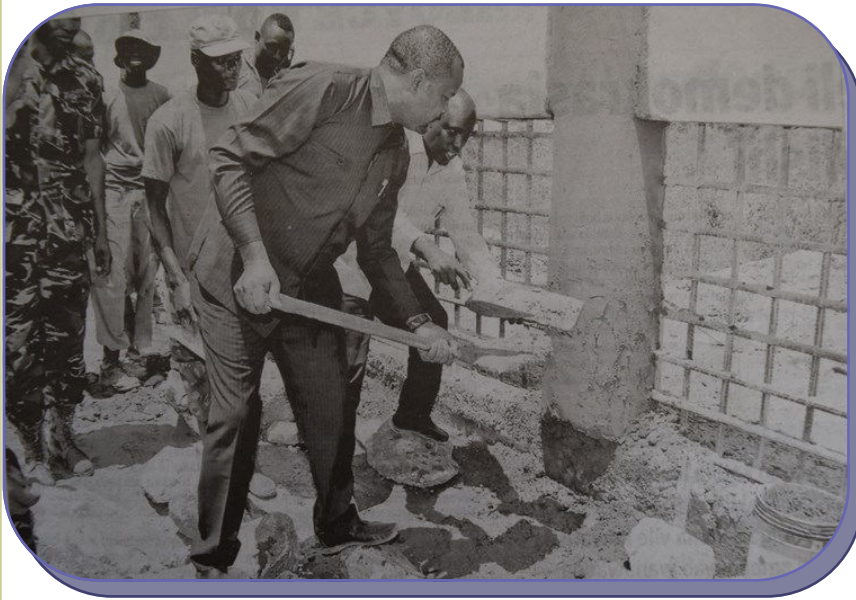
On his reflection, Mererani's Miners Association chairperson Mr.

Sadiki Mnenei said that they adhere to the Governments' decision but requested for an extension of the effective date to 1st May 2018 since a large number of people are yet to be issued with ID's and it is the just a matter of hours before the deadline is reached.

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Furthermore, Simanjiro residents have asked the government to provide more than one entrance to Mererani mining area because the single entrance causes them to spend unnecessarily long time traveling to the main entrance of the 24.5Km fenced wall, however the District Commissioner Hon. Zephania Chaula has refused to honor their request and asked the residents to be patient and they will get used to the situation.

Moreover, the trending photography information in today's media has shown the Deputy Ministers of Minerals visiting and participating in putting final touches on the completion of the Mererani wall.



Deputy Ministers of Minerals Hon. Stan-slaus Nyongo (Left) and Hon. Dotto Biteko (Right) working together putting touches to the final stages of the Mererani Wall construction.

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