

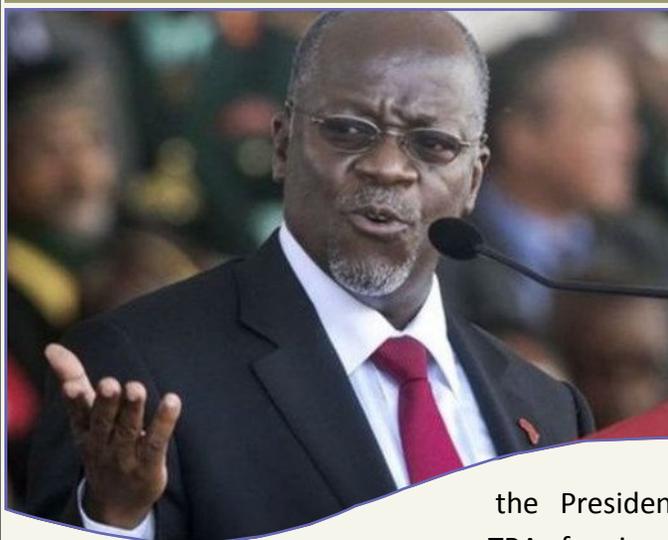
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Today's News Update

PRESIDENT MAGUFULI CALLS FOR A WIDER TAX BASE AND REASONABLE TAX RATES TO INCREASE COLLECTIONS



The 5th President of the United Republic of Tanzania, His Excellency Dr. John Pombe Joseph Magufuli

On Monday, the President of Tanzania His Excellency Dr. John Pombe Magufuli sworn in Mr. Adolf Ndunguru as the Deputy Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Finance and Planning responsible for Policy; and Mr. Msafiri Mabibo as the Deputy Commissioner General of TRA. The Ceremony took place in Dar es Salaam at the State house.

During the ceremony, although

the President commended the TRA for increased tax revenue collection, he still showed his dissatisfaction with TRA performance citing narrow tax base and higher tax rates which hinder tax revenue collection. And the President called for policy reforms to create a conducive and competitive business environment in Tanzania which will ensure that the government collects more revenue for the country's development.

Referring to business at Tanzania borders (Tunduma&Mutukula),

the head of state cited his frustrations due to the facts that some Tanzanian business persons have opted to close their businesses on Tanzanian side of the border only to open similar businesses across the border in the neighboring country. This is due to unreasonable tax rates. **"I am saying this again, I want you to change your collection strategies. Why are our rates higher compared to neighboring countries?" "Why don't we reduce our tax rates to increase the number of tax payers rather than tax evaders?"**, asked President Magufuli when calling for creativeness on Tax collection strategies to the Ministry of Finance.



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As we continue with stakeholders' engagement, such pro-business statements as these ones from the President gives us hope of a better fiscal regime moving forward. The Chamber will continue to push the agenda of its members with the goal of influencing the policy makers to come up with revolutionary policies which will re-vamp the mining sector.



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