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3rd JKA/WF-ZANZIBAR GASHUKU REPORT

Seminar, Dan Grading & Qualification Examinations

24TH –26TH June 2026

Amani Complex

Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania

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1. INTRODUCTION

JKA/WF Zanzibar successfully organized a three-day Gashuku (Technical Seminar and Grading) from **24th to 26th June 2026** at **Amani Complex, Zanzibar**. The event brought together karate practitioners from across East Africa and Southern Africa, providing an excellent opportunity for technical development, instructor guidance, examination, and international friendship in accordance with the principles of the Japan Karate Association.

The seminar was conducted under the technical leadership of **Shihan Daniel Gombe**, Director for the JKA/WF Sub-Saharan Africa Region, who served as the Chief Instructor and Chief Examiner throughout the event.



Figure 1: The Guest of Honor with the Countries representatives and government representatives during the 1st Day of Gashuku

2. PARTICIPATION

A total of **45 participants** attended the Gasshuku.

2.1 GENDER DISTRIBUTION

- Male: **43**
- Female: **2**

2.2 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

Participants attended from:

- Tanzania (Mainland)
- Zanzibar
- Burundi
- Kenya
- South Africa

The diversity of participants strengthened regional cooperation and promoted the exchange of technical knowledge among JKA practitioners.



Figure 2: The Guest of Honour with other invitees at the high table during the 1st Day of Zanzibar June 2026 gasshuku

3. OPENING CEREMONY

The Gasshuku officially commenced on **24 June 2026** with an opening ceremony held at Amani Complex.

The **Guest of Honour** was **Mr. Dalmas**, Managing Director of Fortitude Security Company, who officially opened the seminar. In his remarks, he encouraged participants to maintain

discipline, continuous learning, and the high ethical standards that characterize traditional JKA Karate.

The ceremony was attended by instructors, participants, officials, and invited guests.



Figure3: JKA/WF-ZANZIBAR Spokeswoman Ms. Lutfia Abdalla Salim with Countries Representative at Amani Complex during the second day of Gasshuku

4. TECHNICAL TRAINING

4.1 DAY ONE – 24 JUNE 2026

The first day focused entirely on intensive technical instruction.

Training sessions covered:

- Kihon (Fundamental Techniques)
- Kata
- Kumite
- Correct body mechanics
- Technical precision
- Examination standards

- JKA teaching methodology

Participants demonstrated excellent discipline, enthusiasm, and commitment throughout the sessions.



Figure4: Friendly talks after training session during the 1st day of gashuku

4.2 DAY TWO – 25 JUNE 2026

Morning technical sessions continued at Amani Complex with advanced instruction emphasizing refinement of technique and practical application.

Later in the day, participants travelled to **Prison Island**, where training continued in a unique outdoor environment on the beach.

The beach training created an outstanding atmosphere that significantly strengthened participants' motivation and team spirit while allowing continued technical practice in a relaxed but disciplined setting.

The combination of technical instruction and cultural experience made the second day one of the highlights of the Gasshuku.



Figure5: The 2nd Day of Gasshuku: Beach Training at prison island

5. GRADING EXAMINATION

The grading examinations were conducted on **26 June 2026** under the supervision of **Shihan Daniel Gombe**.

Dan Examinations

Sandan (3rd Dan)

- Candidates: **1**
- Passed: **1**

Nidan (2nd Dan)

- Candidates: **4**
- Passed: **4**

Shodan (1st Dan)

- Candidates: **3**
- Passed: **3**

Qualification Examiners class D

- Candidates: **4**
- Passed: **4**

All candidates successfully met the required JKA technical standards.

One of the most significant achievements of this Gashuku was that **Zanzibar produced its first female Shodan (1st Dan Black Belt)** after successfully passing the Dan examination. This represents an important milestone in the development of karate and women's participation within JKA/WF Zanzibar.

6. GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION

The Gasshuku was honoured by the attendance of a representative from the **Zanzibar National Sports Council**, specifically the Registrar for Sports.

During his address, he conveyed the appreciation and recognition of the Government of Zanzibar for the important role being played by JKA/WF-Zanzibar in the development of karate within Zanzibar.

He acknowledged that the Government values the organization's contribution to sports development, youth discipline, character building, and the promotion of healthy lifestyles through traditional karate.

The Government also expressed its willingness to continue supporting initiatives that promote karate development in Zanzibar.

7. OVERALL ASSESSMENT

The 2026 JKA/WF Zanzibar Gasshuku was successfully conducted in accordance with JKA standards.

Major achievements included:

- Successful international participation from five countries.
- High-quality technical instruction delivered by the Regional Director.
- Strong discipline and commitment demonstrated by participants.
- Successful grading examinations with a 100% pass rate.
- The historic achievement of Zanzibar's first female Shodan.
- Positive engagement and recognition from the Government of Zanzibar.
- Strengthened friendship and cooperation among JKA members from different countries.

The seminar greatly contributed to improving technical standards while reinforcing the values of respect, discipline, perseverance, and unity that define JKA Karate.



Figure 6: the Gasshuku Participants at Prison Island beach after training during the 2nd Day of Gasshuku

8. APPRECIATION

JKA/WF Zanzibar extends sincere appreciation to:

- **Shihan Daniel Gombe** for his outstanding technical instruction, leadership, and examination.
- Mr. Dalmas, Managing Director of Fortitude Security Company, for honouring the opening ceremony as Guest of Honour.
- The Registrar for Sports and the Government of Zanzibar for their encouragement and continued support.
- All instructors, officials, volunteers, and participants whose dedication contributed to the success of the event.

9. CONCLUSION

JKA/WF Zanzibar remains committed to promoting the highest standards of traditional karate and looks forward to continued cooperation with JKA Headquarters in developing karate throughout the region.



Figure 7: Appreciation Gift from JKA/WF-Zanzibar prepared and presented by Spokeswoman Ms. Lutfia Abdalla Salim

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