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## Volunteer teachers in job selection priority

By Songa wa Songa, Dodoma

TEACHERS who have been volunteering in various schools before the government announced 6,949 job openings in the budget estimates will have priority consideration in filling the slots.

The Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), Ummu Mwalimu (pictured) told the National Assembly here yesterday that there are teachers who have been volunteering since 2012.

"We will consider them first because time is catching up with some of them, as they can only be employed by the government before attaining the age of 45," she said.

The minister noted that there will be strict scrutiny of the targeted educators to ensure that only those who have been actually teaching are employed.

"Some have made false claims that they have been volunteering in order to be prioritized in employment," she stated.

Aida Khenani (Nkasi North-Chadema) suggested that the government needs to apply affirmative action in the hiring process so that more women teachers are employed.

"There are schools that have no female teachers hence a challenge in supporting female students," she said, a position that was countered by House

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# Tanzania out to ratify continental trade pact

By Henry Mwangonde

TANZANIA is finalising preparations for the ratification of the Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement that will facilitate free movement of

goods and services as well as allowing all African countries to do business without restrictions.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs and East Africa Cooperation, Liberata Mulamula, said this in Dar es Salaam

yesterday during a 58th Africa Day anniversary event at the Julius Nyerere International Conference Centre.

On January 1 this year African countries started trading under the AfCFTA agreement as the required

ratification quorum had been attained, with Tanzania signing it but not ratified it as yet.

"Once ratified, our locally manufactured products will be able to

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Agriculture minister Prof Adolph Mkenda (L) and deputy minister Hussein Bashe follow debate on the ministry's Budget estimates for financial year 2021/2022 in the National Assembly in Dodoma city yesterday. Photo: PMO



## 'Release Mali president, premier unconditionally'

ADDIS ABABA

AFRICAN Union president Félix Tshisekedi (pictured) has demanded the immediate and unconditional release of Mali's President Bah N'daw and Prime Minister Moctar Ouane.

In a statement, the AU said he was dismayed to learn of the arrest in Mali of the President of the Transition and the

Prime Minister by the military.

The continental organization firmly condemns any action aimed at destabilizing Mali, the DR Congo leader affirmed, further urging all actors in the Malian political transition to exercise restraint and respect the constitution.

"The current President of the AU considers that everything must be done to preserve the stability of Mali and consolidate peace in the sub-region."

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said he was deeply concerned by news of the detention of civilian leaders of the Malian transition.

"I call for calm and their unconditional release," he said in a statement, noting that the UN Special

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## MPs: Make agriculture attractive to the youth

By Songa wa Songa, Dodoma

MEMBERS of Parliament yesterday called on the government to invest heavily in initiatives aimed at transforming agriculture to make it a sector attractive to the youth and solve the spiraling unemployment challenge.

Debating the 2021/22 budget estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture, the lawmakers noted that the sector has no allure to energetic and productive young Tanzanians because it is acutely tied up with hardship and poverty.

If the government does not act, the rural-urban migration mainly by youth will turn into a crisis as only the elderly will remain in rural areas as youth seek job opportunities in towns and cities, they asserted.

To turn things around, MPs recommended the establishment commercial agriculture programmes in all 26 regions with all necessary facilities such as irrigation schemes, value addition equipment and financing agro-sector plans.

Thea Ntara (Special Seats) said that commercial farming is the only way to attract youth to agriculture, recommending the establishment of agri-business centres in all 26 regions.

"Let's design these facilities so that they also serve as practical training centres for colleges teaching agriculture courses," she urged.

"With loans and processing facilities in place, youth will troop to these centres and work in groups."

Naghenjwa Kaboyoka (Special Seats-Chadema) demanded that the government sets aside land for attractive agriculture in every region; survey the plots and put up agro-processing facilities then youth will feel good to work in those places.

"Currently, about 90 per cent of irrigation funds come from donors. The government should change approach on this matter by allocating its own resources for irrigation," she emphasised.

David Kunambi (Mimba) said that to change the state of agriculture, it requires a change of mindset,

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Water minister Jumaa Aweso (C, in blue shirt) has a word with residents of Berege village in Mpwapwa District during an inspection tour of water projects yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Fatma Malende

## Stakeholders stress need for measures to make roads safer

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

ROAD safety stakeholders in Dodoma Region have underscored the need for road users to observe traffic regulations in efforts to avoid road accidents in the country.

Speaking here recently, they argued that motorists should observe low speed while on the streets and focus on driving at 30 kilometers per hour to help other road users.

Their plea was spearheaded by the Members of Parliament (MPs) champions for road safety that observed the need for the society to adhere to traffic regulations to get away with uncalled for road accidents.

Special Seats MP Fatma Tawfiq (CCM) said the traffic police

should embark on a massive education awareness campaign to motorcyclists who are the leading source of road accidents.

She commended the work done in education campaign but more needs to be done as the motorcyclists are also source of cause of disabilities to themselves and road users.

Tawfiq said the motorcyclists need special package of traffic rules and roads signs as well as safety measures to themselves and the passengers.

They gave the recommendation during the commemoration of UN Road Safety Week celebrated at Amani and Maili Mbili primary schools which are the leading examples in observing the traffic rules.

For his part, Mlalo MP Rashid

Shangazi said despite the decrease in road accidents but there is still the need to educate the public on proper use of road for safety.

He said younger generations needs the education from the tender age so that as they grow they live by the standards and get away with uncalled for road accidents.

World Health Organisation (WHO) Coordinator for Road Safety, Mary Kessy said this year they insisted on the use of 30kph speed in special areas like schools, hospital and markets among others. She said the areas is where majority of activities are going on thus posing a great danger of accidents if the drivers and other users are not keen.

Kessy said they are optimistic that if endorsed, then, the

regulations will match the rule and thus a 30-kilometres per hour in the social services areas will be of paramount importance.

Amani primary school head teacher, Magreth Mabula named the reason behind the school excelling well in the pupils observing traffic and road safety rules is time to time education on the do's and don'ts while using the roads.

Moreover, she said, pupils have been good ambassador to educate the road users on the need to observe the road safety measures and what the regulations stands for.

Mabula said parents of the nursery school students are supposed to bring and pick up their children as a measure to avert them from road accidents.

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commitment and patriotism.

She echoed the narrative that attractive agriculture can solve youth unemployment but added that the government should not go it alone.

"Europe started with an agrarian revolution upon which followed an industrial revolution but they succeeded after engaging the private sector," he said.

"We should start strategic farms with all facilities. These farms should be surveyed and title deeds issued."

"Most residents of the rural areas are now elderly. The majority of the youth are migrating to the cities because agriculture is not attractive."

Jackson Kiswaga (Kalenga) proposed the founding of an agriculture development institution, funded and tasked with ensuring that the sector grows to its full potential.

He recommended that the best starting point is the Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT) initiative which is a public-private partnership meant to boost agricultural productivity.

"In rural electrification we have REA, in water we have UWASA. n agriculture lets use SAGGOT to help in modernizing and

marketing agriculture produce and products," he said.

"I suggest that the government empowers SAGGOT so that it transforms our agriculture," he urged.

"It should serve the entire country and be put under prime minister's office."

Mwantomu Zodo-Special Seats (CCM) also said that modernized and commercial agriculture is the only antidote to youth unemployment challenge.

But she said that the government has not shown commitment in transforming the sector, adding that there have been broken and empty promises to farmers.

"During the fifth phase government we were told by the government that Chinese investors were coming to process cassava in Tanga Region," she said.

"People took loans and produced a lot of cassava but nothing came out of it. (Charles) Mwijage was the industries minister then."

Looking at Mwijage who was in the debating chambers, Speaker Job Ndugai said: An MP is allowed to ask a fellow lawmaker a question; ask Mwijage the fate of industries they promised and I'll give him opportunity to respond."

Zodo did not take the former cabinet, who was smiling after Ndugai's comment, to task.

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Representative was working closely with the economic and strategic alliance ECOWAS, the AU and other international actors supporting the ongoing political transition.

Malian officers upset with a

government reshuffle on Monday detained the president and prime minister at an army camp outside the capital, with reports saying that military officers had been removed from the key portfolios of defence and home affairs in the reshuffle.

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Speaker Job Ndugai.

He declared that there is no need for affirmative action in hiring of teachers. "I have no actual figures but I think the ratio of teachers can be 80 per cent female and 20 per cent male," he affirmed.

"If you continue adding more female teachers we won't strike the balance."

Earlier, Mwantomu Zodo (Special Seats) asked what the

government was doing to fill the current deficit of 60,000 teachers in primary and secondary schools.

The minister said the reason for the massive deficit is lack of resources to quickly plug the gaps caused by retirements, deaths as well as those who left the profession for disciplinary issues.

"The government will continue employing primary and secondary school teachers as per the availability of resources," she added.

## Minister instructs SUA to invent simple technology

By Guardian Correspondent,

Morogoro

LIVESTOCK and Fisheries Minister Mashimba Ndaki has instructed the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) in Morogoro Region to research on and invent simple low cost technology to help farmers to abandon the hand hoe in order increase crops production.

He said in doing so, they will have honoured in deeds the late Edward Moringe Sokoine who fought for SUA's establishment to increase farmers' and livestock keepers economic wellbeing by using the raw materials they produce.

Ndaki made the remarks in his opening speech for the 17th SUA Commemoration for the late Edward Sokoine who was the country's Prime Minister, being 37 years since his death in 1984.

He said the use of modern technology in agriculture and livestock keeping has many benefits including production of sufficient food and increase farmers and herders' incomes

thereby contributing to the reduction of poverty.

He said statistics show that 64 per cent of farmers in the country still use the hand hoe with negligible benefits compared to those using modern machinery.

He said the agricultural sector was still an important foundation of Tanzania's economy just as it is for many other countries that depend on agriculture since it will continue to provide significant contribution to the economy for many years to come.

In regard to the livestock sector, Ndaki said as a country, Tanzania has not performed well as the Livestock Sector's Vision for 2016/201 to 2023/2032 has shown that the country produced only 3 billion litres of milk.

He said out of that quantity 2.1 billion litres or 70 per cent was from traditionally kept cows and the rest from modern kept cows.

All in all, he said the utilization of farming technology, profitable production and competition for products and agricultural services have great potential to push forward the wheel of the country's development.



Morogoro regional commissioner Martine Shigella (2nd-R, foreground) pictured yesterday visiting the site where Kilombero Sugar Company is determined to build a 570bn/- sugar factory as part of an expansion strategy. He was gracing the beginning of the firm's 2021/2022 sugar production season. Others include Kilombero district commissioner Ismail Mlawa, KSC managing director Guy Williams and Morogoro regional administrative secretary Emmanuel Kalobero. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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reach any African country easily. This step will move us further towards the goal of strengthening African economies," she asserted, highlighting that 37 African countries have so far ratified the treaty.

"Tanzania is in the final stages of ratifying the agreement. We are in talks with the East African Community (EAC) partner states and we have already submitted our recommendations."

Explaining, she said that negotiations on excise duty have reached 75 percent and discussions on the origin of goods have reached 86 percent

finalisation.

For Tanzania the ratification process will be conducted via the legislature, to obtain legal seal to a situation where African countries will be able to promote trade by removing all barriers, the minister noted.

The AfCFTA agreement is good for our countries, with collective procedure for determination of taxes to be charged on the traded goods. "We used to export our products to Europe but now the market will be found within African countries," she projected.

Once Tanzania approves the agreement, it will be an opportunity to develop the country's industries and sell

value-added products across Africa instead of solely relying on imports.

On Covid-19, she said Africa was also affected by the pandemic. It is predicted that Africa will face an economic downturn by 3.3 per cent.

"Tanzania supports and commends all the efforts taken by the African Union and Africa CDC in controlling the spread of the disease as well as ensuring a large number of people have access to safe vaccines," she declared, insisting that Tanzania will continue to take all steps to combat the disease as directed by experts.

On democracy, she affirmed

that peace and security prevail in most of Africa and wars between nations are basically done with.

It was encouraging that military coups have declined dramatically over the past decade and many countries change leadership in a peaceful and democratic manner despite that certain challenges remain, the minister observed.

Tanzania has continued to work with other African countries to ensure peace, security and safety and currently the country's troops are on African Union and international missions in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Darfur in Sudan and elsewhere, helping to restore peace, she added.



Umyy Mwalimu, Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), pictured in the National Assembly in Dodoma city yesterday responding to advice by legislators that the government ensure justice in the employment of teachers. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

## Julius Nyerere hydropower project will officially begin this November - Kalemani

By Guardian Correspondent, Rufiji

THE government has said filling up the dam at the Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project (JNHPP) will officially begin in November, this year up to April next year.

In the circumstances, trial operations for the project's turbines will start in May, next year and by June 14 next year the handing over of the project would have to be finalised to enable Tanzanians enjoy reliable electricity supply.

The remarks were made by the Energy minister, Dr Medard Kalemani, after inspecting the project's construction work in company of the Egyptian Works minister, Assem Gazzar and delegation including a team of more than 50 building experts who inspected the project's four main areas.

The areas inspected include the dam's reservoir, the power generation plant, water outflow valves and the power turbines.

He said the 7tr/- project was 52.3 per cent complete being funds provided by the government of Tanzania.

The Minister said after completion of the project will be able to produce 4,478MW of electricity while power from other existing sources is 2,778MW, hence the country will have 2,100MW as surplus power that could be sold to neighbouring countries including Zambia, Rwanda and Burundi.

Earlier, Dr Kalemani thanked the government through the finance ministry for providing the funds for the projects that has never stuck whereby in November last year 2.1tr/- was dishied out.

He said Tanzania and Egypt had agreed to make frequent inspection visits at the project and

so far Egyptian officials made four visits while Tanzania 16.

Dr Kalemani also said the two countries agreed on five issues including the requirement for all experts and engineers in the project's construction should stay at the site instead of in Dar es Salaam or any other areas aimed at speeding up the pace of the project.

He said the work that was still going on include the strengthening of the dam's wall since the dam will be filled with 32.3 million cubic metres of water.

He therefore called for water users upstream to use the water sparingly, and called upon Members of Parliament, Councillors and other government officials to mobilise for economic activities in a way that would not affect the dams' water supply.

For his part the Egyptian Works Minister Assem el Gazzar said the huge strategic project has over 7,000, including 1,000 engineers hence they will make sure all these are mobilised to work hard to complete the project in time.

The Egyptian Ambassador in Tanzania, Mohammed Abdulwafa said he was pleased to visit the project as his government's intention was to display cooperation between the two countries.



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## Guidelines on ways to eliminate soil acidity in place, say minister Mkenda

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE Ministry of Agriculture has prepared guidelines on application of lime that will be used by extension officers in teaching farmers on ways of eliminating soil acidity and improving quality of soil before sowing seeds.

Agriculture minister Prof Adolf Mkenda confirmed yesterday preparation of the guidelines, explaining that the ministry considers the guidelines as an essential tool for extension officers in battling fighting soil acidity which he says is currently a serious problem in Tanzania.

It was not immediately clear when the document will be distributed, but the minister said the guidelines and provision of motor vehicles to extension officers is part of the government's efforts to ensure farming rewards handsomely both the farmers and the nation.

"Most of our farmers are not accustomed to checking the health of the soil before ploughing. But soil layers have to be examined before planting for productivity to be achieved. We want to build a culture of farmers examining the soil to ascertain its health well before ploughing and sowing seeds. We want to eliminated soil acidity using extension officers. That is the essence of having the guidelines," Prof Mkenda explained.

On May 19, the minister also told farming experts, development planners, investors, and government officials who were meeting here that lime has proved to be a cure of soil acidity, and appealed to agricultural stakeholders to direct

great efforts towards educating farmers on importance and immediate need to use lime as part of investment in farming.

"Lime has proved to be a cure of soil acidity. Therefore, we must collectively educate farmers on the problem in the soil they are using and the amount of lime they need to eliminate the problem," he appealed.

Prof Mkenda said because of freight costs lime produced in Dodoima is costly to farmers in the southern highlands regions where soil acidity is a serious problem. But the owner of Highland Building Company, Mr Djovita Diyami has said he is ready to work with government to establish a lime factory at Nanyala where he says he has six million tones of

raw materials for producing lime required by farmers in southern highlands.

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By Correspondent Wilhelm Mulinda,

Mwanza

## Free Mwanza Region from crimes, violence, urges RC

THE newly appointed Mwanza regional commissioner, Albert Chalamila has urged people to take the issue of security and defence very seriously to free the region from violent robberies and other vices that are likely to threaten peace and tranquility.

RC Chalamila gave the remarks here yesterday when taking over the office from the then Regional Commissioner John Mongella.

He said that the government is currently implementing a lot of projects in Mwanza Region such as building a new big ship on Lake Victoria and a modern market in the city centre among others but without security all that is equal to nothing.

Where there is peace people can also run their activities comfortably, a situation that

will help push forward socio-economic development in the area and the entire nation, he said.

He cited an example that when a thug goes to break into someone's house does not go there to give education on family planning or any moral act but only to commit an offense and not otherwise therefore the issue of security and defence should be put forward.

He directed petty traders popularly known as 'machinga' to ensure that they operate in areas set aside for such activities and not trade randomly even in areas where they are not authorized.

It does not make sense at all for government to build a road for use by people and then the same is blocked for petty trading, he

said.

He said that petty traders should make sure that they run activities in areas designated for them to avoid causing unnecessary inconvenience to other people.

Also, he said that the government in the area should sit together with businesspersons and work on their challenges constraining them towards investment in a bid to promote the sector.

He said that the Mwanza region is endowed with a lot of investment potentials in different areas therefore that move can significantly help the sector to move forward there for the better of the nation. Before transferred to Mwanza, Chalamila was the Mbeya Regional Commissioner.



Festo Masisila (R), a cassava and sweet potato researcher with the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute's Naliendele centre in Mtwara Region, moves to dig up a cassava in a farm in Nachingwea District on Monday. Photo: Correspondent Abdallah Khamis

## Govt to sternly deal with sluggish information officers - Bashungwa

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE government has announced that it will take stern measures its information officers who will not be pertinently accountable in their duties including failure to inform the public on the implementation of various government projects.

It also pledged to solve challenges facing some of the information officers that make them fail to perform their duties accordingly, including lack of working tools including computers, cameras and reliable networks.

The remarks were made here on Monday by Information, Culture, Arts and Sports minister Innocent Bashungwa when opening the five-day general meeting of the Tanzania association for government communication officers (TAGCO).

He said the aim of the government is to improve the working conditions of the government information officers in order to have in place

good relationship between the government and members of the public.

"I understand that some of you work very hard despite the lack of working tools, but there are some among you who have everything but do not perform well, so now we shall institute rewards for government information officers who excel in their duties.

"the winners will be given incentives including promotion, but for the lazy, we will have to deal with them," he said.

He also said the government will also deal with other public officials who will be seen hindering information officers to perform their duties, including ICT officers who do not disclose internet passwords in their offices thereby preventing information officers to access the networks.

However, he called on government officials from the ministries, regional government, local councils, and other state institutions to ensure the involve information officers in their various sittings.

For his part, Mbeya Regional Commissioner, Juma Homera called on the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government) to direct the country's local councils to allocate adequate budget for government Information Officers to enable them perform their duties well.

He said the budget is to enable the Information Officers to purchase various equipment and for their training.

At the meeting, President Samia Suluhu Hassan conveyed special message to the Information Officers calling them to work professionally and transparently.

The message was read by the Permanent secretary in the Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Dr Hassan Abbas.

The meeting is attended by 370 Information and Public Relations Officers from all parts of the United Republic of Tanzania including 20 from the Isles.

The meeting is also expected to hold elections for TAGCO office bearers.

By Guardian Reporter

DAR ES SALAAM regional commissioner Amos Makalla on Monday officially began his duties by holding a meeting with CCM elders based in the region and pledged to hold such meetings after every three months.

Makalla said he recognises elders' contribution to the community hence he thought to start his duties by holding a meeting with them as he believes they were an important treasure.

He further said in finding solutions to challenges facing the people, he plans to begin tours

## RC Makalla assumes duties by meeting with Dar elders

for solving the challenges ward by ward, hence he assured the Dar es Salaam Region residents that he has a genuine intention to solve them.

However, the RC said since the Dar es Salaam Region is a big one that reflects the entire country in almost every field, he has mobilised himself to ensure it remained peaceful and people conduct their activities without botheration, according

to the vision and expectations of President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

For their part, the elders who attended the meeting congratulated RC Makalla over his respects to them and promised him of their cooperation in his duties.

The Elders also said they have great trust to him since his experience in leadership shows he will do great, good things for the Dar es Salaam Region.

By Guardian Reporter

AS part of efforts to promote the French culture and language, the French embassy in Dar es Salaam has opened an ultra-modern media library to give opportunities to learn and improve their respective language proficiency.

French ambassador to Tanzania, Frederic Clavier said in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the newly opened Alliance Francaise media library will also provide information on how to join the higher learning education system in France.

"This new, modern and well-equipped media library will promote the French language and culture in Tanzania," said the Ambassador, noting new students enroll for French studies at the Alliance Francaise every month.

Ambassador Clavier noted that in promoting the French language, they have been working closely with the Ministry of Education whereas the embassy and the Alliance Francaise have developed a two years program (2020-2021) dedicated to primary

## French embassy opens Alliance Francaise media library - envoy

and secondary school teachers.

He said under the program, they will offer pedagogical training to more than 60 teachers and improve the level of French language. He said the teachers will pass the DELF exam at the end of the year.

The teachers will in future be trainers of trainees, he added.

He said that every year, the Alliance Francaise in Dar es Salaam and Arusha deliver more than 100 DELF certificates, whereas the plan is to reach 150 certificates in the coming years.

"We will implement a new program in partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Corporation to offer special training in French language to the diplomats," Ambassador Clavier asserted.

The Alliance Francaise in Dar es Salaam was founded in 1961 and was later on followed by the Alliance of Arusha and the Association of franco-Zanzibarite

in Stone Town.

Earlier, Alliance Francaise Deputy Director, Anissa Boukerche said: "Our intent is to offer the public a media library that goes in tandem with the Alliance Francaise objectives, a learning environment where people can meet, share interest and enjoy the pleasure of learning, working, reading, listening, watching and playing."

She noted that Alliance Francaise students whether they are francophone or Kiswahili speakers will be able to enjoy all the resources available in the library to practice and improve their respective languages proficiency.

Stephane Rancon, a French language teacher said: "The media library is connected with high-speed internet, computers and tablets for students to select e-books, movies, games and comics. Students will also be able to borrow books."



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### Organizational Setting

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### Reporting Lines

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### Technical Focus

The Animal production Specialist will make sure that the project is aligned with the beneficiaries, country's needs and priorities, and ownership of the project is ensured. The Policy and Planning Directorate at the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries is the key implementing partner for this project. All activities will be discussed, planned and implemented in collaboration with the Policy and Planning Directorate, and designated National Project Coordinator to work alongside FAO experts.

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### Tasks and responsibilities

The tasks to be carried out by the Animal production Specialist will include, but not limited to, the following:

- Implement all animal production interventions during project implementation;
- Develop partnership and collaboration with relevant institutions to enable availability of animal production information and statistics relevant for the formulation of national livestock policy;
- Assist the Team Leader and the National Project coordinator in the preparation of work plan, concept notes for technical meetings and workshops;
- Lead technical discussions on animal production, animal feed, husbandry, animal genetics, range management, etc. with resources person and partners and compile information on those components of the national livestock policy;
- Organize and participate in field missions and meetings planned;
- Support documentations of project results and preparation of regular and ad hoc reports;
- Perform any other duties as assigned by the supervisor.

### CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

#### Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in animal science/production or related fields
- At least 5 years' experience in livestock, agriculture and related fields working at national level;
- At least 5 years direct involvement in managing animal production or livestock development at national level;
- Fluent in English and Kiswahili
- National of Tanzania

#### FAO Core Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

#### Technical/Functional Skills

- Additional training in policy or strategy development will be an asset
- Prior experience in livestock policy and strategy at national level
- Demonstration of ability to manage projects and resources efficiently and in a timely manner;
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Tigo communications manager Woinde Shisael (R) briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam on Monday at the launch of the firm's 'Testi Zali' promotion, under which Tigo customers stand a chance to win a 200m/- jackpot. She is with the firm's value-added service specialist, Ikunda Ngowi. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Kilosa's farmers plead with govt to encourage use of traditional seeds

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

FARMERS on Kilosa District, Morogoro Region have advised the government and other agriculture stakeholders to encourage the use of traditional seeds for farmers, after finding out that such seeds were friendly to people's health, the economy and the environment.

The farmers, mostly women from Kilosa District issued the appeal during a training seminar on the use and benefits of traditional seeds, especially for maize, the seminar organized by Tanzania Agricultural Groups Network (MVIWATA).

Some of the farmers from

Madudu Village in Kitesi Ward from the district, Mwanahamisi Adam and Rehema Mhondo, said they discovered traditional seeds withstand many plant diseases and do not require pesticides during plants' growth.

"The use of such seeds will contribute to better health to consumers of the crops, as the plants do not require pesticides sprays," said Mwanahamisi.

They said the education given to women farmers was important to them because they are big producers and food preparers from the family to national level in general.

Kitesi Ward Councillor Steven Lugome said after learning about important issues on the benefits of traditional seeds including its

low cost, they discovered that the seeds could be used by small scale farmers.

Lugome promised to impart the education to the local council level so that many farmers may benefit by the seeds that are friendly to the environment and withstand plant diseases.

MVIWATA Coordinator, Joseph Sengasenga said they will assist in the establishment of traditional seeds bank and hope to properly store them, as an alternative method to free farmers from seeds that require pesticides to enable them grow.

He recognised the challenges in the storage of the seeds, hence he said, farmers should be educated on their proper storage to avoid loss.

## TRA calls on public to demand EFD receipts

By Francis Kajubi

THE Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) at the Kiriakoo tax region has deployed enough staff in the streets of the busiest wholesale and retail traders to educate and encourage the general public to demand electronic fiscal device (EFD) receipts with real purchasing costs.

Addressing reporters during a special observation tour to see how the campaign was being undertaken by the deployed staff, TRA Manager for Kiriakoo Taxpayer Services and Education Isihaka Shariff said that through the two weeks campaign that commenced in the mid of this month to its end, will equip buyers into demanding EFD receipts of real costs they pay for purchases.

"Kiriakoo hosts more than 20,000 wholesale and retail traders. At the same time, about 100,000 buyers visit the market daily for procuring different varieties of goods. In that perspective, our target is having these buyers educated on the

subject," said Shariff.

According to him, the tax collector has learned that there are traders in the market who convince buyers into bargaining the value of payments to be identified on the record papers when it comes to issuing receipts.

"We are encouraging people across the market to demand receipts in relation to what they have paid. Accepting underpriced receipts is equal to being an accomplice to tax evaders. We are trying to tell buyers that there are penalties that these people can suffer if found guilty. We encourage the general public not to facilitate tax evaders in this way," he insisted.

He however asserted that a buyer who is fond of bargaining the value of money to be written on the receipt can be penalized to paying between 30,000/- and 1.5million/- on the spot. On the other hand, traders who are fond of tricking the authority in this way are fined between 1.5million/- and 4.5million/- in the same arrangement.

Shariff underlines that the campaign is a continuous process that is being implemented at an interval of every five months just to get the general public reminded of the importance of demanding payment receipts.

Ramadhani Salum, a wholesaler and retail seller of construction materials admitted to having been educated on the importance of issuing receipts that are relevant to what they receive from buyers.

"I have seen TRA officials going around the streets trying to educate businessmen since last week. I can't ignore that there are traders who attempt to issue receipts that are irrelevant to what they receive. I would like to encourage my fellow traders to be honest about that unless they are ready to incur the penalties," said Salum.

The Kiriakoo market brings together not only local buyers from different parts of the city but also others who come from neighboring countries like DRC Congo, Rwanda, Burundi, and Mozambique.

## Students get internship after winning competition on COVID-19 mitigation

By Guardian Reporter

A TEAM of six students pursuing Information and Communication Technology courses at various higher learning institutions has won a Covid-19 mitigation challenge and members awarded internship and mentorship slots.

A total of 43 students participated in the challenge and they worked in groups comprising a total of eight teams. After a week's work, the students pitched their solutions to a panel of judges who deliberated on their presentations and picked the winner.

A statement released yesterday by organizers of the challenge—Smart Codes—named the winning team as Giant Spades whose members are Fardin Ali (UDSM), Rakim Baliwena (UDSM), Danford Kija (UDSM), Emmanuel Mkwizu (UDSM), David Robert (NIT) and Joan Henry (DIT).

"The winning team has been awarded an internship

opportunity by Deloitte Consulting Limited and a mentorship programme for three months by Standard Chartered Bank Tanzania," reads the statement.

According to the advisory, during the five days of the challenge, the students were tasked with developing a solution that helps an organization adapt to the new ways of working, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, that balances employee health, well-being, and client satisfaction without affecting the unique internal cultures.

Teams Microvative and Turbo Tech took the positions of first runner up and second runner up respectively, the statement said.

"I like to appeal to corporates and organisations to reach out to more students. I would like to thank you all very much for this

great opportunity," said Fardin Ali (UDSM), one of the students from the winning team.

Smart Codes Limited concluded the university outreach programme through its innovation platform Smart Lab which was sponsored by the UKAid, through the Human Development Innovation Fund (HDIF).

Dubbed Corporate Hackathons, the initiative enabled students to use the methodologies learned from the training they received to come up with solutions for existing challenges that companies face. Furthermore, the programme helped the students connect and interact with corporates from different industries as they were developing their solutions while gaining the employability skills such as problem-solving that are needed in the job market.

## Vodacom launches campaign to encourage digital payments

By Guardian Reporter

VODACOM Tanzania yesterday launched a campaign aimed at pushing digital payments in the country by rewarding customers who make transactions using mobile money services.

The transact and win campaign dubbed 'Twende Mjini na Mpesa' is aimed at encouraging the digital agenda in the country by promoting cashless transactions and improve the quality of life.

Speaking at the event, Director for M-Pesa at Vodacom Epimack Mbeteni said the company is determined to push the digital agenda in Tanzania by promoting cashless transactions to make life easy.

"We want our customers to see Vodacom M-pesa as their reliable partner in making payments but also make use of all the innovative products that are available on our platforms," he said.

Vodacom's M-pesa which was launched in 2008 was the first mobile money service in the country having over 11 million customers enjoying various digital platforms on the service.

In Tanzania, cash has been the most popular medium of payment accounting for about 90 percent of all the transactions.

But the culture has been

changing of recently where 18 million is transacted on mobile money monthly an indication that the country was steadily becoming a cashless society.

In the campaign, all a customer has to transact using mobile money M-pesa, by dialing \*150\*00# or using the M-pesa app. The campaign which targets all customers transacting using M-pesa will run for eight weeks.

"Customers transacting through M-pesa stand a chance to be rewarded with prizes including a new brand car, motorcycle and Bajaji," he said.



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CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NO: 2101508

Issued on: 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2021  
Deadline For Application: 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2021

JOB TITLE: National Project Personnel - Project Team Leader TYPE OF REQUISITION: (NPP)  
DUTY STATION: Dodoma, Tanzania  
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: FRURT DURATION: 12 months

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- The tasks to be carried out by the Project Team Leader will include, but not limited to, the following:
- Provide technical leadership in the formulation of the National Livestock Policy;
  - Together with the National Project coordinator and other project team members, prepare work plan and budget for different interventions;
  - Design and conduct methodologies for analytical review of the current livestock policy and formulation of the new livestock policy
  - Assess the current Livestock sector performance in Tanzania (situation analysis of the livestock in Tanzania)
  - Identify the current National Livestock Policy of 2006 constraints and challenges
  - Plan, organize and lead technical meetings and workshops by coordinating a multi-disciplinary team of experts
  - Develop partnership and collaboration with stakeholders who can influence and/or affected by the formulation of the new livestock policy in the country
  - Conduct literature review of livestock policy and other key national and international documents to draw lessons from and alignment with national policies and strategies
  - Perform any other duties as assigned by the supervisor

### CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

#### Minimum Requirements

- Master's Degree or above in Economics, Agricultural economics, rural development or related social science fields
- Additional training in policy or strategy development will be an asset
- Working knowledge of English and Swahili;
- At least 7 years' experience in planning livestock or agricultural development policies and strategies at national level;
- Proof of experience in similar or related projects
- At least 5 years' experience in livestock or agricultural development at national level;
- Fluent in English and Kiswahili
- National of Tanzania.

#### FAO Core Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

#### Technical/Functional Skills

- Experience of managing multi-disciplinary team;
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## Mining firm sponsors entrepreneurs in Msalala District to participate in investment exhibition

By Guardian Correspondent, Kahama

BARRICK Bulyanhulu gold mine has sponsored entrepreneurs from neighbouring villages in Msalala District, Shinyanga Region to participate in the ongoing Kahama entrepreneurship and investment exhibition.

The exhibition which will end on May 30th, 2021 has brought together entrepreneurs from various districts within Shinyanga Region. It has been organized by GSI Tanzania under the Kahama Economic Empowerment Center operating under the Prime Minister's Office.

Representing his fellow entrepreneurs who have been sponsored by the mining company, Albert Makere thanked the mining firm for the support that has enabled them to participate in the important fair.

He noted that they have been able to learn various entrepreneurship skills which will help them in growing their businesses.

Through this exhibition we got an opportunity to showcase our various products, but also learning the new packaging skills and establishing new networks," he stated, adding that they have also insisted on the importance of formalizing their businesses.

According to him, most of the Barrick-sponsored entrepreneurs engage in the cultivation of cereals, vegetables, fruits, poultry and tailoring activities. He said members of the Geka group that runs a mosquito eradication project took part in the exhibition.

Barrick Bulyanhulu Sustainable Communities Manager, Dr Zumbi Musiba said the company through

its corporate social responsibility policy has been supporting various social services in the surrounding communities.

Dr Musiba said they have been empowering entrepreneurs by providing them with entrepreneurship education while those engaging in agricultural activities are assisted with quality certified seeds, fertilizers and pesticides to enable them reap more yields. He thanked the GSI Institute for organizing the exhibition that brought together entrepreneurs and various stakeholders under the small business development sector.

He said that Bulyanhulu mine will continue to support the government's efforts in addressing social challenges in parallel with empowering surrounding communities.



Dr Zumbi Musiba (L), community relations manager with Barrick's Bulyanhulu Gold Mine Limited, has a word yesterday with representatives of entrepreneurs from 14 villages surrounding the mine taking part in the Kahama Entrepreneurs and Investors Exhibition under way in Kahama town. The firm has sponsored the entrepreneurs' participation in the event. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Nachingwea District allocates 516m/- to construction of science sec school

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika,

Nachingwea

NACHINGWEA District Council in Lindi Region has allocated 516m/- from its internal revenues for the construction of a special science secondary school for boys.

This was revealed on Monday this week by the Council's Executive Director, Hassan Rugwa, saying construction work of the school began in April this year and that by the end of next month some of the buildings would be completed.

"In our budget for FY 2021/22 we have allocated the funds out of revenues from cashew nuts for the school's construction to prepare our youth in various fields," he said.

He said the entire cost of the project is estimated at between

3.5bn/- and 4bn/- and that the central government pledged to contribute 1bn/- towards the project.

"It will have 36 classrooms, 24 pit latrines, 20 dormitories to cater for 1,600 students, 800 of who would be for Form I to IV and another 800 in Forms V and VI," he added.

He further said 42 quarters for teachers will be built, a geography

room, library, dining hall, dispensary, supermarket, sports grounds and two science labs.

"We want the school to go in tandem with the industrial Tanzania, by preparing professionals whose expertise will later push Tanzania's industrial development," Rugwa added.

He said residents have provided 60-acre land plots for the project and that some of them have contributed 500 bags of cement, while others contributed 100 desks.

The District's Secondary Education Officer Andrew Muhulo said the completion of the school will reduce truancy in some of the students and elevate the education standard.

"Truancy among girl students is spurred by pregnancy while boys are attracted in doing small businesses in the streets," he added.



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## Tanzania unveils plans to boost coffee production to 70,000 tonnes annually

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has unveiled measures aimed at boosting production of coffee in the 2021/2022 financial year, including production of high quality hybrid seeds.

Minister for Agriculture, Prof Adolf Mkenda told the parliament that the move was aimed at producing over 70,000 tonnes of the crop in the 2021/2022 fiscal year.

Prof Mkenda said the Tanzania

Coffee Board (TCB) has been tasked to produce and distribute 20 million coffee hybrid seeds to 30 coffee growing districts in the country.

The minister added that the TCB will also be mandated to coordinate the establishment of 40 coffee demonstration farms in 20 coffee growing districts and the establishment of 10 large coffee plantations in 10 districts.

Mkenda said the Tanzania Coffee Research Institute (TaCRI) will construct two coffee research

centers in Kigoma and Mara regions.

He said TaCRI will also research on the impact of climate change to coffee farming.

In October 2020, the export of coffee from Tanzania amounted to 7.4 thousand metric tonnes, a minimal reduction in comparison to the same month in 2019, when the country exported 7.6 thousand metric tonnes of the product. Coffee is one of the main agricultural items in the country's export basket.

## Scientists all for reduced reliance on pesticides for sustainability in Africa

By Special Correspondent, Nairobi

SCIENTISTS have called for reduced use of pesticides for the management of pests and diseases for sustainable livelihoods and food security in Africa at a virtual commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the Stockholm Convention in Nairobi.

Invasive pests such as the fall armyworm on maize and the recent migratory swarms of locusts in East Africa have resulted in a significant increase in the use of synthetic pesticides, which are likely to pollute environments and emerge as a major threat to biodiversity.

"The use of nature-based solutions from biodiversity can help mitigate against persistent pests and the effects of climate change," said Segenet Kelemu, director-general for the International Centre for Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE).

Kelemu cautioned that a lot of care is required in Africa since it is one of the major biodiversity

reserves with eight out of the 36 biodiversity global hotspots.

She said a rapid decline in food choices contributes to other diverse constraints including biodiversity loss, increasing system fragility due to global challenges such as climate change, invasive species, and soil degradation.

Beatrice Khayota, the principal research scientist at the National Museums of Kenya, said Africa has the opportunity to coordinate and harmonize policies to foster the implementation of biodiversity projects, especially those that concern migratory species.

Khayota called on the African government to adopt innovative ways of funding biodiversity programmes, as she isolated the use of carbon credits and payment for watersheds as some of them.

Carlos Martin-Novella, deputy executive secretary Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Convention Secretariat, said that Stockholm Convention negotiations were initially

unbelievable but looking back, a lot has been achieved following bans and elimination of the products by countries.

He called on countries to adopt innovations and technologies that could help in the reduced use of chemicals that are detrimental to human health and the environment.

The Stockholm Convention Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) is a global treaty to protect human health and the environment from chemicals that remain intact for long periods and accumulate in the fatty tissue of humans and wildlife, and have harmful impacts on human health and on the environment.

It was adopted in May 2001 in Stockholm Sweden by the conference of parties to protect human health and the environment from persistent organic pollutants.

ICIPE is a Stockholm convention regional center on nature-based solutions from biodiversity for mitigation of POPs.



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JOB TITLE: Veterinarian	TYPE OF REQUISITION: PSA-NAT	DUTY STATION: Homebased with limited missions.
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: FRURT	DURATION: 30 days	

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The tasks to be carried out by the Veterinarian will include, but not limited to, the following:

- Coordinate all animal health related interventions during project implementation;
- Develop partnership and collaboration with stakeholders in the animal health sector relevant for the formulation of national livestock policy;
- Assist the Team Leader and the National Project coordinator in the preparation of work plan, concept notes for technical meetings and workshops;
- Lead technical discussions on disease surveillance, diagnosis, prevention and control, sanitary measures affecting animal and animal products trade, biosecurity, food safety, etc. with resources person and partners
- Organize and participate in field missions and meetings planned;
- Support documentations of project results and preparation of regular and ad hoc reports;

### CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

#### Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in areas of veterinary science/medicine or related fields
- At least 5 years' experience in working in the animal health sector at national level;
- At least 5 years direct involvement in managing national animal health activities
- Fluent in English and Kiswahili;
- National of Tanzania

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- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

#### Technical/Functional Skills

- Experience in animal health strategies or policies
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Home Affairs minister George Simbabwe (R, gesturing) pictured in Dodoma city on Monday chairing a meeting attended by heads of law-enforcement organs falling under his ministry. He announced that the Inspector General of Police and regional police commanders would oversee a nationwide operation meant to eliminate crime. Photo: HA ministry

## Tanzanian farmers boost diets with sustainable methods

By Special Correspondent

A PROJECT based in Tanzania found significant improvements in the diversity of children's diets and food security for households after farmers learned about sustainable crop-growing methods, gender equity, nutrition and climate change from peer mentors.

The farmers experimented with practices introduced to them by Malawian farmers and Tanzanian and American scientists, decided which ones to incorporate within their own farms, and met monthly to share experiences and problem-solve. The three-year study builds on longer-term research where these environmentally-friendly farming methods, called agroecology, combined with peer-mentoring and farmers collaborating in the process, had successfully improved adult nutrition in Malawi.

"There were a lot of questions

about whether an approach that is effective in one context can work in other contexts," said Rachel Bezner Kerr, professor of global development in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University and co-author of the study that published May 11 in the Journal of Nutrition.

Bezner Kerr is a co-principal investigator on the project, along with corresponding author Sera Young, associate professor of anthropology at Northwestern University, lead author Marianne V. Santoso and collaborators at Action Aid Tanzania, Nelson Mandela African Institute for Science and Technology and Singida Rural District Council.

Agroecology applies ecological principles to agriculture in a holistic manner. In trainings for this study, farmers learned about practices such as intercropping, in which several crops are planted together in the same beds, to provide diversified foods while

also reducing pests that thrive in monocultures. Farmers decided which agroecological practices they wanted to test, such as environmentally safe botanical pesticides from local plants or adding compost and manure to improve soil health.

American and Tanzanian researchers invited food-insecure smallholder farmers with children under 1 year old from 20 villages in Singida, Tanzania, to participate. Ten of the villages began the program, while the other 10 served as a control group for two years before they too were taught the practices.

In total, 600 households participated, split evenly between the intervention and control groups. Before training began, the researchers conducted surveys about nutrition, farming practices, and gender equity and measured children's growth. Over the course of the program, these things continued to be assessed.

Households in the intervention group were given about a pound of legume seeds of their choice, including cowpea, groundnut and pigeon pea, which enriched soil with nitrogen and added diversity to staple sorghum, millet and corn crops they grew. Farmers were able to save legume seeds from crops they grew for the following year.

At the start of the programme, a group of 20 farmers that included one man and one woman from 10 villages were selected to be peer mentors in their communities. They were brought to Malawi to learn about different practices used by the Malawian farmers.

Then, Malawian peer-mentors traveled to Tanzania to teach a two-week agroecology course co-designed by farmers and researchers. The integrated curriculum had hand-on activities on agroecology, gender and social equity, child nutrition and climate change.

## OYE to support over 4,250 Tanzanian youth based in Singida, Morogoro regions

By Guardian Reporter

THE Opportunities for Youth Employment (OYE) project will in the next three years support over 4,250 young Tanzanians in Singida and Morogoro regions to enter employment or employ themselves by establishing businesses.

Phase II of the project will use a market-based approach where youth will receive training in life and business skills and then get matched with an employment opportunity where they learn the practical skills needed to be successful.

They will also be supported to establish youth saving and lending associations (YSLAs) where participants learn to manage their income, save money, pool their profit and provide loans to members for business investment.

With support from the Swiss and Danish embassies, SNV Tanzania launched the second phase of its OYE project on May 21st, 2021 at a virtual event.

SNV Tanzania Country Director, Duncan Rhind said: "SNV uses the Push: Match: Pull approach to ensure youth are equipped to match the needs of the market. This approach has been proven both in Tanzania and other countries to ensure that youth have the required skills to enter and stay in sustainable employment and self-employment."

OYE is implemented in partnership with local service providers including local government authorities (LGAs), financial service providers and the private sector.

These partnerships ensure the means of support for youth becomes embedded in the local systems and institutions which will ensure the sustainability of the project.

Youth will be assisted to enter into sustainable employment and self-employment in the areas of horticulture, renewable energy and a number of intervention areas with high potential markets.

Switzerland Ambassador to Tanzania, Didier Chassot said: "Switzerland is committed to support skills development in Tanzania and continues to increase its engagement in youth employment. Providing young people, especially young women, with the necessary skills needed to enter the marketplace is key in addressing youth unemployment and inclusive economic growth."

Danish Ambassador to Tanzania, Mette Nørgaard Dissing-Spandø added: "We need to focus on realizing the great potential of youth in Tanzania. The Danish embassy is proud to support the second phase of the OYE project implemented by SNV. We fully support the efforts to empower young women and men by enhancing their skills, creating opportunities and promoting green jobs to make a difference in their lives."

The project is designed to equip young people with the appropriate technical and life skills to make them attractive to employers and enable them to undertake self-employment, entrepreneurial activities.

OYE promotes economic resilience in young people, connecting them with meaningful employment opportunities in markets that provide them with a realistic chance to improve their lives.

Recognizing the challenges that young women face in the labour market, the project will have a particular focus on ensuring that women are equipped and able to avail themselves of employment opportunities.



### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Marie Stopes Tanzania (MST), a Non-Governmental Organization, is a social enterprise and a leading provider of family planning, sexual and reproductive health care and allied services. MST is a partner of the Government of Tanzania and a member of the Marie Stopes International (MSI) Global Partnership, which operates in over 37 countries worldwide. MST is committed to its employees, clients, child and vulnerable adults protection, and has zero tolerance to any sort of harassment. MST promotes a speaking up culture whereby employees work transparently and are empowered to report any existence or potential existence of harassment at workplaces.

MST's mission is that all women and men in Tanzania will have "Children by Choice, Not Chance".

We are looking for active and qualified individuals for the following role: We encourage women to apply for this post.

#### Head of Sales and Marketing: 1 Position Dar es Salaam

##### Role Purpose:

The Head of Sales and Marketing (DSM) is a key member of the Executive Management Team (EMT) and reports to the Country Director. The person in this strategic position is responsible for leading, planning, coordinating, and ensuring that the overall goal of the commercial division is met. The position works closely with the rest of Marie Stopes Tanzania (MST) to support Tanzania's efforts to reduce the incidence of maternal mortality which is amongst the highest in the world.

The Head of Sales and Marketing will be in charge of the product marketing (including social marketing), clinics service delivery channel and providing marketing, branding and demand generation support to other divisions of MST. S/He will be responsible to ensure that the division is managed and ran with the commercial sector principles, to ensure annual surplus-generation goal of MST is met. MST's clinic network consists of eight core clinics and a hospital providing maternity services. MST currently markets one product and is expected to increase the product offering significantly in the coming months.

##### Key Responsibilities:

- Sales and Marketing of Products.
- Clinics Management and Promotion
- Develop an Integrated marketing strategy/plan and manage its implementation.
- Marketing and Communication Support to Other Departments of MST.
- Client Contact (Call) Centre Operations
- Team Leadership

##### Minimum Requirements:

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## With the right attitude, solving the Dangote power supply issue is easy

**P**RESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan was working overnight at the weekend to find ways of solving problems besieging giant cement company Dangote Cement in Mtwara, where a power sourcing squabble has thrown the company's financing strategies into difficulty for a while. The firm was expecting to be able to purchase a coal deposit site in the southern highlands, but authorities preferred that they sell coal to the firm at prices they dictate. Dangote Cement then started to import coal from South Africa, and was soon banned, so it switched to gas and production rose, but it has been struggling to cut additional costs.

The president tasked ministers responsible for Investments, Industry and Trade as well as the deputy finance minister to work with the company to solve the issues, without a State House statement indicating if there is a formula partially agreed between the Nigerian industrialist and the president. But the guiding instructions that the president has issued so far are equally applicable in this context, and to a large extent they suffice to handle the problem. As the other stakeholders haven't said what the problems are, only the outside issues or events help here, namely easy energy source, cutting costs to keep its cement prices low.

For one thing, the Nigerian investor has expressed an interest not only in continuing with his cement works in Mtwara but also start a fertilizer factory, which means the firm's energy needs require careful handling. Unless the firm no longer needs the coal available in the southern highlands, a purchase accord could be reached or renting out the site and pay an acceptable

rent, as the resource is grossly underutilized so the government loses nothing in such a deal. And as coal is getting out of fashion, we could use it now while there is still time before global environmental accords and new sources of energy shut out coal use.

A State House statement said the president commended Dangote for the huge investment in cement production amounting to \$770m (1.76trn/-), emphasizing that the government is determined to protect Dangote's investments as well as other investors' projects for mutual benefit. This commitment may have raised disputes on its interpretation, as to whether it means protecting it against imports, or against unfair or frustrating regulatory demands, or interference if one prefers the term. On the basis of the president's highly acclaimed regional accords, moves to strengthen integration, protection can't be against imports.

That also applies to what the Nigerian investor must have implied in applauding President Samia for her continued efforts in improving the country's business and investment environment, and thus promising to extend his investments by establishing new projects including the construction of a fertilizer plant. This praise definitely refers to a level playing field for investors and other stakeholders in the economy, where companies and investors set out strategies for operations without worrying about setbacks from regulatory agencies.

In that context such investments become sustainable not because favors have been extended in a selective manner but overall protection of company prerogatives in a positive regulatory environment.

## Kudos to physicians who kicked out polio in Africa after smallpox

**P**OLIOMYELITIS, commonly shortened to polio, is an infectious disease caused by the poliovirus. In about 0.5 per cent of cases, it moves from the gut to affect the central nervous system and there is muscle weakness resulting in a flaccid paralysis. This can occur over a few hours to a few days. The weakness most often involves the legs, but may less commonly involve the muscles of the head, neck and diaphragm. Many people fully recover. In those with muscle weakness, about 2 to 5 per cent of children and 15 to 30 per cent of adults die. Up to 70 per cent of those infected have no symptoms.

Another 25 per cent of people have minor symptoms such as fever and a sore throat, and up to 5 per cent have headache, neck stiffness and pains in the arms and legs. These people are usually back to normal within one or two weeks. Years after recovery, post-polio syndrome may occur, with a slow development of muscle weakness similar to that which the person had during the initial infection.

To rapidly and sustainably stop outbreaks of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 in African countries, a modified vaccine, known as novel oral polio vaccine type 2 is now being rolled out.

Last year, Africa made history with the African region certification commission for polio eradication independently certifying that the region was free of wild poliovirus. This is the second disease to be kicked out of Africa after smallpox more than

40 years ago.

This achievement is remarkable, considering that in the 1990s wild poliovirus paralysed more than 75,000 African children every single year - a situation that prompted Nelson Mandela in 1996, joined by Rotary International and other partners, to issue a stark call to action: Kick polio out of Africa!

All strains of wild poliovirus have now been interrupted in the continent. The last case of wild poliovirus was in August 2016. However, this tremendous progress remains an unfinished success story. Although Africa is free of wild poliovirus, countries continue to be affected by another form of the virus, known as circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2. Such strains are rare, but can occur in under-immunised communities with limited access to safe water and sanitation.

Populations that are adequately immunised are protected from both wild and vaccine-derived strains of poliovirus. However, because of gaps in immunisation coverage across Africa, 20 countries have been affected by VDPV2 outbreaks since 2018.

Now, intensified efforts are being launched to finish polio once and for all, to ensure no child in Africa will ever be paralysed by any strain of this virus.

The novel vaccine has been in development since 2011, and in November 2020, WHO's prequalification team issued an emergency use listing recommendation enabling initial roll-out in countries affected by VDPV2 outbreaks.

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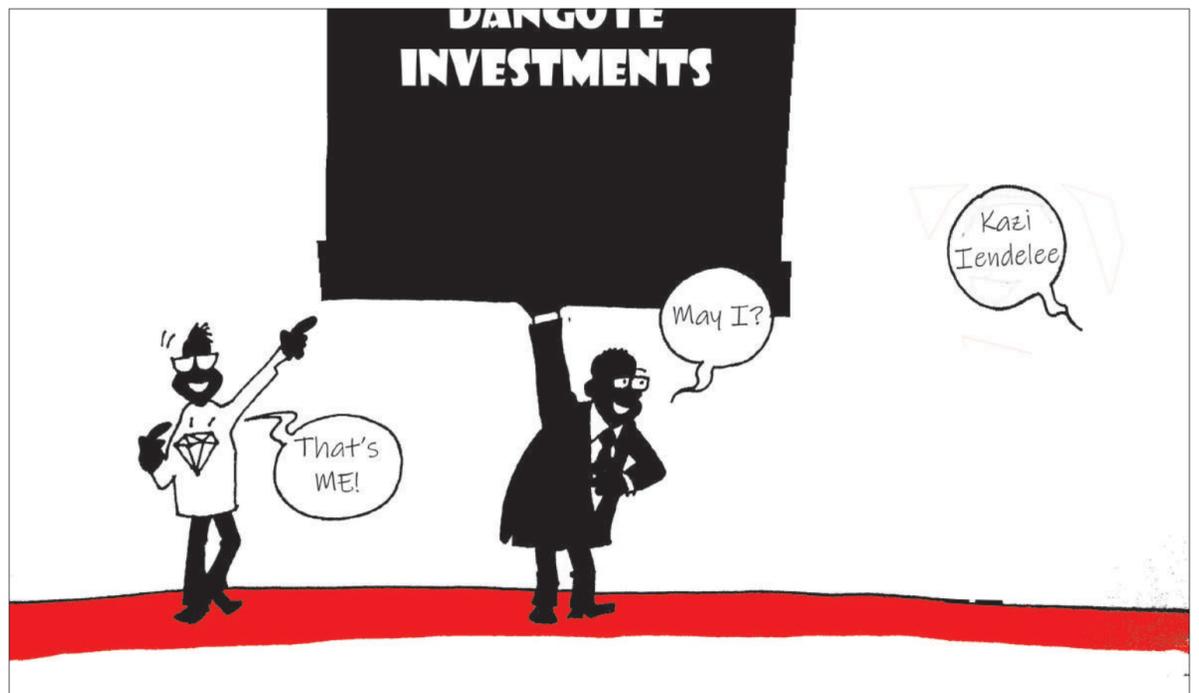
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## CPC as the main catalyst of China's social and economic development

By Prof Humphrey Moshi

**T**HE rise of China, as a global economic powerhouse, continues to generate interest and attract attention from a variety of stakeholders, ranging from academics, policy-makers, politicians, media professionals to investors. China's unprecedented and sustained economic growth, since the adoption of the reform and opening-up policy in 1978, has transformed the country into a key player in the global economy in the early twenty-first century.

Indeed, China's real GDP has grown at an average annual rate of 9.5 percent during the past 40-plus years. It was predicted that China will become the largest economy in the world by 2028, thus overtaking the GDP of the United States.

The main drivers of China's economic growth include among others the abundant highly skilled, relatively cheap, and disciplined human capital, a set of effectively functioning market institutions, a high rate of capital accumulation, the high absorptive capacity of technology, and the culture of hard work, saving and modesty.

These drivers, notwithstanding, the main catalyst underpinning them is the Communist Party of China (CPC) and its leadership. This fundamental aspect of China's historical, cultural, social, and economic development appears to be either underplayed or not given its deserved attention by many authors, both local and international.

It needs to be recalled that the CPC has clearly distinctive features or characteristics when compared with other world political parties, especially those in the Western world. The first characteristic is that of having a clearly stipulated mission, across different historical periods. For example, whereas during the time of Mao Zedong, the mission was people's liberation and national independence, that of Deng Xiaoping's was building a socialist market economy. Likewise, Xi Jinping's mission is spearheading socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era with the aim of achieving the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

Each historical period's mission is built on and informed by the other, has specific goals and targets, and has a long-term perspective. For instance, elimination of poverty by 2020,



Prof Humphrey Moshi

basically realizing socialist modernization by 2035 and building a prosperous, strong, democratic, civilized, harmonious, and beautiful socialist modern country by 2050. Furthermore, each historical period's mission is informed by the dynamics of the day in terms of grasping opportunities and addressing challenges, whether national, regional, or global. This in-built dynamism makes it possible for the leadership to adapt to changing circumstances while adhering to the underpinning ideology of socialism in the context of Marxism-Leninism.

The second characteristic is consistency in two dimensions. First, the missions are a product of Party National Congresses, which have been held consistently.

Participants of the Congresses are drawn from a wide spectrum of stakeholders as a way of ensuring inclusive ownership and acceptance. Second, in order to realize the mission, the CPC has consistently crafted Five-Year Plans for the National Economic and Social Development. It was only recently that the 14th Five-Year Plan was tabled at the 5th plenary session of the 19th CPC Central Committee.

The third characteristic is that the leadership has always been

visionary and people-centered, with the courage to fight societal vices such as corruption and mafia. They act as role models to the public and walk the talk. These leadership qualities have been rare in many governance systems in the world to date. Apart from the aforesaid, there has always been close communication between the leadership and the people. These top-down and bottom-up communications have facilitated swift execution of decisions because the people and the leaders sing the same chorus.

Indeed, the unprecedented success in fighting the COVID-19 in China was informed by this effective structure of communication, coordination, and execution.

The fourth characteristic is the unwavering solidarity and cooperation displayed by the Party and its leadership on bilateral, trilateral, multilateral, and global issues while honoring and abiding by the principles guiding the requisite cooperative frameworks. A few examples will illustrate this aspect.

First, the CPC has been a keen supporter and promoter of multilateralism, not only in the context of UN institutions, such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and Peace and Security

Organs; but also other international organizations, such as the World Trade Organization (WTO). Whereas some countries, like the United States, which were the initiators of such cooperation arrangements in the past, are pulling out because of irrational nationalist aspirations, the CPC has unconditionally continued to support these international organizations. This unwavering stance has bestowed honour and trust in China.

Second, the CPC in its cooperation with developing countries has consistently followed the principles of non-interference in the internal affairs of partner countries and not attaching any conditions to its development assistance. Indeed, evidence shows that since the Bandung Conference in 1955, China has continuously honored these principles, contrary to Western countries' imposition of conditions as evidenced in the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA).

Third, the CPC and its leadership is always a deliverer when it comes to execution of an agreed cooperation menu. Specifically, the context of the Forum on China-Africa

Cooperation (FOCAC), which commemorated its 20th Anniversary last year, has witnessed the constant implementation of the outcomes of each Summit of the Forum. Moreover, the spirit of equality and sincerity has always been the guiding principles of China-Africa cooperation. However, Western countries continue to be critical of the FOCAC. This notwithstanding, we strongly believe that the African leaders, scholars, and people at large, are and should be allowed to be unbiased assessors of the benefits associated with the FOCAC.

The above narrations, observations, and testimonies are clear reflections on how the CPC has been the driving motor cum catalyst of China's social and economic development. This being the case, and in evaluating the process of China's socio-economic development, one should never underestimate the enormous and indispensable role played by the CPC.

Otherwise, the evaluation would be incomplete and superficial. Long Live the Communist Party of China!

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# Protest and reflection: A year after George Floyd's killing

**B**ETTYE and Robert Freeman were sitting in their Boston living room when they heard the clamor on the street outside.

After 51 years of marriage, they walked out to their stoop without saying a word. They just went.

As they pushed through the heavy wooden front door, they saw the chanting protesters. It was June 4, 2020, 10 days after the murder of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police.

Still silent, the Freemans - self-described "children of the '60s" who are Black - simultaneously, solemnly raised their right fists. The crowd returned the salute.

Reuters photographer Brian Snyder's image shows two faces flooded with pain, pride, sadness and strength all at once.

"It was a passing of the torch," Bettye, a retired lawyer whose father was the first Black mayor of Montclair, New Jersey, said in an interview in the run-up to the anniversary of Floyd's May 25, 2020 death. "We've marched, we've protested. And maybe some of the sadness in my face is that we're still having to do this."

The Freemans' photo was among the most memorable Reuters images from the protests after Floyd's death. A year later, Reuters asked subjects of three powerful photos about their reflections. They spoke of equality, justice and disillusionment.

"The meter hasn't moved that much," Bettye said, "and that's very distressing".

Bettye, 71, is a former Massachusetts assistant attorney general for civil rights and dean of students at Northeastern University law school.

Robert is an artist and retired art teacher who spent ages 9 through 17 in Ghana, where his father relocated the family from the United States in search of equality. Robert grew up seeing monuments raised to Black leaders and faces like his on Ghana's currency. He got a taste, he said, of an empowerment he has not felt in America.

Robert, 75, was at the March on Washington in 1963 as a teenager, when Martin Luther King Jr. spoke on the National Mall of his dream of equality. Robert has felt the high of a powerful moment, and the deflation as subsequent events made him wonder whether change would come.

In 1963 it was the death of four little Black girls in the Birmingham church bombing two weeks after the March on Washington. In 2021 it was the Jan 6 riot at the Capitol, with some in the mob waving the Confederate flag.

"It was a disappointment that highlighted the lack of progress along racial lines," Robert said.

Bettye noted that the protests following Floyd's murder came during a pandemic, when more people had time to watch the video of his killing and then to take to the streets. She worries that in a post-pandemic normal, the fire fueling demand for racial justice will die out. She holds onto a cautious optimism.

"But in my lifetime, the changes are not going to be what I would have hoped they would be by now," she said.

## More consequences

Two days after the Freemans raised their fists, 16-year-old Bethel Boateng was prone on a thoroughfare in Denver yelling, "I can't breathe!" into a bullhorn.

The Black daughter of Ghanaian immigrants was part of a protest that halted traffic on the road leading to Denver's airport, and an image of her was made by photographer Kevin Mohatt.

"In that moment, on that day, I felt like I was on top of the world."



People march to mark the one year anniversary of George Floyd's death, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on May 23, 2021.

Bethel said. That sense has since given way to a realization that change can take a lifetime, which hit home when police killings of Black Americans continued after Floyd's death.

On April 11, 20-year-old Black motorist Daunte Wright was shot and killed by a white police officer during a traffic stop in a Minneapolis suburb. That killing, for which the officer was charged with manslaughter, came during the trial of Derek Chauvin, who was a Minneapolis police officer when he knelt on Floyd's neck during an arrest over an alleged fake US\$20 bill.

Chauvin's trial ended April 20 with a jury finding him guilty of murder, a rare outcome in such a case.

Bethel wants to start an activist club at her high school to address racial equality - but also economic equality and police reform.

"There has to be more consequences for police who kill," she said.

## Building empathy

Aaron Xavier Wilson was just tired.

It was Aug 28, 2020. The Black international relations expert, who works for a non-governmental organization focused on safeguarding democratic institutions, was in a meeting and felt the need to attend a protest on the Washington Mall. He closed his laptop and headed out on his bike that Friday afternoon.

Photographer Andrew Kelly captured Wilson with a sign, the Washington Monument in the background. Wilson's sign, which he made using a cardboard box and a Sharpie, read: "I AM A MAN."

In 1968, striking Black sanitation workers in Memphis, Tennessee carried signs with that message as they demanded better safety standards and wages. King addressed strikers the night before he was assassinated on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, telling them: "We've got to give ourselves to this struggle until the end."

Wilson, 32, was thinking of history when he made his sign.

"I wanted to show that there is a continuity in this

struggle and that the core friction points have not been resolved," he said. "This core issue of our humanity and our worth was still a point of contention."

Wilson worries that Americans have self-segregated to such a degree - liberals in cities, conservatives in the countryside, for example - that they are unable to make progress on contentious issues.

If Bettye Freeman is cautiously optimistic, Wilson is wearily pessimistic.

"We live in such a way now," he said, "that prevents us from having the kind of conversations we need to build empathy and understanding."

# Not without my Hijab: Why representation in sports matter

NEW DELHI

**I**N 2016, when Bosnian-American professional basketball player, Indira Kaljo got in touch with Asma Elbadawi because she had been forced to give up playing basketball after she started wearing the hijab, they decided to take it up with the International Federation of Basketball (FIBA), the sports governing body to change its rules on headgear.

Most sports federations around the world don't specify or ban Hijab, but the usage of general language in which 'headgear' is banned, means women who wear Hijab, or men or women who wear turbans or other religious gears cannot participate in those sports. However the challenge was not just to overturn the rule, but also counter the belief what Muslim women can or can't do, which includes playing 'Basketball'.

Asma became one of the leading voices in the fight to get FIBA to permanently lift the ban on headgears to allow players in turbans, hijabs and other religious headwear to play basketball at all levels. It took four years to finally win the #FIBAAAllowHijabCampaign and to overturn the rule.

"That moment when I realized we won the campaign, I was so excited about the girls who would now get that opportunity to play," says Asma Elbadawi to me in an interview. "Sometimes I think about it and I can't believe it happened, because in my mind I am a little person, one voice, but we all built our voices together and became so loud that we changed history."

The impact of this campaign also helped normalize and, for many, introduced covered Muslim women into sports, challenging the stereotype narrative of 'suppressed Muslim women in a hijab'.

"There were so many people from outside the community who did not understand what it meant for a Muslim woman to maintain her modesty, and if that meant choosing to wear the Hijab, they kept saying why don't you take it off," says Asma.

When it comes to sports, it took women a long battle to be able to participate in competitive events, and they still undergo the humiliating practice of sex-testing to make sure they are not men trying to cheat the system - biologically or literally.

There was a time when women were not permitted to watch the Olympic games, which were founded in 1894, reserved just for male athletes.

It was only in 1900, women were admitted as participants in sports, "that were considered to be compatible with their femininity and fragility, but excluded from the showpiece events of track and field".

It took another 28 years for women to compete for athletics medals, which included, the 100m, the 4x100m relay, the high jump, the discus and the 800m. The latter being an occasion marred by 'fake news'.

It is not often we see women in male-dominated



Asma Elbadawi

sports, and even less so for Muslim women, who already have to defy stereotypes, jump multiple social, religious and break personal barriers to be able to be where they are.

"When you deny a whole demographic of people the ability to join in, you are losing out on talent, and most of the time, that talent can add so much to the space

and the environment," says Asma.

It is important for sport federations as institutions to create a more inclusive environment with bigger female representations. How women are portrayed in the press matter, and the media must be held accountable for its unconscious biases and gender markings.

"She's the female Usain Bolt," such

statements intend to flatter women, "but are actually another way that men's sport is presented as the standard against which women's sport should be judged". Sexualization of female athletes, compulsory heterosexuality and appropriate femininity focused on the athletes bodies rather than athletic abilities are all barriers that are preventing women from performing at the

highest level. "Many female athletes are only accepted by the society and receive coverage in the media, if they participate in traditionally feminine sports. If a woman dares to participate in a masculine sport, their sexuality is immediately questioned," highlights this report.

Multiple athletics retailers have been pulled up for their treatment of women or people of colour in the workplace. Nike, a brand which identified women as one of "four epic growth opportunities" faced criticism for its treatment of female athletes during pregnancy, in addition to a class action lawsuit alleging sex discrimination. At Adidas, Black employees formed a coalition to pressure top management for change against systemic racism. Both the retailers released their list of company actions, acknowledging to put a stop to racism.

Sport is meant to be one of the most important socio-cultural learning experiences. Girls and women who play sports have higher levels of confidence and self-esteem, lower levels of depression, and more positive body image. Playing a sport is where you traditionally learn about teamwork, goal setting, pursuit of excellence in performance and other achievement-oriented behaviours - critical skills necessary for success in the workplace. However the written and unwritten rules in the sports industry such as ban on headgear, are arguably discriminating against female athletes, and that's why voices like Asma are needed when women's sports are de-emphasized.

"You do feel you are representing more than just yourself when you wear the hijab, especially when you are going into communities where they have never seen women wearing hijab. You want to show your best self because you want them to feel like these girls are doing something amazing, and everything we hear in the media is not true about their community," says Asma.

# Africa Day: 'Today it feels good to be an African'

By Thabo Mbeki

I AM an African. I owe my being to the hills and the valleys, the mountains and the glades, the rivers, the deserts, the trees, the flowers, the seas and the ever-changing seasons that define the face of our native land.

My body has frozen in our frosts and in our latter-day snows. It has thawed in the warmth of our sunshine and melted in the heat of the midday sun.

The crack and the rumble of the summer thunders, lashed by startling lightning, have been a cause both of trembling and of hope.

The fragrances of nature have been as pleasant to us as the sight of the wild blooms of the citizens of the veld.

The dramatic shapes of the Drakensberg, the soil-coloured waters of the Lekoa, iQqili noThukela and the sands of the Kgalagadi have all been panels of the set on the natural stage on which we act out the foolish deeds of the theatre of our day.

At times, and in fear, I have wondered whether I should concede equal citizenship of our country to the leopard and the lion, the elephant and the springbok, the hyena, the black mamba and the pestilential mosquito.

A human presence among all these, a feature on the face of our native land thus defined, I know that none dare challenge me when I say: I am an African!

I owe my being to the Khoi and the San, whose desolate souls haunt the great expanses of the beautiful Cape - they who fell victim to the most merciless genocide our native land has ever seen, they who were the first to lose their lives in the struggle to defend our freedom and independence and they who, as a people, perished in the result.

Today, as a country, we keep an audible silence about these ancestors of the generations that live, fearful to admit the horror of a former deed, seeking to obliterate from our memories a cruel occurrence which, in its remembering, should teach us not and never to be inhuman again.

I am formed of the migrants who left Europe to find a new home on our native land. Whatever their own actions, they remain still, part of me.

In my veins courses the blood of the Malay slaves who came from the East. Their proud dignity informs my bearing, their culture a part of my essence.

The stripes they bore on their bodies from the lash of the slave master are a reminder embossed on my consciousness of what should not be done.

I am the grandchild of the warrior men and women that Hintsa and Sekhukhune led, the patriots that Cetshwayo and Mphephu took to battle, the soldiers Moshoeshoe and Ngungunyane taught never to dishonour the cause of freedom.

My mind and my knowledge of myself are formed by the victories that are the jewels in our African crown, the victories we earned from Isandhlwana to Khartoum, as Ethiopians and as the Ashanti of Ghana, as the Berbers of the desert.

I am the grandchild who lays fresh flowers on the Boer graves at St Helena and in the Bahamas, who sees in the mind's eye and suffers the suffering of a simple peasant folk, death, concentration camps, destroyed homesteads, a dream in ruins.

I am the child of Nongqause. I am he who made it possible to trade in the world markets in diamonds, in gold, in the same food for which my stomach yearns.

I come of those who were transported from India and China, whose being resided in the fact, solely, that they were able to provide physical labour, who taught me that we could both be at home and be foreign, who taught me that human existence itself demanded that freedom was a necessary condition for that human existence.

Being part of all these people, and in the knowledge that none dare contest that assertion, I shall claim: I am an African.

I have seen our country torn asunder as these, all of whom are my people, engaged one another in a titanic battle, the one redress a wrong that had been caused by one to another and the other to defend the indefensible.

I have seen what happens when one person has superiority of force over another, when the stronger appropriate to themselves the prerogative even to annul the injunction that God created all men and women in His image.

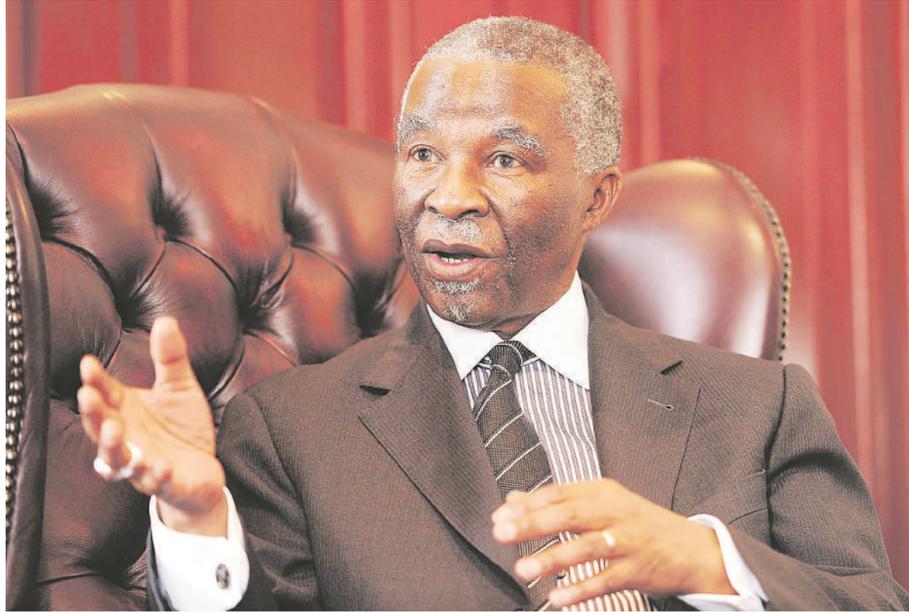
I know what it signifies when race and colour are used to determine who is human and who is sub-human.

I have seen the destruction of all sense of self-esteem, the consequent striving to be what one is not, simply to acquire some of the benefits which those who had improved themselves as masters had ensured that they enjoy.

I have experience of the situation in which race and colour is used to enrich some and impoverish the rest.

I have seen the corruption of minds and souls in the pursuit of an ignoble effort to perpetrate a veritable crime against humanity.

I have seen concrete expression of the denial of the dignity of a hu-



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man being emanating from the conscious, systemic and systematic oppressive and repressive activities of other human beings.

There the victims parade with no mask to hide the brutish reality - the beggars, the prostitutes, the street children, those who seek solace in substance abuse, those who have to steal to assuage hunger, those who have to lose their sanity because to be sane is to invite pain.

Perhaps the worst among these, who are my people, are those who have learnt to kill for a wage. To these the extent of death is directly proportional to their personal welfare.

And so, like pawns in the service of demented souls, they kill in furtherance of the political violence in KwaZulu-Natal. They murder the innocent in the taxi wars.

They kill slowly or quickly in order to make profits from the illegal trade in narcotics. They are available for hire when husband wants to murder wife and wife to murder husband.

Among us prowl the products of our immoral and amoral past - killers who have no sense of the worth of human life, rapists who have absolute disdain for the women of our country, animals who would seek to benefit from the vulnerability of the children, the disabled and the old, the rapacious who brook no obstacle in their quest for self-enrichment.

## I am born of heroes and heroines

All this I know and know to be true because I am an African! Because of that, I am also able to state this fundamental truth: that I am born of a people who are heroes and heroines.

I am born of a people who would not tolerate oppression. I am of a nation that would not allow that fear of death, torture, imprisonment, exile or persecution should result in the perpetuation of injustice.

The great masses who are our mothers and fathers will not permit that the behaviour of the few results in the description of our country and people as barbaric.

Patient because history is on their side, these masses do not despair because today the weather is bad. Nor do they turn triumphalist when, tomorrow, the sun shines.

Whatever the circumstances they have lived through and because of that experience, they are determined to define for themselves who they are and who they should be.

We are assembled here today to mark their victory in acquiring and exercising their right to formulate their own definition of what it means to be African.

The Constitution whose adoption we celebrate constitutes an unequivocal statement that we refuse to accept that our Africanness shall be defined by our race, colour, gender or historical origins.

It is a firm assertion made by ourselves that South Africa belongs to all who live in it - both black and white.

It gives concrete expression to the sentiment we share as Africans, and will defend to the death, that the people shall govern.

It recognizes the fact that the dignity of the individual is both an objective which society must pursue and is a goal which cannot be separated from the material well-being of that individual.

It seeks to create the situation in which all our people shall be free from fear, including the fear of the oppression of one national group by another, the fear of the disempowerment of one social echelon by another, the fear of the use of State power to deny anybody their fundamental human rights and the fear of tyranny.

It aims to open the doors so that those who were disadvantaged can assume their place in society as equals with their fellow human beings without regard to colour, race, gender, age or geographic dispersal.

It provides the opportunity to enable each one and all to state their views, promote them, strive for their implementation in the process of governance without fear that a contrary view will be met with repression.

It creates a law-governed society which shall be inimical to arbitrary rule. It enables the resolution of conflicts by peaceful means rather than resort to force.

It rejoices in the diversity of our people and creates the space for all of us voluntarily to define ourselves as one people.

For me, as an African, this is an achievement of which I am proud, proud without reservation and proud without any feeling of conceit.

Our sense of elevation at this moment also derives from the fact that this magnificent product is the unique creation of African hands and African minds.

But it also constitutes a tribute to our loss of vanity that we could, despite the temptation to treat ourselves as an exceptional fragment of humanity, draw on the accumulated experience and wisdom of all humankind, to define for ourselves what we want to be.

Together with the best in the world, we too are prone to pettiness, petulance, selfishness and shortsightedness.

But it seems to have happened that we looked at ourselves and said that the time had come that we

make a super-human effort to be other than human, to respond to the call to create for ourselves a glorious future, to remind ourselves of the Latin saying: Gloria est consequenda - Glory must be sought after!

Today it feels good to be an African. It feels good that I can stand here as a South African and as a foot soldier of a titanic African army, the African National Congress, to say to all the parties represented here, to the millions who made an input into the processes we are concluding, to our outstanding compatriots who have presided over the birth of our founding document, to the negotiators who pitted their wits one against the other, to the unseen stars who shone unseen as the management and administration of the Constitutional Assembly, the advisers, experts and publicists, to the mass communication media, to our friends across the globe - congratulations and well done!

I am an African. I am born of the peoples of the continent of Africa. The pain of the violent conflict that the peoples of Liberia, Somalia, the Sudan, Burundi and Algeria is a pain I also bear.

The dismal shame of poverty, suffering and human degradation of my continent is a blight that we share. The blight on our happiness that derives from this and from our drift to the periphery of the ordering of human affairs leaves us in a persistent shadow of despair. This is a savage road to which nobody should be condemned.

This thing that we have done today, in this small corner of a great continent that has contributed so decisively to the evolution of humanity, says that Africa reaffirms that she is continuing her rise from the ashes.

Whatever the setbacks of the moment, nothing can stop us now! Whatever the difficulties, Africa shall be at peace! However improbable it may sound to the sceptics, Africa will prosper!

Whoever we may be, whatever our immediate interests, however much we carry baggage from our past, however much we have been caught by the fashion of cynicism and loss of faith in the capacity of the people, let us err today and say - nothing can stop us now!

**This is the full text of the speech Thabo Mbeki, then South Africa's Deputy President, delivered on May 8, 1996 to celebrate the adoption of his country's Constitution. The African Mirror has republished it in commemoration of Africa Day (May 25). The Day marks the 1963 founding of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), the predecessor of the African Union (AU) - itself established in 2001.**

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## New shipping lines call at Dar es Salaam port as efficiency higher

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania International Container Terminal Services (TICTS), a specialised container operator in the country's largest seaport Dar es Salaam, which is the premier maritime trade gateway to Tanzania and eastern, central, and southern Africa main trade hub, is seeing an increase in shipping activities and volumes coming through Tanzania.

Horace Hui, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of TICTS said the improved port performance reflects progress in cooperation with the Government of Tanzania and the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) to modernise operations at the terminal.

In April 2021 TICTS invested almost 5bn/- (US\$2million) to relocate three old ship-to-shore gantry cranes at the Dar es Salaam port, which were decommissioned by the TPA. This has created additional berth length at the quayside allowing 3 vessels to berth at the same time and therefore increasing the annual handling capacity by almost 100,000 TEU's.

The three cranes, which were un-operational since 2014, were taking up unnecessary space, thus making it difficult to boost service delivery at the container terminal.

TICTS CEO Horace Hui said the dismantling and relocation of the three (3) heavy-duty ship-to-shore gantry cranes (SSG) have now enabled the berthing of three vessels at one time at the port, instead of just two.

A logistical feat

The project for dismantling and removing the cranes started at the beginning of February this year and was completed in April 2021.

There are currently six SSG cranes being deployed to discharge and load containers at the terminal.

The project for dismantling the cranes was carried out successfully by TICTS under the guidance and coordination with TPA to ensure it was done safely and efficiently without any interruption to operations.

It involved a team of around 100 people, which included international contractors and consultants from the United Kingdom, South Africa, and local employees, while special cranes were brought in from the Netherlands to support the removal operation

TICTS took the initiative to arrange the dismantling and relocation and funded the Project costs. The total cost of the project was around \$2 million (close to 5 billion shillings), which was fully financed by TICTS itself. In the past 5 years, TICTS has invested a total of USD\$5million to enhance Terminal productivity.

"Two mobile cranes were imported from Europe to assist with the work of dismantling the old TPA cranes. This special equipment from Europe was the largest cranes ever used in East Africa," Hui said.

"We were able to complete this massive project safely with no impact to the day to day operations of the Dar es Salaam port, which was a major logistical achievement," he noted.

As a result of the improved performance of the terminal, Gold Star Shipping Line has introduced their new service at the Dar es Salaam port, while MV Santo Antofagasta made its maiden voyage at the port on 16th May 2021.

"The additional berthing space created after the removal of the cranes



will help to reduce the vessels waiting time at the Port," Hui said.

"Already, three vessels have started to berth following the completion of the exercise of dismantling and removal of the old crane parts."

A global network of ports

TICTS operates the container terminal at the port of Dar es Salaam under a lease agreement with the Tanzania Ports Authority since 2000.

TICTS is a member of Hutchison Ports, the port and related services division of CK Hutchison Holdings Limited (CK Hutchison). It has a network of port operations in 53 ports spanning 27 countries throughout Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, America, and Australasia. Over the years, Hutchison Ports has expanded into other logistics and transportation-

related businesses, including cruise ship terminals, distribution centres, rail services, and ship repair facilities.

TICTS manages container handling activities at the Dar es Salaam port at berths 8,9,10 and 11 and the inland container depot at Kurasini, which in total will have handled more than 8 million TEUs since its inception.

The Dar es Salaam port is the main gateway for more than 80 percent of Tanzanian sea trade and is also the access hub to six landlocked countries including Burundi, Uganda, Malawi, Rwanda, Zambia, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

As Tanzania's leading container handling facility, TICTS is committed to moving ahead and strengthening its role as the country's maritime gateway.

"The Dar es Salaam port is strengthening its role as the

country's maritime gateway by investing in modern IT systems and mobile equipment, while constantly improving its productivity levels, efficiency and customer service."

The improvement of efficiency at the Dar es Salaam port is a major boost as it faces increasing competition from other ports in East and Southern Africa such as Kenya's Mombasa, South Africa's Durban, Mozambique's Beira, Namibia's Walvis Bay, and other competitors.

According to the World Bank, cargo volumes at the Dar es Salaam port have been growing by an average of 9 percent per annum over the past decade.

This growth is already placing considerable strain on the Dar es Salaam port, yet projections by TPA suggest the volume of cargo could in fact grow by 43 percent over the next four years

from 17.5 million tonnes handled in 2020 to 25 million tonnes in 2025.

The World Bank estimates that traffic at the Port could rise to as much as 38 million tonnes by 2030 due to ongoing expansion work at the port.

Since 2015, the government began an ambitious project worth around \$700 million to expand the Dar es Salaam port, which includes dredging and widening the entrance channel.

Additional upgrades include the installation of a conveyor system, silos, and improvements to surrounding infrastructure, including rail and road linkages and platforms.

"As the Dar es Salaam Maritime Gateway Project (DMGP) is underway with the aim of upgrading the port, TICTS is very much moving in tandem with this project by making improvements to the efficiency of the container terminal and potentially with the remote control system," Horace Hui added.

# Nelson Mandela drew inspiration from China

By Special Correspondent, Johannesburg

YESTERDAY (May 26) was Africa Day, a day when African people commemorate their united stand against imperialism and colonialism, defending national sovereignty and independence and striving for national liberation.

During the South African

people's anti-apartheid struggle, the story of the Communist Party of China (CPC) leading the Chinese people to carry out a revolution influenced and inspired many South Africans, including Nelson Mandela, the first post-apartheid president of South Africa.

Mandela mentioned his inspiration drawn from the CPC-led revolution many times in

his autobiography "Long Walk to Freedom." He said that after reading "Red Star over China" written by Edgar Snow, he had a deeper understanding of the CPC, the Chinese revolution and the Long March.

In 1964, when he was imprisoned on Robben Island in Cape Town, Mandela kept reading the English version of the "Selected Works" of Mao

Zedong in his cell, and from time to time compared the liberation movements of South Africa and the African continent with the Chinese revolution. The freedom fighter once said, "China is the spiritual pillar, which helps me survive the days in Robben Island prison."

"The revolution in China was a masterpiece, a real masterpiece," Mandela said in a dia-

logue with his old friend Richard Stengel, who collaborated with him on his autobiography, according to the Nelson Mandela Foundation.

"If you read how they fought that revolution, you believe in the impossible. It's just miraculous," Mandela added.

Historically, the African National Congress, the Communist Party of South Africa and

the Congress of South African Trade Unions jointly fought against apartheid. In 1994, the three parties formed a ruling coalition in the nation's first non-racial democratic election, where Mandela was elected as South Africa's first black president.

After his election, Mandela actively promoted the establishment of diplomatic ties

with China.

In May 1999, before the end of his presidency, he managed to visit China as South Africa's head of state. Meeting with Chinese leaders, Mandela said that he felt sincere gratitude for the Chinese government and people, as China had offered great support to the South Africans' struggle for independence and against apartheid.

## Risk of conflict between humans and elephants and lions is high - scientists

By Guardian Reporter

ELEPHANTS and lions are iconic species that help raise substantial funds for conservation. However, they also pose significant threats to people, crops, and livestock, and are themselves threatened with extinction.

Areas at severe risk are identified

In a new article published in the journal Nature Communications, scientists have identified the areas that are most at risk for conflicts between humans and elephants and lions in Africa. They also estimated the associated return on investment of building and maintaining high-quality fences, which are used to reduce conflict between humans and wildlife.

Associate Professor Enrico Di Minin, who is the lead author of this article and leads the Helsinki Lab of Interdisciplinary Conservation Science at the University of Helsinki, highlights that human pressure on elephants and lions is extremely high.

"We found that 82% of sites containing lions and elephants in Africa are adjacent to areas with considerable human pressure", says Di Minin.

"Areas at severe risk of conflict (defined as areas with high densities of humans, crops, and cattle) comprise 9% of the perimeter of these species' ranges and are found in 18 countries hosting, respectively, - 74% and 41%

of African lion and elephant populations", he continues.

African forest and savanna elephants have recently been classified as Critically Endangered and Endangered in the IUCN Red List of species, while African lions are classified as Vulnerable. Human activities pose the greatest threats to these species, particularly retaliatory killings of lions in response to livestock losses and of elephants in response to crop damage. Elephants and lions also kill dozens to hundreds of people each year.

"We found that elephants and lions are now most abundant at localities where human population density is lowest. At a national scale, lion populations are higher in countries where funding for conservation is higher and elephant numbers are higher in countries with higher gross domestic product per capita", states Professor Rob Slotow from the University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa

"We also found that areas at high risk of conflict are especially found in East and West Africa", he continues.

Benefits of mitigation fences

Although a variety of conflict mitigation strategies could be deployed to address human-wildlife conflict, the team has assessed the return on investment of deploying high-quality

mitigation fences, which have been found to be effective in reducing human-wildlife but are very expensive to build and maintain.

"Our results show how mitigation fences would provide considerable return on investment via reduced cattle loss and crop damage, especially in Tanzania, Ethiopia, and Kenya", says Professor Craig Packer from the University of Minnesota in the US.

"Our analysis reveals the location of about 10,000 kms of protected-area boundaries immediately adjacent to landscapes with such high densities of people, farmland and cattle pastures that wildlife movements have already been largely blocked. Mitigation fencing would merely reflect the reality of conserving large, dangerous, wildlife species in the Anthropocene. More and more African countries are starting to rely on mitigation fencing to better protect their citizens from the most dangerous wildlife species.", he continues.

The authors highlight how attention should be paid to prevent further habitat fragmentation for any migratory species that still manage to traverse the worst affected areas and to carefully consider the values, preferences, and motivations of local people before building mitigation fences.

"However, areas of intensive human pressure already produce hard boundaries around remaining areas



of natural habitat and bold strategies to conserve these species are immediately needed, especially as human pressure will increase in the future with Africa

experiencing very high human population growth by the end of the century", concludes Associate Professor Enrico Di Minin.

# India's second COVID-19 wave shatters poor migrant labourers' livelihood hopes

NEW DELHI

**L**AST month, in the midst of New Delhi's coronavirus lockdown, 37-year-old labourer Prakash Kumar wanted to return to his rural home in India's northern state of Uttar Pradesh. But instead of travelling the usual few hours by bus, Kumar had to journey for three days.

"The firm [where I worked] was closed down and there was no work left in the city. The government had kept the busses and trains operational and that is why we decided to leave," Kumar told IPS.

But at the main bus terminal he saw a sea of migrant workers jostling in queues to board busses that could take them back home.

Kumar ended up having to wait 24 hours to purchase a ticket. "Due to the huge rush, I had to go by some other route which was [costly] and lengthy. I had to walk also for many miles," he said.

The second COVID-19 wave has hit India hard. On May 5, the World Health Organisation (WHO) said that India accounted for 46 percent of all new COVID-19 cases recorded worldwide and one in four of deaths. The highest daily average was on May 9 when over 400,000 new cases were recorded. Currently India has recorded just over 245,000 daily infections.

On May 24, Delhi reported 1,900 new COVID-19 cases, a reduction from last week's 3,846 cases. It's the lowest reported rates of cases since Mar. 27.

The total number of cases in the Indian capital stands at 1.42 million along with just over 1.37 million total recoveries and over 23,000 deaths since the pandemic's outbreak.

On Apr. 19, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, the government imposed a lockdown in the capital. Construction activities, private firms, schools, colleges, offices, cinemas, bars and restaurants were all shut. The shutdown continues to remain in force. But with the lockdown and high infection rates in the Indian capital, migrant workers have been leaving the city in droves.

Darshana Kumari is one of them. Kumari worked as a maid in the Indian capital for over a year. However, with the resurgence of COVID-19 and the subsequent lockdown, the mother of two decided to leave the city and return to her home in Uttar Pradesh.

"My employer has asked me not to come to work anymore. Also I am worried about my children. My elder son is just 12 years old. I fear to even imagine that if anything happens to me here, what will happen to my kids," Kumari told IPS.

She said heading back home was her only option to save herself and her children from the "dangerous disease."

Hailing from country's rural belt, migrant labourers amount to some 40 million people, according to government estimates. They come to the cities and towns to earn a livelihood by working in menial jobs in privately-owned firms and factories. But the various states of lockdown across the country has meant that many migrant workers have become unemployed.

According to India's leading business think tank, the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CIME), an estimated 122 million people became unemployed during India's first lockdown, 75 percent of whom were daily wage earners.

In a recent report, CIME said that the unemployment rate increased from 6.5 percent in March to 7.97 percent in April.

"While this massive tragedy is comparable only to the



Migrant labourers wait in queues in Kashmir in order to travel back to their homes. The second wave of COVID-19 in India has seen masses of people leave cities and towns to return to their rural homes.

mass migrations during the partition of the Indian sub-continent when British left India in 1947, the added element this time is also the plight of migrant workers, risking their lives along with livelihood," Ram Punyani, an imminent Indian writer and civil society activist, wrote recently.

Suresh Kumar Yadav, 29, who had worked as a daily wage labourer in a cement factory in Delhi was waiting for a bus to take him to his village in northern Uttar Pradesh. His two-year-old child and his wife sat near to the bus stop, anxiously waiting to get out of the city as soon as possible.

"Last year, it was March when the first lockdown due to COVID-19 was imposed and we were told to go home. We came back here in September, hoping that we may now be able to earn without any anxiety but the present situation looks more frightening than that of the last year," Yadav told IPS.

When the lockdown in Delhi was imposed, he and of the other workers at the factory were paid off and told that their services will no longer be required. Yadav went to his rented apartment dismayed and dejected. He paid the rent and asked his wife to pack their bags once again. "I used to earn 10,000 rupees (\$150) a month here. As I am

going back to the village, I don't know what would I do, what would I earn?" Yadav said.

Reports show that after the Apr. 19 lockdown in Delhi, more than 80,000 migrant workers returned to their homes.

Geeta Aiyar, a social activist based in Delhi, said the displacement of migrant workers in India was wreaking havoc on their livelihoods.

"They had all hopes that they may get some respite this year but the pandemic is showing its disastrous side and its direct impact is being felt by the poor migrant labourers in the country. There are many who have become infected and died. The hospitals are already overburdened and the shortage of oxygen is actually killing more people than those [dying] due to the virus itself. Therefore, these poor souls have no option but to flee the city with whatever little resources they have," Geeta told IPS. Bijay Kumar, who works as an electrician in a private firm in Delhi, was walking with 10 other men towards the railway station where he hoped to catch a train to return to his rural home.

The 35-year-old had been working to repay the bank loan he had taken out last year to pay for his wedding. But the COVID-19 pandemic shattered all

his dreams and hopes of becoming a debt-free man. "The interest on the loan is only increasing every month. With the second wave of COVID-19, everything has been shut and from this month onwards, I wouldn't get any salary as the factory has been closed. I really have no idea what will happen to my family," Kumar, whose wife is seven months pregnant and suffering from various health issues, told IPS.

Dr Naveed Iqbal, a New Delhi-based virologist, told IPS that the government needed to streamline the exodus of migrant workers from cities and towns as they could be carriers of the deadly virus and could spread the disease in rural areas.

"As these workers board busses and trains to reach to their villages, they could be potential carriers of the virus. The government needs to order their quarantine for at least 14 days at the borders of their states and allow them to proceed only after completion of the quarantine period. This way we can help in stopping the flow of virus to the rural parts of the country where the health care system is much more dismal than of the main cities," Iqbal said.

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## CENSURE

## Bureau of standards says marking of fuel proceeding well, but lower price sought

By Guardian Reporter

FUEL marking work which was taken up by Tanzania Bureau of Standards recently from a consortium of Global Fluids International is going on well but stakeholders want to see a significant price reduction.

TBS spokesperson Neema Mtemvu said in Dar es Salaam last week that there are 15 outlets in Dar es Salaam, two in Mtwara and one in Tanga where the exercise is being undertaken by local experts. "We are already on the ground and doing the job as directed by the government recently," Mtemvu said.

She said TBS has both the personnel and equipment to execute the work which needs sophisticated machinery to identify counterfeit marking enzymes which cheating transit fuel transporters may use to avoid tax payment.

"I can assure you that we are well positioned to implement the government's directive," she assured as re-

ports on the ground said TBS may not have the technology needed to identify fuel which has been marked by fake enzymes.

Sources at Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority told The Guardian last week that TBS has not deployed specialised machines needed to identify counterfeits hence allowing cheating oil marketing companies and transporters to dump transit fuel in the local market without paying taxes.

"These machines are very expensive as they fetch between US\$60 and 70,000 (over 150m/-) each and GFI had at least six of them to stop counterfeits," a source at Ewura said saying the authority has not received any equipment from TBS for verification before deployment to the field for operations.

Meanwhile, Tanzania Association of Oil Marketing Companies' CEO, Raphael Mgaya said last week that the decision to take away the role from GFI will only make sense if things improve



Energy minister Dr Medard Kalemuni responds to questions in the National Assembly recently.

on the ground.

"Our greatest concern today is the level of services by TBS. We would like to know the technology that TBS is using and we also want to know the cost, whether there will be a reduction in costs given the recent understanding that costs by the GFI was twice as much compared to the bidder who won the tender but lost on appeal at PPRA," Mgaya said.

He pointed out that stakeholders in the industry expect to see TBS performing at high standards so that the exercise runs smoothly.

"We also expect TBS to be, not only cost effective but as efficient as possible to prevent any possible hiccups in the industry," he noted.

A fortnight ago, the government ordered TBS to take over the fuel marking technology exercise after Energy Minister, Dr Medard Kalemuni made an impromptu visit at Dar es Salaam Port fuel terminal and found tankers belonging to Camel Oil loading unmarked fuel destined for the local market.

Dr Kalemuni suspended two officials from TBS and Ewura for failing to supervise the

exercise properly which led to loss of government revenue. "I am ordering Ewura and TBS to follow up all fuel which has entered the market without being marked," Dr Kalemuni said.

The Minister's visit followed debate in parliament which was provoked by Gairo lawmaker, Ahmed Shabiby who suggested that the government should assign the role to TBS to save consumers from paying hefty prices for the service currently being offered by the GFI consortium which charged 14/- per litre for the service.

## US sanctions muddle Vodafone funding for entry into Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA

VODAFONE Group Plc's plans to expand into Ethiopia have been complicated by the US state development agency's decision to pause investments in the country, according to people familiar with the matter.

A group including the UK's Vodafone, Safaricom Ltd. and Vodacom Group Ltd. were awarded a new mobile-phone license by the Ethiopian government on Saturday, and had agreed to take a \$500 million loan from the US International Development Finance Corporation to help with acquisition and development costs.

That part of the financing has been thrown into doubt over US economic sanctions against Ethiopia to end violence in the northern Tigray region, a conflict which has killed thousands of people and displaced many more. The state group is awaiting direction from

the Joe Biden administration about how it should react in the longer term, said the people, who asked not to be identified as the information isn't public.

Should that cash be permanently withdrawn by the DFC, the telecom companies will have to source the cash elsewhere and at greater cost, the people said. However, there's no indication the license award is in jeopardy, they said, and the group expects to start services in 2022. Vodafone declined to comment, while Vodacom and Safaricom didn't immediately respond to requests for comment. The DFC didn't respond to emails seeking comment. The US decision may also affect funding from the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund to the country, people familiar with the matter said earlier.

Ethiopia's award of a new telecom license paves the way to open the market of more than 110 mil-



Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed.

lion people to international investors for the first time, a key part of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's economic strategy. The group pledged to invest \$8.5 billion in their network over the next 10 years, including the \$850 million license

fee. Other partners include the CDC Group, the UK equivalent of the DFC, and Sumitomo Corp.

The license has been awarded for an initial period of 15 years. Nairobi-based Safaricom, East Africa's biggest company, owns a

majority stake in the consortium. Another partnership led by MTN Group Ltd., Vodacom's Johannesburg rival, and the Silk Road Fund, a Chinese state investment group, was turned down after bidding \$600 million. Ethiopia still intends

to sell two licenses, and said it will invite a new round of offers from international carriers after some policy adjustments. The government is also looking to sell a minority stake in Ethio Telecom, the state monopoly.

## FINANCING

## Total adoption of electric vehicles to cost \$900 million

KIGALI

TOTAL Adoption of electric vehicles and related solutions in Rwanda will require up to \$900 million according to Patrick Karera, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Environment.

Transport sector in Rwanda is rapidly growing and much dependent on imported fossil fuel. The fossil fuel is said to cause air pollution hazardous to health, noise pollution and emission of greenhouse gases that accelerate climate change according to environmentalists.

The overdependence on fossil fuel has also been found to have a strong effect on the trade balance. Karera said that getting funding for transition to e-mobility to reduce such trade balance and mitigate climate change is mainly based on "a conditional approach to mitigate climate change."

This is an approach of acquiring financing from international and external sources as described in "Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)", a 10-year climate plan submitted to the United Nations Framework Convention

on Climate Change (UNFCCC) last year to mitigate climate change. Contrary to conditional measures, unconditional measures are mainly based on domestically supported and implemented mitigation measures and policies.

He said that there is a need for strong collaboration between the private sector and the government of Rwanda to scale up electric vehicles. "Rwanda is open to investors interested in entering this space in support of Rwanda's post-covid economic recovery where transport can play an important role in creating green jobs.

Beyond the benefits of reduced air pollution and lower greenhouse gas emissions, e-mobility is also supporting Rwanda in reducing our reliance on imported fuel which will create a more stable, self-reliant economy as we move towards middle-income status," he said.

Incentives

By integrating incentives formulated by Rwanda Development Board and the law on promotion and facilitation for investment, he said Rwanda has seen a surge in e-mobility firms. Government,



Patrick Karera.

he said, has proposed to create an enabling environment by proposing fiscal and non-fiscal incentives in a view to pave the way to electric mobility transition. Fiscal incentives include electric

tariffs for charging stations to be capped at the industrial tariff level.

"Electric vehicles will also benefit from a reduced tariff during the off-peak time and electric vehicles, spare parts, batter-

ies and charging station equipment be treated as VAT zero rated products," he said. He said there is also exemption of import and excise duties on electric vehicles, spare parts, batteries and charging station equipment as well as withdrawing tax at customs of 5 per cent).

He said non-fiscal incentives include rent free land for charging stations (for land owned by government), provisions of EV charging stations in the building code and city planning rules, green license plates to allow EVs getting preferential treatment in parking while free entry into congested zones is to be determined. Free license and authorization for commercial EVs as well as access to high occupancy vehicle lanes (dedicated bus lanes) are among the non-fiscal incentives.

Such incentives also include providing preference to electric vehicles for government hired vehicles while companies manufacturing and assembling electric vehicles in Rwanda are given other incentives in the investment code such as 15% Corporate Income Tax (CIT) and tax holiday (irrespective of the investment value).

## MILESTONE

## Mining magnet James Sinclair retires from Tanzania Gold Corp. upon turning eighty

By Guardian Reporter

CANADIAN mining magnet who has invested extensively in the country's gold extraction industry, James Sinclair has retired as Executive Chairman of Tanzanian Gold Corporation after turning 80 last month.

In a recent statement, TanGold said Sinclair will continue serving as Chairman of the board of directors for the company. "TanGold has had the privilege of being founded and directed since 2000 by the leadership of the renowned James E. Sinclair. It is with profound gratitude that the company acknowledges his contribution to the present success and long-term resilience of our enterprise," the statement stated.

Sinclair has been known and respected fondly as 'Mr. Gold' since he boldly and accurately predicted the

price of gold would rise from \$150 per troy ounce in 1977 to \$900 per troy ounce. The price of gold in 1980 fell just short of his now famous prediction. He has had a stellar career as a precious metals specialist, market maker, and commodities and foreign currency trader, the TanGold statement noted.

The Canadian mining guru was the original founder and explorer of Bulyanhulu Gold Mine through Sutton Resources, which has been one of the most productive gold mines in Tanzania. "Jim is known for the successful Sinclair companies which have operated around the globe and was the individual who liquidated the Hunt's precious metals position in the 1980s," the statement noted.

Meanwhile, TanGold's first quarter results indicate that the company raised US\$24.4 million during the pe-



James Sinclair.

riod which significantly improved net working capital, liquidity and corporate position in the country where it is developing Buckreef Gold Mine in Geita with State Mining Corporation.

The company said in its results that as a result there has been strong addition to senior management team and alignment of operating management at Buckreef.

The company said it is also working with Stamico to advance the Buckreef Project and modernize the joint venture agreement. "There has been positive operating results on oxide test plant to build larger oxide operation targeting production of 15,000 - 20,000 ounces of gold per year," the report stated.

Commenting on the results, TanGold CEO, Stephen Mullooney said the first 120 days of his tenure has been exhilarating.

"I am extremely excited with all the improvements we have made across the entire business," Mullooney said while adding that work done to date and the work ahead positions the company for continued success over the short, medium and long term.

"This is an exciting time! I would like to congratulate everyone involved on a job well done and look forward to working closely with the TanGold team, the Buckreef team and our joint venture partner, Stamico, to continue to advance the development of the Buckreef Project to become a major new mine in Tanzania," he added.

## PATENT

## SA govt wants to be co-owner of all data generated locally

JOHANNESBURG

THE South African government - through the proposed data policy, the Draft National Policy on Data and Cloud - wants to be the co-owner of all data generated in the country.

This is according to law firm Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr, which says the policy has already attracted widespread debate among commentators, with many saying it raises issues around privacy and has the potential to scare off much-needed investment in the sector.

On 1 April, the minister of communications and digital technologies published a Draft National Data and Cloud Policy, together with an invitation for interested parties to submit written submissions to the department within 30 business days of publication of the draft policy, by 18 May.

However, the deadline has now been extended to 1 June. Heather Irvine, partner at Bowmans, says the draft policy aims to transform SA's economy into a digital economy that is both data-intensive and data-driven.

In particular, she says, the draft policy acknowledges the need to



Thabo Mashegoane, president of the Institute of IT Professionals South Africa.

realise the socio-economic value of data through policy and law and to ensure open data, which is defined in the draft policy as "...data that is made freely available for use, re-use and republishing as [a party wishes], subject to ensuring protection of privacy, confidentiality and security in line with the Constitution." The draft policy proposes to develop a state digital infrastructure company and high-performance

computing and data processing centre.

It also aims to consolidate excess capacity of publicly-funded data centres and deliver processing, data facilities and cloud computing capacity. Government also plans to develop ICT special economic zones, hubs and transformation centres.

### Digital infrastructure

In its draft policy, the department

states: "South Africa's effective response to these challenges will depend significantly on the extent to which it exploits opportunities presented by the digital economy, through the development of policy frameworks that harness the economic and social potential of data and cloud computing.

"Such policy frameworks should be citizen-centric and support already existing government initiatives of universal access and affordability of services. Most importantly, the frameworks should ensure challenges associated with lack of access to digital infrastructure, devices, software, applications and digital skills are addressed."

Thabo Mashegoane, president of the Institute of IT Professionals South Africa (IITPSA), says the draft policy indicates government is considering the gravity of the fourth industrial revolution (4IR) and taking a progressive stand on digital development.

"This is an indication that government is moving to try to overcome challenges that have hampered its digital progress in the past - such as concerns about security when storing and moving data of national importance," he says.

"At the same time, it indicates a willingness to address issues such as SMME access to digital technologies, a lack of digital skills in the country, and the barriers to entry preventing millions of South Africans from benefiting from the 4IR."

However, IITPSA board member Moira de Roche notes the draft raises questions around why government would create a new platform and state-owned company to focus on data and networking, particularly since the primary purpose of government should be to set, implement and monitor policy.

She says the private sector is well-placed to partner with government on the implementation of a high-performance computing and data processing centre. "While a Centre for High-Performance Computing exists in Cape Town, run by the CSIR [Council for Scientific and Industrial Research], there is an opportunity to expand the scope of these centres. If the private sector is brought in, and they can run the centre in a way that affords small and medium businesses access to cloud computing at a reasonable price, then it could be very beneficial."

## Emirates signs strategic agreement with Huawei at Arabian Travel Market

Dubai

EMIRATES today announced that it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Huawei, one of the world's top tech brands, to further extend its existing partnership. The enhanced collaboration will allow both brands to build awareness to a wider audience in the Middle East and beyond.

The agreement was signed at Arabian Travel Market (ATM) 2021 in Dubai by Orhan Abbas, Senior Vice President of Commercial Operations - Far East at Emirates and Lu Geng, Vice President Middle East and Africa of Huawei Global Partnerships & Eco-Development, signalling the deepened strategic cooperation between Emirates and Huawei and mutual benefits in expanding their reach in China and Middle East and African markets, respectively. Also present at the signing ceremony was Adnan Kazim, Emirates' Chief Commercial Officer and William Hu, Regional Business Development Director, Eco-Development Department, Huawei.

In addition to joint promotions designed to build brand awareness for Emirates and Huawei in the other's home markets, the partnership will also encompass the launch of customer-centric initiatives including enhanced and engaging experiences for Huawei smart phone users while booking tickets and making travel plans on the Emirates App, available on the AppGallery - Huawei's official distribution platform and one of the top three global app marketplaces in the world, with more than 530 million active monthly users. The joint cooperation will also see Emirates providing support for the Huawei search engine, Petal Search, on smart devices in the MEA region.

For Emirates, the integration into Huawei's ecosystem will allow the airline to tap into a wider target audience and Huawei phone users, especially in the Chinese marketplace which has been regarded as one of the key strategic markets for Emirates worldwide. This move was built on the successful collaboration of the two brands established in early 2020, when the Emirates app was made available on Huawei's smart phone devices on its AppGallery, bringing users a richer and more engaging range of functions conveniently to their fingertips. The collaboration was further expanded in September 2020 with enhancements that allowed quicker bookings and other tailored functionalities that customised the mobile experience.

## ECO-FRIENDLY

## Brookside eyes solar water pumps in bid to boost milk output

NAIROBI

DAIRY processor Brookside has partnered with an off-grid solar technology firm to provide farmers with solar-powered irrigation system as it seeks to boost milk production. Mr John Gethi, Brookside's director of milk procurement and manufacturing said the system will enable farmers grow fodder crops and provide reliable drinking water for their animals.

"We are currently running pilots on the project at our demonstration farms in Uasin Gishu, Nyandarua, Kajiado and Kiambu. An adult healthy dairy animal requires between 75 to 80 litres of water daily. Besides maintenance of body temperature, water is important in the digestion of feed and fodder," Mr Gethi said in Trans Nzoia during visits to smallholder farms contracted to the processor.

The solar-powered water pumping system is amongst an array of green energy solutions Brookside has lined up for its farmers as the firm seeks to further consolidate

its market lead in the sub-sector.

Brookside is piloting the technology in partnership with Sunculture Limited, a local non-governmental organisation. Mr Gethi said that the use of solar technology will also provide energy that will power home appliances and lighting of up to four bulbs.

Data from Egerton University's think-tank Tegemeo Institute indicate that over-reliance on rain-fed dairy production is one of the factors hindering the realisation of the full potential of the enterprise in the country, with milk production plummeting during the dry season on reduced water and fodder.

Mr Gethi said Brookside would continue to aggressively seek climate-smart technology solutions for its farmers to ensure that milk production in the country increases across all milk sheds. Five years ago, the processor pioneered the use of solar power for heating and lighting at some of its raw milk cooling stations across the country.



John Gethi, Brookside's director of milk procurement and manufacturing.

SETBACK

# HSBC CEO says Bitcoin not for 'us'

HONG KONG

HSBC has no plans to launch a cryptocurrency trading desk or offer the digital coins as an investment to customers, because they are too volatile and lack transparency, its Chief Executive Noel Quinn told Reuters.

Europe's biggest bank's stance on cryptocurrencies comes as the world's biggest and best-known, Bitcoin, has tumbled nearly 50% from the year's high, after China cracked down on mining the currency and prominent advocate Elon Musk tempered his support.

HSBC's stance also contrasts with rival banks such as Goldman Sachs, which Reuters in March reported had restarted its cryptocurrency trading desk. "Given the volatility we are not into Bitcoin as an asset class, if our clients want to be there then of course they are, but we are not promoting it as an asset class within our wealth management business," Quinn said.

"For similar reasons we're not rushing into stablecoins," he said, referring to the digital currencies that seek to avoid the volatility associated with typical cryptocurrencies by pegging their value to assets such as the US dollar.

Bitcoin traded at \$34 464 on Monday, down nearly 50% in just 40 days from its year high of \$64 895 on April 14. Pressure on the currency intensified after the billionaire Tesla Chief Executive and cryptocurrency backer Musk reversed his stance on Tesla accepting Bitcoin as payment.

'Difficult questions'

China, which is central to HSBC's growth strategy, said last Tuesday that it had banned financial institutions and payment companies from providing services related to cryptocurrency transactions. Reuters reported in April that HSBC had banned customers in its online share trading platform from buying shares in bitcoin-backed MicroStrategy, saying in a message



Noel Quinn.

to clients that it would not facilitate the buying or exchange of products related to virtual currencies.

Quinn said his sceptical stance on cryptocurrencies partly arose from the difficulty of assessing the transparency of who owns them, as well as problems with their ready convertibility into fiat money. "I

view Bitcoin as more of an asset class than a payments vehicle, with very difficult questions about how to value it on the balance sheet of clients because it is so volatile," he said. "Then you get to stablecoins which do have some reserve backing behind them to address the stored value concerns, but it depends on who the

sponsoring organisation is plus the structure and accessibility of the reserve."

The soaring popularity of cryptocurrencies has posed a problem for mainstream banks in recent years, as they try to balance catering to clients' interest with their own regulatory obligations to understand the source of their customers'

wealth. HSBC's stance against offering cryptocurrencies as an asset class marks it out against European rivals such as UBS, which is exploring ways to offering them as an investment product according to media reports earlier this month.

OPTIMISM

## Stocks and futures rally after Fed inflation comments: markets wrap

NEW YORK

ASIAN stocks and US equity futures rose Tuesday following a Wall Street rally, buoyed by soothing Federal Reserve comments on inflation and China's efforts to temper commodity prices.

MSCI Inc.'s Asia-Pacific equity index was set for the highest close in about two weeks. China's CSI 300 gauge surged about 3% following Beijing's efforts to talk down raw material costs. European and US stock futures climbed after the S&P 500 advanced and the Nasdaq 100 outperformed overnight.

The Fed comments aided sentiment, as officials reiterated they expect transitory rather than lasting price pressures from the US economic rebound. Treasury yields held a retreat and the dollar extended a decline.

Oil retained the biggest two-day gain since March as investors tracked a recovery in demand that may enable the market to accommodate any fresh flows from Iran should the nation's nuclear deal be revived.

Fed officials Lael Brainard, Raphael Bostic and James Bullard said they wouldn't be surprised to see bottlenecks and supply shortages push prices up in coming months as the pandemic recedes, but that much of those gains should be temporary. While market-based measures of inflation expectations have dipped, investors remain cautious about the risk of a pullback in stimulus. They are also monitoring Covid-19 spikes in regions such as Asia.

"Inflation is a key focus for investors, meaning uncertainty over what happens to interest rates," Chris Iggo, chief investment officer of core investments at AXA Investment Managers, wrote in a note. "Yield curves have stabilized, but it is not clear that renewed inflation concerns automatically mean steeper curves."

Elsewhere, Bitcoin trimmed a rally stoked partly by Elon Musk's support for an effort to improve its green credentials. The largest cryptocurrency remains about \$25 000 off its mid-April record.

Here are some events this week: Bank of Indonesia rate decision Tuesday, Reserve Bank of New Zealand policy decision Wednesday, Bank of Korea rate decision Thursday; CEOs of the largest US banks, including JPMorgan and Goldman Sachs, will testify before lawmakers in the Senate Banking and House Financial Services committees Wednesday; and US initial jobless claims, GDP, durable goods, pending home sales on Thursday.

These are some of the main moves in markets: Stocks; S&P 500 futures rose 0.4% as of 7:24 a.m. in London. The index added 1%; Nasdaq 100 contracts rose 0.6%. The gauge added 1.7%; Japan's Topix index climbed 0.3%; Australia's S&P/ASX 200 index gained 1%; South Korea's Kospi index climbed 0.8%; Hong Kong's Hang Seng index rose 1.6%; China's CSI 300 Index was up 3%; and Euro Stoxx 50 futures rose 0.3%.

Currencies: The yen was at 108.73 per dollar; The offshore yuan rose 0.2% to 6.3958 per dollar; The Bloomberg Dollar Spot Index dipped 0.1%; and The euro was at \$1.2233. Bonds: The yield on 10-year Treasuries was at 1.60%; and Australia's 10-year bond yield was steady at 1.69%. Commodities: West Texas Intermediate crude rose 0.2% to \$66.16 a barrel; and Gold dipped 0.2% to \$1 877.52 an ounce.



**Yidu Tech's IPO was hugely popular with retail investors, with demand for a whopping 1,634 times the shares initially reserved for them**



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Sat 22 May

08:00	Aj Jazeera	08:00	Telenovela: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin
09:00	Rev rpt	13:00	Meza huru
09:30	Turning the Spotlight rpt	13:30	Capchat rpt
10:00	Culinary delight rpt	14:00	Innovation
10:30	Innovation rpt	14:30	Jagina rpt
11:00	Out n'about rpt	15:00	Series: Beats of Love
11:30	Sports Gazette rpt	15:15	Albu yako
12:00	Shamba Lulu rpt	15:30	Rev rpt
12:30	Meza huru	16:00	Dakika 45 rpt
13:00	Meza huru	16:30	Mizengwe rpt
13:30	Meza huru	17:00	The Decor rpt
14:00	Meza huru	17:30	Meza huru
14:30	Meza huru	18:00	Out n'about
15:00	Meza huru	18:30	Movie: Home of Giants (tape no:0000)
15:30	Meza huru	19:00	Series rpt: Beats of Love
16:00	Meza huru	21:00	Aj Jazeera
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Sun 23 May

08:00	Ajazeera	08:00	Telenovela: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin
09:00	In good shape	13:00	Meza huru
09:30	Capchat rpt	13:30	Capchat rpt
10:00	Sports Gazette rpt	14:00	Innovation
10:30	Korean Drama rpt: The slave hunter	14:30	Jagina rpt
11:00	In good shape rpt	15:00	Series: Beats of Love
11:30	Meza huru	15:15	Albu yako
12:00	Meza huru	15:30	Rev rpt
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Mon 24 May

06:00	Aj Jazeera	06:00	Telenovela: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin
07:00	Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)	13:00	Meza huru

## WORLD

## Blinken vows US support to rebuild Gaza, prevent war

## JERUSALEM

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken pledged on a Middle East mission yesterday that Washington would rally support to rebuild Gaza as part of efforts to bolster a ceasefire between its Hamas Islamist rulers and Israel.

But Blinken (pictured) made clear that the United States intended to ensure that Hamas, which it regards as a terrorist organization, did not benefit from the humanitarian aid - a potentially difficult task in an enclave over which it has a strong grip.

Blinken began his regional visit in Jerusalem, where he held talks with

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. The Israeli leader, speaking to reporters with the top US diplomat at his side, threatened a "very powerful response" if Hamas renewed cross-border rocket strikes.

The truce, brokered by Egypt and coordinated with the United States, began on Friday after 11 days of the worst fighting between Palestinian militants and Israel in years. Now in its fifth day, it has been holding.

"We know that to prevent a return to violence we have to use the space created to address a larger set of underlying issues and challenges," Blinken said.



"And that begins with tackling the grave humanitarian situation in Gaza and starting to rebuild."

The United States, he said, would work to rally international support around that effort and make its own "significant contributions", to be announced later in the day.

"We will work with our partners, closely with all to ensure that Hamas does not benefit from the reconstruction assistance," Blinken said about the group.

Blinken will be in the region through Thursday, and will also travel to Egypt and Jordan.

In tandem with Blinken's mission, Israeli authorities said they were allowing fuel, medicine and food earmarked for Gaza's private sector to enter the territory for the first time since the hostilities began on May 10.

Blinken, who said he hoped to rebuild

relationships with the Palestinian people and the Palestinian Authority, was due to meet Western-backed Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in Ramallah in the occupied West Bank later in the day.

Negotiations between Israel and the Authority collapsed in 2014, and US President Joe Biden's predecessor Donald Trump cut aid to the Palestinians while promoting a plan that would leave Israel in control of many of the settlements it has built in the West Bank.

## Two states

But while Biden has said a two-state solution was the only answer to resolving the Israel-Palestinian conflict, US officials have suggested it was too early for wider peace talks.

Israel is in political flux after four inconclusive elections in two years, and the Palestinians are divided by enmity between Hamas and Abbas, who holds sway in the West Bank. Blinken said he and Netanyahu discussed "other steps" that need to be taken by leaders on both sides to set "a better course" for Israelis and Palestinians. **Agencies**

## CPC liberates China from colonialism, poverty to economic growth, says Egyptian ex-ambassador

## CAIRO

THE Communist Party of China (CPC) is a "party of achievements," which has liberated China from colonialism and poverty and led the country to prosperity and economic growth, said Mohamed Noman Galal, Egypt's former ambassador to China.

"The CPC has made many achievements during its struggle since its establishment in 1921, the most important of which is the reform and opening-up that helped the Chinese economy grow into the second largest one in the world," Galal (pictured) told Xinhua in a recent interview.

The CPC celebrates its centenary on July 1 this year. Galal, who is also a member of the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs, praised the success of the CPC in managing and overcoming the COVID-19 crisis in a record short period of time.

He stressed that "the Chinese economy has not been halted despite the COVID-19 pandemic," describing the Chinese people as earnest, persistent, hardworking and patient, which helped with their nation's fight against the epidemic.

The former Egyptian diplomat said that China has made successive five-year plans for economic reform.

He continued that Chinese President Xi Jinping added to the Chinese experience the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which Galal considered as one of the most important initiatives in the world.

China launched the BRI in 2013, with the aim of pursuing mutual benefit among participating countries.

Galal said that through the initiative, China has established win-win partnerships with other countries and contributed a lot to the development processes in Africa including Egypt.

"China is not and will not be an exploitative country, because the Chinese civilization is based on cooperation and joint construction with other countries," the former diplomat added, stressing that among the basic governing principles of China are the pursuit of peace and opposition to aggression.

"The idea of colonialism is rejected in the Chinese society and civilization," Galal emphasized.

Galal said he had many Chinese friends when he worked as Egypt's ambassador to China, and he has recently written a number of books on China and the Egyptian-Chinese relations, highlighting the strong ties between the two peoples and civilizations.

"What I liked most about China is the principle of punishment, which means that whoever makes a mistake is punished without reluctance, even if he is an official," the former Egyptian ambassador said.

Galal expects the CPC to continue leading China toward more accomplishments.

"I expect that the economic progress with Chinese characteristics will go on, the Chinese people's standard of living will further increase and China will continue being the world's factory," he said.

Xinhua

## Kremlin to make statement on possible Putin-Biden summit soon

## MOSCOW

The Kremlin will soon make a statement on a possible meeting between Presidents Vladimir Putin of Russia and Joe Biden of the United States, Putin's press secretary Dmitry Peskov said yesterday.

"Now, I'd refrain from any comments on that matter. We will make a corresponding statement in the near future," he told journalists when asked to comment on the Russian Security Council's reports that Monday's talks between the Council's secretary, Nikolai Patrushev, and US National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan were a major step in the preparations for a possible summit of the two nations' leaders.

The Kremlin spokesman did not mention when such a statement would be made. "You will see it on the Kremlin website," he added.

Peskov also noted, replying to a question about the list of themes that Putin and Biden could discuss that "strategic stability and arms control will be on the agenda if Russian President Vladimir Putin and his US counterpart Joe Biden hold their summit. Strategic stability and arms control are the issues that concern all the countries of the world. Beyond a doubt, strategic stability and arms control will surely be on the agenda."

Peskov called for waiting for "a statement on this score soon." "After that, we will discuss a possible agenda," the Kremlin spokesman said. **Agencies**

## President Xi resolute on global community of health

## BEIJING

PRESIDENT Xi Jinping has pledged more action on building a global community of health for all, as officials and experts hailed China's response to the COVID-19 pandemic as exemplary.

Xi (pictured) unveiled China's next steps in contributing to the global fight against COVID-19, including a US\$3 billion aid package for developing nations and proposals to bolster global equal access to vaccines, at the Global Health Summit on Friday.

Having already supplied 300 million doses of vaccines to the world, China will provide still more to the best of its ability, he announced.

The initiatives and measures unveiled by Xi are more than concrete, and displayed China's firm resolve to work together with different nations to overcome the pandemic. Ma Zhaoxu, vice-minister of foreign affairs, said at a news briefing after the Friday summit.

They will also inject strong momentum into global vaccine cooperation, close the immunization gap among countries and make vaccines truly accessible and affordable public goods to people of different nations, he said.

Liu Yuanli, executive dean of Peking Union Medical Col-

lege's School of Health Policy and Management, said Xi had delivered a speech filled with love, compassion and the sense of responsibility from a major country.

The president also provided constructive insight on the improvement of global health governance and the building of a global community of health for all, while issuing a serious warning about the rise of vaccine nationalism, he said.

"Contagions respect no borders. There is a tendency for shorter intervals between outbreaks of new epidemics," he said.

The existence of a global community of health for all is undeniable, and closer coordination among the global community would have enabled the containment of the pandemic at an earlier date, he said.

Xi's attendance, via video link from Beijing, at the summit came a year after he unveiled five measures to support global anti-pandemic cooperation at the 73rd World Health Assembly.

The 74th WHA, which is being held virtually from Monday until June 1, would be focusing on ending the pandemic and preventing the next one by building a healthier, safer and fairer world.

Liu said China, while putting in place sound domestic con-



tainment measures, has made all-out efforts to help developing nations fight the virus and honor the commitments made by Xi a year ago.

China has sent medical supplies to over 150 countries and 13 international organizations, providing more than 280 billion masks, 3.4 billion protective suits and 4 billion testing kits to the world.

A cooperation mechanism has been established for Chinese hospitals to pair up with 41 African hospitals, and construction on the headquarters of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, a project assisted by China, started at the end of last year.

Ivona Ladjevac, head of the Regional Center of One Belt One Road at the Institute of International Politics and Economics in Belgrade, Serbia, said China's contribution to the

global response to the pandemic is "another great sign of what a great country it is".

"Notwithstanding Chinese medical support and teams of experts sent worldwide, China constantly called upon every country of the world to join in this battle, which is the battle for preserving lives and humankind. This is the threat of a new kind and there is no country or man that is immune to it," she said.

She noted that the vaccines provided by China to Serbia in January made it possible for a mass vaccine rollout, and secured the immunization of 500,000 people.

"China has provided unselfish, professional, moral and material assistance, more than envisaged by the strategic partnership agreement between our countries. Serbia will be forever grateful for that," she said.

Mqabuko Spencer Dube, the deputy head of mission at the Embassy of Zimbabwe to China, said China is not only the leading voice in calling for building a community of global health for all, it is actually walking the walk, as demonstrated by its provision of vaccine assistance to over 80 countries and exporting vaccines at fair and reasonable cost to more than 43 countries.

The latest commitment made by Xi to support the local manufacturing of vaccines is commendable, as it will improve supply and reduce costs, he said.

He noted that Zimbabwe was among the first recipients of Chinese assistance in the form of masks, personal protective equipment and testing kits after the COVID-19 outbreak.

"China also sent medical teams who helped us to establish appropriate anti-pandemic measures and helped to refurbish our medical institutions," he said.

Zimbabwe was also among the first recipients of COVID-19 vaccines from China, with the first 200,000 doses received in February and the second batch arriving in March. In May, the Zimbabwe Defense Forces also received 100,000 doses of vaccines from the People's Liberation Army of China. **Xinhua**

## Russia suggests WHO optimise process of prequalification for COVID vaccines

## MOSCOW

MOSCOW supports the idea of lifting patent protections from vaccines against the novel coronavirus infection, in addition, it has proposed that the World Health Organization (WHO) optimize the procedures for the prequalification of vaccines, Russian Health Minister Mikhail Murashko said at the 74th World Health Assembly.

"In order to increase the

availability of vaccines, the Russian Federation supports the idea of removing patent protection from the vaccines against the novel coronavirus infection.

We propose that the WHO optimize the prequalification procedures of new vaccines and pharmaceuticals in order to reduce the processing time of the applications," he said.

He noted that the key element in the fight against the pandemic is sweeping im-

munization of the population against COVID-19, noting that Russia was the first worldwide to register a vaccine against the coronavirus.

"Our flagship Sputnik V vaccine is certified in 70 countries accounting for about 40% of the world's population.

The bilateral vaccine transfer channels in use facilitate the diversification of supply chains, transfer of domestic technologies, and create jobs," the health minister

pointed out. The issue of patent regulations of the vaccine production became relevant lately due to a discussion at the World Trade Organization (WTO).

At the WTO at the end of last year, India and South Africa urged those countries that produce the vaccines against the coronavirus infection to temporarily waive the intellectual property rights to them considering the scale of the pandemic. At a session of

the WTO General Council in Geneva, a decision was made to continue discussing this proposal, however, a consensus has not yet been reached.

Earlier, at a G20 summit, Russian President Vladimir Putin stated that effective and safe vaccines should be in the public domain, accessible to all. He noted that Russia was ready to provide its pharmaceuticals against the coronavirus infection to the countries that need them. **Agencies**

## West African officials head for Mali after 'attempted coup'

WEST African officials were yesterday heading for Mali, plunged into crisis after the military detained the president, prime minister and defense minister in what international bodies called an "attempted coup".

President Bah Ndw, Prime Minister Moctar Ouane and defense minister Souleymane Doucoure were taken to a military base in Kati outside the capital Bamako on Monday, hours after two members of the military lost their positions in a government reshuffle.

The detentions came after the military in August ousted President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita. Ndw and

Ouane were tasked with overseeing an 18-month transition back to civilian rule.

Bamako was calm on Tuesday morning, and the US Embassy said flights were arriving and departing as normal.

Ndw and Ouane were still detained in Kati, according to Nohoum Togo, a spokesman for the M5-Rfp opposition coalition, and a source in Kati.

A delegation from the main regional decision-making body ECOWAS will visit Bamako on Tuesday, ECOWAS, the United Nations, African Union, European Union and several European coun-



tries said in a joint statement. It did not give further details.

ECOWAS played a key role in the

formation of an interim government after the August coup.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said late on Monday he was "deeply concerned" by the detention of Mali's leaders and called for calm and their unconditional release. The US State Department also called for their release.

"Sanctions will be adopted against those who stand in the way of the transition," said Josep Borrell, High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs, on Twitter.

Ndw and Ouane appear to have moved against the military's control over a number of key positions, replacing two leaders of the

August coup who held positions as ministers of defense and security.

Two sources told Reuters the military were reacting to the cabinet reshuffle, although their ultimate goal was unclear.

The situation could exacerbate instability in the West African country where Islamist groups linked to al Qaeda and Islamic State control large areas of the desert north and stage frequent attacks on the army and civilians.

Mali has been in turmoil since an earlier coup in 2012 triggered an ethnic Tuareg rebellion in the north, which was then hijacked by al Qaeda-linked jihadists.

French forces intervened to drive back the Islamists in 2013 but they have since regrouped and expanded their reach to neighbouring Burkina Faso and Niger.



**Sanctions will be adopted against those who stand in the way of the transition**

## Crumbling image of arrogant, self-righteous BBC

BEIJING

AMID mounting pressure, the BBC announced Monday a review of its editorial practices and governance after an inquiry into its 1995 interview with Britain's Princess Diana unveiled damning failings at its heart.

Reiterating its apology, the BBC Board said it fully accepted the inquiry report, which found the BBC fell short of "high standards of integrity and transparency" over its interview with Princess Diana.

Only the apology came a quarter-century too late. The BBC failed not only the British royal family but the public across the globe.

"Trust is the foundation of the BBC. We're independent, impartial and honest." This bold BBC "values" declaration now rings not only hollow but almost hilarious.

According to the inquiry, former BBC reporter Martin Bashir acted in a "deceitful" way and faked documents to secure the interview with Princess Diana, while the BBC's own internal probe in 1996 into what happened was "woefully ineffective."

Indeed, Bashir's conduct, by any ethical standards, was deplorable. Using fake documents for materializing the interview is indefensible. But the BBC's problem turns out much more disgraceful than this.

Michael Grade, who was BBC chairman between 2004 and 2006, said the BBC's "cover-up" had been worse than the behavior of Bashir, who later got lauded and promoted in the BBC.

"It's taken 25 years to get the truth," Grade said. "It raises the question in your mind, how many more cover-ups are there in the files of BBC journalism that we haven't been told about?"

He also accused the BBC of "arrogance" in the cavalier way in which it behaves. "It starts with their default position, whenever challenged, that they are not and cannot ever be wrong."

In a debate Monday afternoon at the House of Commons, lower house of the British Parliament, lawmakers slammed the BBC for its attempts to cover up the scandal as well as for the promotion of Bashir after the interview.

But for many, the BBC's fall from grace did not come as a surprise: the BBC's lack of integrity is not simply confined to its covering of the royal stories.

In its recent fiasco alleging "systematic rape" in China's Xinjiang, the BBC sourced only dubious, one-sided verbal claims, including those from sources who have given contradictory statements, without any credible confirmation or corroborating evidence.

Earlier this year, the "new compelling evidence" uncovered by the BBC alleging "forced labor and assimilation" in Xinjiang has proved to be old clips from China's national broadcaster, which the BBC manipulated to suit its own cause.

In another bid to distort truth about China, the BBC cooked up so-called "human-rights violations" in the Chinese city of Wuhan with a video of an anti-terrorism drill.

"It is no use arguing that Bashir was just one 'rogue' reporter -- the corruption of journalistic ethics (of the BBC) went right up to the top," said The Spectator, a weekly British magazine.

Following the crisis, the BBC's current director general Tim Davie offered "a full and unconditional apology." Former BBC director general Tony Hall, who was director of news at the time of the Diana interview, resigned as the National Gallery's chairman.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has expressed grave concern over the BBC scandal, and Culture Secretary Oliver Dowden said he will "consider whether further governance reforms are needed."

The Metropolitan Police said it will assess the contents of the inquiry to see whether there is "significant new evidence" to support a criminal investigation.

For the BBC, it takes much more than just an apology to restore the fundamental pillars of accountability, public trust and confidence.

Xinhua

No reason for West to be shocked by Ryanair flight incident, Russian diplomat says

MOSCOW

THERE is no reason why Western countries should be shocked by the Ryanair flight incident, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova wrote on Facebook on Monday.

"What is shocking is that the West has described the incident in Belarusian airspace as shocking. The so-called civilized democracies' tendency to follow the 'quod licet Iovi, non licet bovi' [What is permissible for Jupiter may not be permissible for a bull] principle has long been irrelevant because the former leaders have lost leadership skills.

The blood and suffering of millions of people across the world have yanked the pedestal from under Western demagogues, from where they have been preaching," Zakharova pointed out.

"Or, they should be shocked by everything, including the moves to force down the Bolivian president's plane in Austria at the United States' request and the Belarusian aircraft carrying an anti-Maidan activist. Otherwise, such behavior should not come as a shock to them," the Russian diplomat emphasized.

A Vilnius-bound Ryanair flight that took off from Athens was forced to make an emergency landing at Minsk International Airport on Sunday after a reported bomb threat, which came up empty.

The Belarusian Investigative Committee has launched a criminal case into the false bomb threat. Minsk's federal authorities specified that Roman Protasevich, wanted in Belarus as a co-founder of the Nexta Telegram channel deemed extremist, had been among the flight's passengers.

He was detained by law enforcement officers, media reports said.

## After ceasefire, tensions over Mideast still boil on California campus

BEIJING

NOW the senior at the University of California, Santa Barbara says she is worried an expected measure this week will reignite divisions at the beachside school, where the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has long been a source of discord, driving a wedge between even Democrats like herself and liberal groups on campus.

On Wednesday, a group of students are planning to submit a resolution to the student body senate calling on the university to sell stocks it holds in companies that supply Israel with equipment or services that further its military campaigns or violate the rights of Palestinians in Gaza or the West Bank.

While such resolutions from the so-called Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions or BDS movement are largely symbolic, UC Santa Barbara is the only school in the University of California system which has never passed one.

Mainstream Jewish organizations, including Hillel, an influential group that is active on 550 North American colleges and universities, want to avoid the college being the last domino to drop.

"To bring something like this now is about the craziest thing that I can imagine," said Toubian, a Hillel member who just ended her term as student body president last week and who says she is supportive of both Israel and Palestinian rights.

"It only serves to divide and inflame the campus climate."

The latest flare up in the conflict between Israel and Hamas has reopened fault lines for some young, liberal American Jews whose progressive ideals clash with their religious or community identities.

Some like Alia Sky, a 21-year-old Jewish-American, have come to oppose Israel outright. A member of the Students for Justice in Palestine, the UC Santa Barbara senior supports the resolution as a way to condemn Israel, even as last week's ceasefire continues to hold.

"Israel is ethnically cleansing Palestinians. It's a genocide," Sky said.

Like many young American Jews interviewed by Reuters, Sky said her views had evolved from earlier years when she was influenced by relatives who described Israel in mostly glowing terms. She said classes on the Middle East in her sophomore year and involvement with the SJP group were critical to her shift.

For some, the racial protests that followed the 2020 killing of Minneapolis Black man, George Floyd, by a white police officer helped them see Palestinians in a new light.

A survey published this month by the Pew Research Center showed about half of U.S. Jews under the age of



University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) student Lea Toubian poses for a photo in Santa Monica.

30 described themselves as emotionally attached to Israel, compared with two-thirds of those 65 and above.

The same poll found 37 percent of U.S. Jews ages 18-29 said the United States was too supportive of Israel, more than double who felt that way in the 65-plus cohort.

Zachary Federman, a student at Brown University, said many Jewish students believed they were taught a "sugar coated" version of Israel in their youth.

"I think younger Jews continuously are more likely to question narratives of unequivocal support that we've been fed," said Federman, who is the co-president of Brown's chapter of J Street U, a self-described pro-Israel, pro-peace group committed to a two-state solution.

The trend towards greater scrutiny of Israel dovetails with the progressive wing of the Democratic Party, whose lawmakers have tried to block a \$735 million sale of precision-guided weapons to Israel in response to the conflict.

### JEWISH STUDENTS HECKLED

Jessy Gonzalez, one of the authors of the Santa Barbara resolution, said he

was optimistic it would fare better than the six previous resolutions - all of which failed, including the latest in 2019 which was defeated in a 14-10 vote.

Gonzalez, a first year student, acknowledged passage might not lead to immediate actions by the school. But he said he still sees significance in sending a message that UC students don't want to support companies that help Israel to "destroy Palestinian lands."

The movement to boycott Israel has been building on U.S. college campuses for years, gathering momentum following the 2014 Gaza war and the emergence of a clutch of Democratic lawmakers, including Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York and Ilhan Omar of Minnesota, who are critical of how Israel treats the Palestinians. Even so, the BDS movement has little support in the U.S. Congress.

Of the 83 resolutions put to a vote at U.S. universities since 2015, 52 percent have passed and the remainder failed, according to the AMCHA Initiative, a non-profit organization which aims to combat antisemitism at U.S. universities. Opponents of the BDS movement of

ten call such resolutions antisemitic, saying they hold Israel to a higher standard and paint a one-sided narrative ignoring attacks from Hamas. Practically, they are also not legally binding and generally do not lead a university to divest.

Rabbi Evan Goodman, executive director of Santa Barbara Hillel, worries the resolution could nevertheless inflame tensions on campus. He said the online discussion with administrators was prompted in part by an incident in which a group of Jewish students were heckled by others yelling "from the river to the sea", a phrase associated with Arab calls to wipe Israel off the map.

As Toubian prepares to graduate, she worries students who share her views will face an increasingly polarized environment in which they must make binary choices about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and other issues.

Toubian said it has been difficult to be both a Democrat and supportive of Israel, which she believes has a right to defend itself. She says she's been called "a white colonizer" and "violent towards people of color" for her beliefs.

Toubian says Jewish students are feeling scared and isolated, with some removing their yarmulke and other symbols of their faith.

For them, she said, the resolution is "a huge source of dread."

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## UK PM Johnson offers qualified apology for remarks on Islam

LONDON

BRITISH Prime Minister Boris Johnson issued a qualified apology for offence caused by his past remarks about Islam, speaking in a critical report into his Conservative Party which looked at discrimination including complaints of Islamophobia.

Johnson was interviewed for the report, commissioned by the ruling Conservatives in response to criticism of how it handled discrimination and complaints. The report was conducted independently by Professor Swaran Singh who has served as a Commissioner for the Equality and Human Rights Commission.

It cited several examples relating to Johnson, including a 2018 newspaper column in which he referred to women wearing burqas as "going around looking like letterboxes" and likened their appearance to bank robbers.

Johnson defended the article as a liberal defense of a Muslim woman's right to choose what she wore.

"I do know that offence has been taken at things I've said, that people expect a person in my position to get things right, but in journalism you need to use language freely. I am obviously sorry for any offence taken," the



Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson

report quoted Johnson as saying.

"Would I use some of the offending language from my past writings today? Now that I am Prime Minister, I would not."

Singh found that the party had not been active enough in challenging discrimination, its complaints procedure needed to be overhauled and its sanctions system for those who breached the rules was unclear.

"Judging by the extent of complaints and findings of misconduct by the Party itself that relate to anti-Muslim words and conduct, anti-Muslim sentiment remains a problem within the Party," the report's conclusions said.

The Conservative Party said it was considering the report's recommendations.

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## Supporters hold rally to mark George Floyd death

MINNEAPOLIS

MINNESOTA Supporters and relatives of George Floyd marched on Sunday ahead of the first anniversary of his murder by a white police officer, a killing that sparked a reckoning on racial injustice in the United States.

About 1,500 marchers in Minneapolis joined members of the Floyd family and relatives of other black people who died in encounters with the police.

Floyd, 46, was killed on May 25 last year by police officer Derek Chauvin, who knelt on his neck for more than nine minutes. Chauvin was convicted by a jury of murder and manslaughter. He will be sentenced on June 25.

The rally opened with speeches outside the Hennepin County Gov-

ernment Center in central Minneapolis where Chauvin stood trial. His death ignited protests against racial injustice across the US and around the world.

Veteran campaigner Reverend Al Sharpton told the crowd that Floyd's killing was "one of the greatest disgraces in American history".

"What happened to George Floyd, as well as so many others, is driving change not only across America but the world," he said. "They thought that they could get away with it, and you went to the streets, black and white, young and old, in the middle of the pandemic" to call for justice.

"He should not go down in history as just someone with a knee on his neck, but as a man whose death helped 'break the neck' of police racism, brutality and illegality."

However, a deadly shooting occurred in the city the night before supporters and relatives of Floyd held their march. One person was killed and eight injured, with one victim in critical condition. Minneapolis police said a suspect in the shooting had been arrested, while a second suspect had died.

This came as frustration has been running high in the country over mounting gun violence.

A dozen people were killed and about 50 injured in shootings over the weekend, after US President Joe Biden last month branded the country's gun violence an "epidemic".

The spate of shooting incidents included deaths in the states of New Jersey, South Carolina, Georgia, Ohio and Minnesota.

Agencies

## World Health Assembly rejects Taiwan-related proposal

GENEVA

THE World Health Assembly (WHA), the highest decision-making body of the World Health Organization (WHO), on Monday refused to include a proposal on Taiwan's participation in its agenda.

Chen Xu, China's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office at Geneva, said in a statement at the meeting that the Chinese delegation firmly supported the recommendation by the General Committee of the 74th WHA to not include the Taiwan-related proposal in the agenda.

Noting that Taiwan is an inalienable part of China, Chen said: "The UNGA Resolution 2758 and WHA Resolution 25.1 provided the legal basis for WHO to abide by the one-China principle, and recognized Taiwan as part of China. The Taiwan-related proposal is in violation of the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, runs against the WHO's Constitution and the WHA's Rules of Procedure, and is illegal and invalid."

The Taiwan region's participation in the WHA must be handled in accordance with the one-China principle and through cross-strait consultations, he stressed.

"The Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) authorities in the Taiwan region obstinately adhered to the separatist position of 'Taiwan independence' and refused to recognize that both sides of the Taiwan Strait belong to one and same China. As a result, the political foundation for the Taiwan region to participate in WHA has ceased to exist," he said.

According to Chen, based on the one-China principle, the Chinese central government has made appropriate arrangements for the Taiwan region's participation in global health affairs.

Since the outbreak of the pandemic, the central government has sent 260 notifications on COVID-19 to the Taiwan region. Health experts in the Taiwan region have participated in 16 WHO technical activities. The WHO Secretariat briefed health experts in the Taiwan region several times on pandemic information.

"The so-called 'international epidemic prevention gap' does not exist, nor do experts of the Taiwan region lack channels and platforms to share response and control practices with others," he said.

The Chinese diplomat noted that the WHA has already reached a conclusion on the Taiwan-related issue. Certain countries' insistence on submitting a Taiwan-related proposal harmed the global anti-pandemic cooperation efforts and the common interest of the WHO member states.

"We urge relevant countries to stop politicizing health issues and using Taiwan issues to interfere in China's internal affairs, and stop disturbing the proper order of the Assembly," Chen said.

Before the assembly, more than 150 countries have, through diplomatic channels, and over 80 countries have, through sending letters to the WHO, expressed their adherence to the one-China principle and their opposition to Taiwan's participation in the WHA, according to Chen.

Xinhua

# SPORT



Twiga Girls cricket team

## Twiga Girls outplay Macechu Girls in TCA Tanga Women League

By Guardian Reporter

TWIGA Girls have kept alive hopes of performing well in the 2021 Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) Tanga Women League, notching a seven-run victory over Macechu Girls in a clash, which took place in the region last weekend.

The eventual winners were forced to dig deep to ultimately post the victory, as Macechu Girls put spirited showing.

Twiga Girls raced to 156 runs for three wickets in 20 overs when they got the chance to start batting in the clash, which took place at Usagara ground.

A breathtaking century posted by one of the key batters, Nasra Nassoro, played a pivotal role in Twiga Girls' dominance.

The opener notched 104 runs not out, which included 15 fours, mercilessly punishing Macechu Girls.

They experienced a wobbly start, in which Nasra's fellow opener, Mericiana William, exited the crease after six overs with five runs to her name.

She was run out by Fatuma Hatibu of Macechu Girls from Saidat Simba's delivery, as the batter mistimed her run between the wickets.

Top order batters, Sharifa Iddi and Fatuma Mwangome, were six runs short of two-digit figures in equally brief spells.

Sharifa was a victim of yet another run out, orchestrated by Macechu Girls' Swaumu Godfrey from Halima Mohamed's delivery.

Twiga Girls' Fatuma was caught by Fatuma

Hatibu from Halima's bowling.

Sada Miraji ended with not out spell, scoring one run.

Halima Mohamed ended with a wicket, giving away 47 runs in four overs.

In response, Macechu Girls put spirited showing, they though ended notching 149 runs all out in 19.5 overs.

Much as Swaumu Godfrey, slotted in as opener, enjoyed impressive innings, her efforts could not bail Macechu Girls out.

The gifted cricketer, who is also a key member of the senior national team, scored 85 runs for her club, nailing eight boundaries and a six in her spell.

Fellow opening batter, Rahma Yahya, vainly sought to help the club stay within reach of chase with a two-digit figure, recording 15 runs.

With the remainder of Macechu Girls' batting unit mostly having inexperienced cricketers, there was little they could do given they were dismissed in quick succession.

Fatuma Hatibu, deployed as middle order batter, and, low order batter, Amina Hassan, ended with three runs and two runs respectively.

Twiga Girls' Mericiana ended with the most wickets given she took three in 0.5 overs, Fatuma Mwangome, Bahati Suleiman, and Zainab Hassan took two wickets each.

The TCA-organized showdown involves three outfits, seeking to step up the promotion of the sport in the country.

The TCA Tanga Women League's Simba Queens, lately leading the rest of the pack, is the league's other team.

The event has the teams locking horns on weekends.

## Mr. UK Marathon's cash set to back entrepreneurs

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

THIS season's Mr. UK Marathon's organizers have stated some of the cash they will get from the event is set to be directed to supporting the Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO)'s members, as part of efforts to empower them.

The marathon, which will have runners taking part in three events, namely 21km, 10km, and 5km, is set to be held at Leaders Club in Dar es Salaam in July.

The race, which seeks to motivate entrepreneurship, will bring together runners from in and outside the country.

Nelson Mrashani, the marathon's coordinator, disclosed the event will motivate investment, noting it is an opportunity for entrepreneurs to benefit from short courses.

"Some of the cash we will get from the race will be used in seeing to it that entrepreneurs are equipped with skills through attending short and long term training."

He disclosed registration for the race has started, adding the event is set to involve 2500 runners.

The race's motto, according to the official, is 'Race towards investment'.

He stated the 21km race's winners in both men and women events will get cash prizes totaling 1m/-, second-placed runners will walk away with 700,000/- apiece.

Mrashani disclosed third-placed runners in both men and women events will rake in 500,000/-, fourth-place finishers will receive 300,000/-.

He pointed out athletes, who will come fifth, will receive 200,000/-, sixth-placed runners will get 100,000/-, runners ending seventh to 10th will be presented with 50,000/- each.

He disclosed: "The race has got firms from both in and outside the country supporting it, they are, among others Electronic Limited, Silent Ocean, Kilimanjaro Star Cargo, Ishi Pure Drinking Water, and Coast Region's Makmar Hotel."

Mrashani mentioned other sponsors from outside the country as 1000 KM Medals, Metal Bagde, Touch Road International, and Holding Groups.

The race coordinator stated other firms still have the opportunity to support the marathon.

## SPORTS

## Why recent Samatta, Msuva, Ulimwengu career contours converge into a pattern

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

REPORTS that the position Tanzania ace forward Mbwana Samatta occupies in Turkish giants Fenerbahce is under review would not have been a surprise to those who follow the pace of the game in his latest club, on loan from English club Aston Villa.

Yet his statistics aren't bad as he had scored five league goals for the Turkish side and one for the equivalent of FA Cup and has often been an unused substitute when the side tackles good sides in the Turkish Premier League.

But then the winds of recruitment and placing on loan are unpredictable, as sometimes a club takes its player back and sometimes it doesn't.

While Samatta is on loan to a big club within the UEFA circuit, two other colleagues have had different fortunes, one being his old TP Mazembe colleague, Thomas Ulimwengu, and the other being Simon Msuva, playing for Wydad Casablanca.

The latter has had a career profile in Morocco which compares with Samatta in Europe, having played for El Jadida for three seasons and then being recruited from the lower-ranked Moroccan side to giants Wydad Casablanca.

The side is arch-rivals to the more regular champions, Raja Casablanca, whose name is comparable to Real Madrid, seeing the two clubs as royal.

Ulimwengu has had a slightly different run of luck or play but, in a sense, it is the same thing, that after trying to shift to the European premier league circus as Msuva also tried earlier, he quit that effort and came back to TP Mazembe, where he is one of their most dependable players. In other words, he has remained a highly successful player but has reduced his sights from the European circuit, while Msuva climbed higher in the ranking by his Wydad recruitment though he isn't as highly ranked in that club as he used to be as El Jadida.

He may be evaluating his actual



Simon Msuva

loyalties, not just salary.

These players are more or less in the same stage of career, around 27 to 28 years of age, with Samatta slightly older at 28 and the other two at 27, and could largely be said to be at the peak of their game, as in football one can't do at 29 or 30 that he didn't do earlier, as even holding to what one was doing up to that point can be challenging.

We should thus see these players not just as the cream of the crop of local soccer stars in the past decade but also its outgoing image, whose best achievement was qualifying for the Africa Cup of Nations with coach Emmanuel Amonike a while ago.

We scarcely have equally able youngsters.

That is perhaps the puzzle one faces looking at the current state of the Tanzania Premier League, that no club has discovered a youngster whom people are out to look at, making his way to Taifa Stars for instance before reaching 19 years of age.

Real stars are fairly well known at 17, like Brazilian legend Pele who made it to the national team at 16 and played his first World Cup finals and scored, at 17.

Some local pundits will say it is because we have so many professionals in the league, but no club has more than 10 of such players and they register 30 each season, so doors are wide open.

Strangely enough, this pattern of what happened to our best players in foreign circuits, respectively in central and north Africa and then in Europe matches or rhymes at least for this year with the fortunes of local

champions Simba SC.

As in the context of Taifa Stars qualification for the AFCON finals, Simba SC reached the quarterfinals of this year's CAF Champions League and made an honourable exit on a 4-3 aggregate defeat to South Africa Kaizer Chiefs, all goals being scored in home games.

There was one local player who came into the limelight in the return leg, John Bocco, who has often captained Taifa Stars, but otherwise, the luster was taken up by foreign professionals, that is, mainly from within the same zones as with Msuva or Ulimwengu, to wit.

This in a way explains the strangely divergent modes of fortune between archrivals Simba and Yanga during the past few years- that while local rivalry fires up Yanga players to stand on their own when it comes to the city derby, the same trend of results is not available in continental soccer.

Here Simba SC is dominant over any other club around, whose cup runs stop fairly early in preliminary or group stages.

This trend doesn't seem like it will change in the coming year as conditions remain largely the same, with a paucity of investment capacity at Yanga, and a discernible level of wanton disorganization.

## Horoya AC seeks to rope in Yanga midfielder

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

GUINEA football big guns, Horoya AC, have reportedly identified Yanga's Congolese midfielder Mukoko Tonombe as their primary target in the upcoming transfer window.

Horoya AC is set to table a huge offer for the DR Congo midfielder who they see as a key man to strengthen their squad.

The Guinean champions are said to have listed Tonombe as their primary transfer target given how he has performed for Yanga since he signed at the beginning of the current season.

The publication further reports Horoya is ready to pay the defensive midfielder a salary that is triple what he gets at the record Tanzanian champions.

He is understood to be on a monthly salary of \$3,600 (6m/-) and that means he would be on a monthly package in the region of \$10,000 should the move happen.

To entice Yanga into letting the prized midfielder leave, it is understood the Guinean giants have offered \$200,000 in the sign-on fee.

The club is understood to have made a plan of making the first move to sign Tonombe early next week.

"We know Tonombe is a key player at Yanga but he is also among the best in his country and that means he is a player that every team that aims bigger would want," Horoya's president Soufiane Souare said.

Tonombe's agent Nestor Mutuale has confirmed they have received many offers for the player including Horoya AC's.

"Horoya is just one of the many clubs that have shown real interest in signing Tonombe," Mutuale said.

He stated: "But for now, it would be too early to speak about the offer because for now, Yanga must deal with that matter."

He said: "We have asked them to find GSM Group [Yanga's sponsors] Chairman, Ghalib Mohamed, and the club's Chairman, Mshindo Msolla, as they are the men who will make the final decision. My work is only to stand



Mukoko Tonombe

for the interest of the player."

Tonombe and Tuisila Kisinda have settled in well at Yanga since arriving at the beginning of the season.

Horoya was able to sign Yanga's then prolific scorer Heritier Makambo in a deal that was reported to be around 70,000 Euros four seasons ago.

## High stakes for Emery as Villarreal aim for Europa League shock against Man Utd

LONDON

UNAI Emery will add to his already sparkling Europa League record if Villarreal beat Manchester United today but victory would also turn an otherwise mediocre first season in charge into a great one.

Villarreal had just finished fifth in La Liga when they appointed Emery as coach last summer, with the Spaniard's remit to take the club closer to winning titles and securing Champions League qualification.

He could achieve both in one fell swoop in Gdansk, where an upset against the much-fancied United would not only clinch Villarreal their first ever major trophy but also a place in Europe's premier tournament next season.

"We respect United but we think we're capable of winning this trophy," said Emery last week. "We are going to play with the confidence we've shown throughout the whole competition."

The drop-off though with a defeat would be huge, given Villarreal would not only end the season without silverware but shorn of a place even in the next Europa League.

Their loss to Real Madrid on Saturday meant Emery's side finished seventh in La Liga, two spots lower and two points fewer than they managed last season, and enough only to qualify for UEFA's new and less lucrative Europa Conference League.

There is no real sense yet of Emery being under pressure, in part because so much depends on how Villarreal fare against United, in what is their first European final since winning the Intertoto Cup in 2004.

"Villarreal have reached the Europa League semis three times before so if we hadn't got to the final again it would have been hard

for us," said the club's former midfielder Marcos Senna, who was in the team that won the Intertoto Cup 17 years ago.

"Manchester United are clear favourites because of their history and their budget. We've snuck through the back door a bit but if they play well, I think they can spring a surprise."

- Fifth final appearance for Emery -

Emery knows what it takes to win the Europa League, having triumphed three times in a row with Sevilla between 2014 and 2016, the last time by beating Liverpool 3-1 in the final in Basel. He also reached the final two years ago with Arsenal, only to lose to Chelsea.

"Manchester United were the favourites from the start to win this tournament and they've managed to reach the final," said Emery. "There were other teams who were favourites and haven't done that but we have always seen ourselves as a contender."

Villarreal are also flying the flag for Spain as the one team that denied the English Premier League a clean sweep of European finalists, with Manchester City up against Chelsea in the Champions League final on Saturday.

If Villarreal defeat United, Spain will boast seven of the last 10 Europa League champions, the others belonging to Chelsea in 2013 and 2019, and United in 2017, when Jose Mourinho's side beat Ajax.

"The Premier League is dominating football in Europe," Emery said. "But to reach a final you always have to knock out big teams, or teams that have knocked out big teams themselves, like Dinamo Zagreb. Games like these are a challenge. They tell you what level your team is at."

AFP

## 'I want a trophy' - Benzema eyes silverware after long France exile

PARIS

REAL Madrid's Karim Benzema said he's targeting a trophy with France after he was recalled to their provisional Euro 2020 squad following a controversial, six-year international exile.

The prolific star, sidelined by Les Bleus since 2015 over his alleged role in a blackmail plot, missed out on France's 2018 World Cup win and their run to the Euro 2016 final on home soil.

Benzema, 33, (pictured) told L'Equipe he was "proud" of his call-up, which followed talks with France coach Didier Deschamps earlier this month.

"I want to win a trophy with the French team," he said, adding that he hoped to "bring a little bit extra" to the World Cup winners.

Benzema, who has 27 goals in 81 international appearances, was last week named as this season's best French foreign-based player by the country's players' association.

He top-scored for Real Madrid with 29 goals this term, passing 20 league goals in all three seasons since Cristiano Ronaldo left for Juventus in 2018.

Benzema has repeatedly criticised Deschamps and the French Football Federation for being dropped, citing racism as a factor in his axing from the Euro 2016 squad.

But he said those differences were in the past after his conversation with the coach.

"We said many things. Things that we needed to say for a long time. It was a good explanation, with important words," Benzema said.

He added: "I'm not coming to the French team to overshadow anyone or to take anyone's place. ... I am here to bring what I know."

France kick off their Euro 2020 campaign against three-time winners Germany in Munich on June 15, and also face Hungary and holders Portugal in Group F.

AFP

# African football's defining moments of the past season

By Ed Dove, Special to ESPN

ESPN reviews African football's defining moments of 2020-21 -- from the sublime to the surreal -- during an unforgettable year for continental soccer.

### Mahrez vs Paris Saint-Germain

While no one can question Riyad Mahrez's trophy haul since arriving at Manchester City, he still had much to prove when it came to truly shaping the biggest matches for Pep Guardiola's side.

His raw talents are indisputable, and he's certainly decorated some of the Sky Blues' recent glories, but last year's FA Cup semifinal capitulation against Arsenal, and Mahrez's omission against Olympique Lyonnais in the ill-fated Champions League semi counted against him.

Against PSG in the final four this time around, Mahrez emphatically answered any lingering critics to deliver one of the greatest double-headed performances by any African player in the history of the competition.

In the first leg, he netted City's winner in a 2-1 away victory, and then scored both goals in the return match as the Citizens secured progression to the UCL final for the first time in their history.

There can no longer be any doubting that Mahrez is not just a fine player in an excellent squad, but is a key man for a truly outstanding team.

Hakimi's Inter end Serie A wait had been 11 long years that Internazionale hadn't had their hands on the Serie A title by the time they finally wrapped up the 2021 Scudetto.

Inspired by ambitious recruitment and Antonio Conte's adventurous style, they romped to the title, seeing off a long-standing challenge from AC Milan to end the campaign 12 points clear at the top.

One of their key figures was Achraf Hakimi, who settled readily after arriving in Lombardy on a €40 million deal from Real Madrid in July.

The right sider -- so impressive on loan at Borussia Dortmund -- was influential this term, having a direct hand in 15 goals and representing a key weapon for Inter.

Establishing himself as the best African wing-back in the game, Hakimi was also responsible for some of their key moments of the season.

Notably in 1-0 victories over Cagliari and Hellas Verona during the run-in, when it appeared as though stubborn opposition would not yield, it was Hakimi who made the decisive breakthrough with the winning assists.

Then -- to finally get Inter over the line -- it was the Moroccan international who netted the second against Crotone on May 1, giving the Nerazzurri a 2-0 lead, finally putting the match to bed, and ending Juventus' nine-year stranglehold on the gold.

### Nigeria 4-4 Sierra Leone

The most remarkable CAF game of the season came in November, as Nigeria and Sierra Leone played out an astonishing 4-4 draw in Benin City.

Even more eye-opening than the Super Eagles racing into a breathless 4-0 lead inside 29 minutes was their collapse, as the Leone Stars stepped through the gears and increased the pressure.

After clawing one back before half-time, they threw caution to the wind, scoring three in the space of 14 second half minutes to register an unlikely point that kept their qualification hopes alive.

There was some salt in this one as well, with the Leone Stars complaining furiously before the match about their accommodation, lack of sleep, and the hosts' 'error' in hoisting their tricolour flag vertically rather than horizontally before the match.

After the controversial postponement of their final qualifier against Benin, even now, almost two months after the intended end of the qualifying campaign, they are still in the hunt for a first AFCON berth since 1996.



Riyad Mahrez



Edouard Mendy

### Edouard Mendy's Chelsea arrival

It's been rare indeed that African goalkeepers have impressed in the Premier League, with the likes of Richard Kingson and Carl Ikeme leaving precious little legacy in the top flight.

That's all changed with Mendy, as the Senegal No. 1 arrived at Chelsea and made an instant impact at Stamford Bridge, immediately helping to settle the ship as a replacement for the erratic Kepa Arrizabalaga.

He became the first Chelsea goalkeeper since Petr Cech in 2004 to keep a clean sheet in his first three Blues outings, and by March, held the record for highest percentage of shutouts for any Prem stopper featuring in over 10 matches.

The West African may yet become a European champion this term.

### Oshoala becomes Africa's first European women's champion

Four-time African Player of the Year Asisat Oshoala broke new ground for African women earlier this month as part of the Barcelona side that smashed Chelsea in the Women's Champions League final.

The 4-0 victory means Oshoala becomes both the first Nigerian woman and first African woman to conquer Europe.

It was validation for the 26-year-old, who scored in the Final two years ago as Barca were dispatched 4-1 by a rampant Lyon side, and she could have another



Patrice Motsepe

this time around only for her effort -- which would have been the Spanish giants' fifth -- to be ruled out for offside.

Triumph puts the Super Falcon on course to win yet more international honours later in the year.

### Motsepe arrives to head CAF

A decisive day for African football -- although it remains to be seen if the long-term consequences will be positive or negative -- was March 13, when South African billionaire Patrice Motsepe was elected as the new CAF president.

His arrival brought to an end the troubled reign of his predecessor Ahmad Ahmad, whose time at the helm increasingly lurched from controversy to controversy.

In the light of overwhelming support from FIFA president Gianni Infantino, Motsepe was ushered into the hotseat as his would-be rivals folded in behind him, and with his appointment, so too the wishes of world football's governing body being more closely aligned with those of Africa.

### Iheanacho's FA Cup record

Leicester City ultimately missed out on Champions League qualification following another late-season collapse, but it was nonetheless a year to remember for their Nigeria striker.

Iheanacho, who has so consistently flattered to deceive since arriving from Manchester City, finally hit his stride this term and ended the year with a career-high 12 Premier League goals.

He also broke new ground -- both personally and in an African context -- in the FA Cup, where he scored four during the campaign, including a double to eliminate Manchester United, and the semifinal winner to dispatch Southampton.

The highlight, of course, was defeating Chelsea to win the Foxes' first FA Cup, even if the contest did pass Iheanacho by.

Regardless, he will look back fondly on a campaign in which his brace against United both sent the Foxes to their first semi since 1982 and ensured he eclipsed Didier Drogba as the continent's all-time top scorer in the competition.

Since Iheanacho's FA Cup debut, no player has scored more than him in the oldest club tournament still in existence.

International football returns... Eleven months after international fixtures last took place, the continent's sides finally returned to action in October 2020, albeit still beneath the cloud of COVID-19 restrictions.

For many players in Africa, this international break represented the first time they had returned to any kind of action since the start of the pandemic, with many of Africa's domestic leagues only belatedly returning in 2021.

The FIFA window therefore represented a chance for national sides to reward players who had impressed over the previous 11 months with debut caps, to play friendlies in preparation for the November qualifiers, and for teammates to see each other again after a particularly testing year.

For much of the continent, it was a first genuine step forward to normality returning in African football.

... which leads to COVID controversies

However, despite the enthusiasm that accompanied the return of international football to Africa, it hasn't all been plain-sailing, with coronavirus restrictions and protocols generating some compelling stories of their own.

Gabon's night in the Banjul airport in November was one such instance, as Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang and his teammates were forced to spend the night sleeping on the floor of the terminal after being denied entry to Gambia.

The Arsenal striker -- one of the most decorated and well-paid players in the African game -- shared videos of the night and aimed accusations at CAF, while some of the country's delegation blamed Gambia for attempting to destabilise their opponents. Both teams ultimately qualified for AFCON.

There were parallels during the March qualifiers, when Benin refused to take to the field in Sierra Leone after being told by their hosts that several of their key players had tested positive at the last minute and would not be permitted to play.

Unwilling to accept the medical results presented to them, Benin refused to descend from the team bus, despite the barracking of local officials, while the Leone Stars were unwilling to relent on the 'positive' diagnoses.

CAF decided the two sides will contest a would-be playoff for the final AFCON qualifying berth next month.

### Trezeguet vs Salah: Aston Villa 7-2 Liverpool

The most astonishing game of the season may have belonged to hat-trick hero Ollie Watkins, but there were mixed fortunes for two Egyptian stars in Trezeguet and Mohamed Salah, who were both exceptional on the day.

Salah -- in a microcosm of much of his season -- maintained his high standards with a brace as Liverpool wilted, while Trezeguet registered an assist in a barely believable triumph that sent shockwaves round the football world.

It was a sensational performance from Villa, a scintillating performance from Salah even though his team shipped seven, and yet again, African players were at the heart of the most outstanding football match of the season.



## Gwiji by David Chikoko



# SPORT

**Lille enjoy French title win but maintaining success may be impossible**

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Caravans A cricket squad's Kassim Nasser (R) receives a man of the match award from a senior cricket development officer, Ali Mpeka, who also plays for the senior national cricket team, after the Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) Division A's 'Eliminator' between Caravans A and Pak Stars, which took place last weekend. Harab Motors Company sponsors the award. PHOTO: COURTESY OF DC

## Caravans cricketers sail through to Kazim Nasser League Division A's semi-finals

By Guardian Reporter

CARAVANS A cricketers have made it to the last four of this season's Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) Division A after commanding a 55-run victory over Pak Stars in a knockout tie, termed as 'Eliminator', which took place on Sunday.

The 'Eliminator' brought together outfits, which came second in groups A and B of the showpiece.

Caravans A will therefore lock horns with Aga Khan SC A, which suffered a loss to Alaf Aces A in the first semi-final, in the tournament's second semi-final slated for the next weekend.

In the last Sunday's match, played at Leaders Club venue,

Caravans A registered 171 runs for six wickets in the scheduled 18 overs, once they had the chance to start batting.

Caravans A team's all-rounder Kassim Nasser's experience came in handy for the squad, which seeks to make yet another shot at lifting a regional club competition's top honour.

Nasser, who ultimately won the man of the match prize, notched nine fours in his overall impressive stint which saw the performer notch 60 runs.

Fellow opener Nandakishan Pot-tachira recorded 19 runs in a rather shorter spell as his presence at the crease was cut short by the opponents' Muhammad Mudasser.

Jitin Pratap Singh, who has otherwise happened to be the outfit's consistent performer, had a frustrating outing, given he was dismissed after recording five runs, which included a boundary.

Safvan Annarathodika put some fine knocks, registering 24 runs which included two fours and a sixer, and somewhat boosted the score.

Caravans A's other key players, Nasibu Kelvin and Hamisi Abdallah, posted 13 runs and 10 runs respectively.

Kevin exhibited his penchant for cracking big shots with two fours, Abdallah had a four in his stint.

Skipper Sreejit Kumar forged an unbeaten partnership with Manoj Kumar, in which Sreejit notched 18 runs not out, clearing the boundary on two occasions.

Kumar's stint concluded with the performer recording eight runs not out.

Pak Stars' Zafar Khan posted two wickets, giving away 46 runs in four overs.

Although Pak Stars is one of the domestic outfits boasting of having a competent batting unit, they lost steam when they took the crease, scoring 116 runs all out in 15.3 overs.

Opening batsman Ivan Ismail's 51 runs were so far the only performance worth writing home about in what was mostly a frustrating afternoon they endured.

Ismail posted five boundaries and two sixes in his half-century.

Fellow opener Nisar Ahmed ended four runs short of a two-digit figure as the team experienced the first blow to their quest for mounting successful chase.

Zafar stepped at the crease with Pak Stars registering 46 runs after 5.6 overs.

His presence could hardly inject the much-needed zeal, he did not last long at the crease, recording eight runs, which included two fours.

The rest of the outfit's performers did not live up to expectations, low order batsman Basit Raza was the only other player with a two-digit figure, notching 14 runs not out.

Farhan Atiq ended one run short of a two-digit score, cracking a four.

Singh made up for his less impressive outing with the bat, putting on impressive bowling displays that saw him notch two wickets in four overs.

Caravans A's Gokul Das (two wickets in three overs) and youthful cricketer, Issa Safari, (two wickets in two overs) saw to it Pak Stars' batsmen are kept in check.

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## Hussein Nyika counsels Yanga

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

YANGA has been challenged to emulate the outfit's age-old rivals, Simba SC if the former seeks to book a place in the CAF Champions League quarter-finals.

The Msimbazi Street giants were knocked out of this season's CAF Champion League after losing 4-3 on aggregate to Kaizer Chiefs of South Africa in the quarterfinals.

Simba conceded a 4-0 defeat in the first leg in Johannesburg before winning the return leg 3-0 at Dar es Salaam's Benjamin Mkapa Stadium last weekend.

While admitting they were happy to see their rivals bow out, former Yanga's Competition Committee's Chairman, Hussein Nyika, has admitted his outfit still has to borrow a thing or two from Simba on how the latter operates if Yanga is to conquer Africa in the coming season.

Nyika believes Simba has defended their honour by making sure they did not lose at home.

He appealed to Yanga to learn from Simba should the former get a ticket to continental football next season.

"I have seen our compatriots (Simba) did not lose at home this season, this is a very good record for them that makes them protect their dignity. What I have found out is Simba followers do not discriminate against each other when it comes to protecting the dignity of their club," Nyika noted.

"I insist Yanga must learn from this even if they do hate Simba, they should learn a thing or two from the latter's achievements and also set a bar for themselves," he opined.

He noted: "We need to be realistic and also have goals in what we want to win and our plans should be managed properly and if we get a ticket back to the continental scene then we can use Simba as a starting point for self-assessment."

Nyika was impressed with the fact Simba fans stood out with their team even after failing to overturn the first leg defeat to Chiefs, insisting such a gesture will keep the team together for many seasons to come.

"There are times when the fans put a lot of pressure on the players and forget that their arrival on the field seeks to strengthen the team, but Simba fans were on par with their players and helped them score those three goals," Nyika stated.

"They [fans] cheered for a long time but what impressed me was at the end of the game they all congratulated their players, a situation which makes a player feel he is worth more to fight for his team when he and fellow players play next time."

Simba has now shifted focus to retaining the league and domestic cup titles and is currently neck-on-neck with Yanga in the top flight.

The teams are level on points, given they have registered 61 points, though Yanga has played four more matches.

# Tanzania to field four outfits in next season's African club tournaments



Lindi's Namungo FC represented Tanzania in 2020/21 CAF Confederation Cup.

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

TANZANIA will next season be represented by four clubs in the African club tournaments after Senegal's ASC Jaraaf Club exited this season's CAF Confederation Cup's quarterfinals on an away goals rule.

The ASC Jaraaf had posted a 2-1 victory over Cameroon outfit, Cotonsport, in the last eight's second leg, which took place in Dakar last weekend.

Much as the ASC Jaraaf notched the victory, the team exited the showdown, given the outfit had lost 1-0 to Cotonsport in the first leg match, which took place at the latter's backyard.

With the aggregate score standing at 2-2, Cotonsport, as a result, knocked ASC Jaraaf out via the away goals rule.

The side's elimination now leaves Senegal with 15 points while Tanzania has 27.5 points in the CAF club competitions' ranking.

Tanzania has added a point in the standings, following the good performance shown by Mainland Tanzania Premier League champions Simba SC in this season's

Champions League.

Simba SC was knocked out of the Champions League's quarterfinals with a 4-3 aggregate defeat to Kaizer Chiefs of South Africa.

Tanzania will field two teams in the next season's Champions League and the country's other two clubs will take part in the Confederation Cup.

This will be the second time for Tanzania to enter four teams in the Africa club tournaments.

The country had first done so in the 2019/20 season, whereby Simba SC and Yanga competed in the Champions League, whereas Azam FC and Kinondoni Municipal Council FC took part in the Confederation Cup.

Meanwhile, Lindi's Namungo FC head coach Hemed Suleiman 'Morocco' has said that after his side was eliminated from this season's Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC)'s quarterfinals, suffering 2-0 defeat to Mara's Biashara United, he must turn his attention to the remaining games of the Vodacom Premier League.

Namungo FC, which last season advanced to the showdown's final and suffered a 2-1 loss to Simba

SC, last weekend failed to make it to the semi-finals, losing to Biashara United in the quarterfinal clash held at Karume Stadium in Mara.

After the game, Suleiman expressed his satisfaction with the results, noting he believes his players' fatigue which was caused by a tight schedule, has contributed to the results.

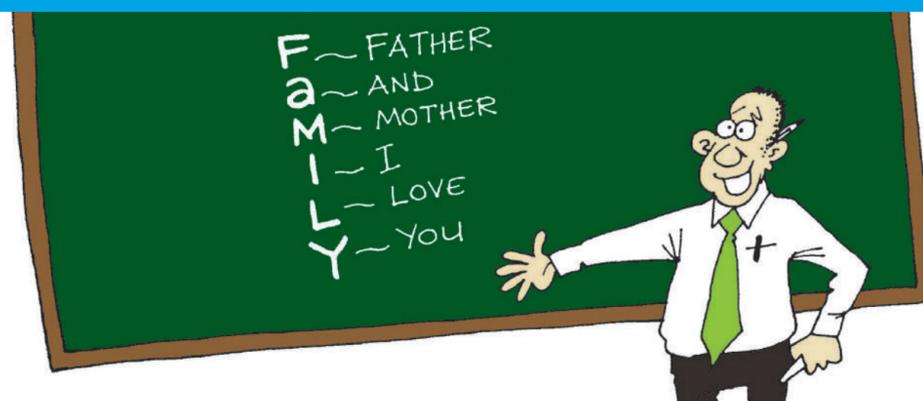
He disclosed: "We failed to block well and the good thing is we only conceded two goals but it would have been more dangerous. Congratulations to Biashara United for making the most of the opportunities available to them."

He stated: "I think we spent a lot of energy on the Confederation Cup. We are now looking more closely at how to finish the top flight and prepare our squad for next season."

In this season's Vodacom Premier League standings Namungo FC sits 10th with 37 points, after playing 27 games.

Namungo FC has seven games left to finish this season and will need to win all of the fixtures if the team is make certain of featuring in next season's league.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko



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