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By Henry Mwangonde

IR Tanzania Co. Ltd (ATCL) yesterday outlined a number of challenges which it wants to be resolved to allow it effectively implement its newly-drafted business plan that focuses on expansion and profitability.

Director General Ladislaus Matindi told President Samia Suluhu Hassan that one of the issues hindering the national carrier's smooth operations is the company's ownership structure

He was speaking during a ceremony to receive a new Dash 8-400 aircraft at the Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA) in Dar es Salaam, whose arrival brings the ATCL fleet to nine aircraft "which is does not own. They are owned by the government through the Government Flight Agency (TGFA)" which the ATCL management figures to be a problem.

"This kind of structure does not allow us to make certain business decisions such as increasing our fleet," he said, underlining that the other big challenge is a pile of inherited debts "which means most of our earnings end up in servicing the debts."

He said that ATCL used to own 20 per cent of shares of Sky Chef–a company providing on board catering services–but the shares were taken over by the Treasury Registrar. "We request that these shares be returned to ATCL to improve our financial position," he declared.

The ATCL CEO also named the disruptions occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic as a challenge that requires new strategies to emerge strong in the near future as most travellers are currently being vaccinated.

For the company to thrive, it has drawn up a business plan which has already been presented for perusal and advice on way forward, he stated, noting further that the arrival of the plane makes the company operate five short range planes, two medium range and two planes for long range routes.

"It is this plan that determines the kind planes that we have, so this kind of plane

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan cuts the ribbon at Dar es Salaam's Julius Nyerere International Airport yesterday when receiving the government's newly acquired aircraft. The plane, a new Bombadier DASH 8-Q400, is due for lease to the national airline, Air Tanzania Company Limited (ATCL). She is joined by several senior government and other officials, among them Vice President Dr Philip Mpango, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa and Works and Transport minister Dr Leonard Chamuriho. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Ministry seeks formula for vaccines allocation

By Henry Mwangonde

VACCINATION of three high-risk groups is set to start on Tuesday next week in all 26 regions of Tanzania Mainland with reported Covid-19 cases in each region determining the number of doses.

A statement released yesterday by the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, said distributing the nearly one million and half doses of the Johnson&Johnson Covid-19 vaccines that were recently donated by the United States had already started.

The priority groups are heath sector workers, people with pre-existing health conditions as well as people aged 50 years and above.

Apart from reported cases of Covid-19 in each region, the number of people in the two other groups,those with underlying health issues and senior citizens has also been considered in the distribution modal-



Minister Dr Dorothy Gwajima

ity, the ministry indicated.

"Because the number of doses we have at hand is not enough for all, other groups will receive vaccines later when the jabs are available," it said, elaborating that prioritization of the three groups is in line with Tanzania's Covid-19 vaccination guidelines, guidance of the World Health Organization (WHO) as well as the global COVAX facility.

The government has approved the Jonson & Johnson's Janssen jab through testing conducted by the Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA), the Government Chemist Laboratory as well as the National Health Laboratory, it further noted.

"The government will start vaccinating people in the aforesaid groups starting 3 August 2021 in 55 centres in all regions of Tanzania Mainland," it affirmed.

The Johnson & Johnson coronavirus vaccine is administered as a one-dose shot, whereas other widely used ones such as Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines are administered as two doses, given 21 and 28 days apart respectively.

On Wednesday, President Samia Suluhu Hassan led other national leaders in the launch of the national Covid-19 vaccination

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Zanzibar initiates new motor riding rules

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE government of Zanzibar has introduced guidelines to regulate operations of motorcycle taxis (bodaboda) as well as tricycles as official means of transport. The move aims at bringing sanity to the business that is notorious for violations of traffic rules and compromising the safety of pedestrians.

Muhammed Simba Hassan, director of the Transport Licensing Department, said the government came up with the move as the sector was emerging as key em

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TRA misses its revenue collection target by 4trn/-

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

ANNUAL collections by the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) fell from target by a salutary 20 per cent or thereabouts of projected revenues in the past fiscal year.

The revenue agency says it has collected 18.14trn/- in the just ended 2020/21 financial year amid the Covid-19 pandemic, substantially short of its target of amassing 22.1trn/-. Richard Kayombo, the Director for Tax-

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payer Services and Education, told a press conference here yesterday that the collections level was all the same impressive considering the disruptions occasioned by the

pandemic.
In the last quarter of 2020/21 TRA collected 4.45trn/- whereby in April the taxman realized 1.34trn/-, May (1.35trn/-) and June (1.85trn/-), he stated, indicating an average of

1.5trn/- in revenue collections per month. He praised individuals and companies

for tax compliance, asserting that they demonstrated a sense of patriotism at difficult time as the pandemic could have been used as an excuse to dodge taxes.

In the current financial year TRA has put up a 23trn/-collections target, he stated, expressing expectations that the spirit of patriotism will be maintained.

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which we have received today will facilitate our local trips," he elaborated.

Reacting to the remarks, President Samia acknowledged that she had indeed obtained the plan and expects to sit with her advisors and see how to move forward,

She said the panes were acquired by sweat and blood of Tanzanians, directing ATCL to take good care of them and control all possible acts of sabotage including from workers.

In the next five years, the government plans to strengthen air transport and other modes of transport such as water and land, she said, underlining that air transport is a big stimulator of economic growth globally as it cuts costs and time taken in travel and freight.

"Tanzania sold 700m tonnes of farm products abroad and expects that it will get \$2bn from horticulture sales by 2027, the president noted, pointing at the need for better transportation facilities.

"The government has also expanded various airports across the country to ensure transport within the country improves."

Works and Transport minister Dr Leonard Chamuriho said the plane increases ATCL fleet to nine out 11 planes expected to be purchased by the government.

Currently ATCL flies to seven start of the century.

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Speaking before receiving the jab

in a live televised event at the State

House in Dar es Salaam, the presi-

to ship in sufficient supplies of jabs.

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Tanzanians will be inoculated.

places abroad but some of them were halted due to the Covid-19 pandemic and some other legal issues, he stated, in a ceremony where before the arrival of the plane, an official handover was done from the Treasury to the ministry.

So far the government has spent 1.2trn/- in purchasing eight aircrafts for ATCL in an effort to revive the airline, with the aircraft being four Bombardier Dash 8 Q-400 (capable of carrying 76 passengers each), two Boeing 787 - 800 Dreamliners (capable of carrying 262 passengers each) and two Airbuses A220-300, the planes having been ordered and received during the fifth phase presidency.

This follows a project mooted in 2016 to revitalize its national carrier, purchasing six new aircraft from k 2016 to 2018, paid out debts and provided working capital tied with a new business

Acquiring more aircraft reflects the government's plans to grow ATCL operations across Africa as well as to various international destinations.

Air Tanzania was established as Air Tanzania Corporation (ATC) in September in 1977 after the collapse of the regional East African Airways. It has since been characterized by spasmodic operations and instability following ineffective attempts at changing its shareholding structure at the

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Dar es Salaam regional sheikh Alhad Mussa Salum (L) addresses journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday shortly after being re-elected chairman of the region's Religious Leaders Peace Committee. He is with committee secretary general Bishop Israel Maasa (C) and deputy secretary general Sheikh Dr Amri

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ployer of many islanders especially the youth. The motorcycle and tricycle taxis will now be formally registered for commercial purposes and will be allowed to carry passengers on the basis of designated stations close to bus stops, and be required to adhere to road use and safety rules.

As part of new measures, and to ensure success of the initiative, operators in this sub-sector will be drilled on traffic rules as well as safety guidelines to protect the

riders and their passengers. Pricing of rides will depend on agreement between the eider and the passenger but it will be subject to discussion in case substantial problems arise, he stated.

Works, Transport and Communications minister Rahma Kassim Ali said this type of transport was growing very fast in the Isles and contributes to income generation especially for the youth. Regulating 'bodaboda' business arises from ministerial roles under article 48(4) of the Road Transport Act of 2003, she explained, urging Isles

residents wishing to venture into the business to consult relevant bodies for direction, including obtaining a license. Haji Ali Zubeir, the Director of Road Transport, said that motorcycle riding was different from usual modes of transport which transport passengers on designated routes. Motor and tricycle drivers will be directed to put on specified uniform in carrying passengers for easy recognition, he declared. The ministry had registered 13,000 motor and tricycles, he said. while the Zanzibar

Bodaboda Association

treasurer, Mahmoud Hassan hailed the government for the move. It was going to reduce crime incidents too often associated with motorcycle riders, he asserted. "This will help in combating crime because we will easily know 'who is who' in case there is an incident of gender based violence where suspicions are quickly directed at motorcycle riders,' he stated, noting further that it is time for 'bodaboda' riders to understand the rules of their work "so that it is professionalized. The regulation of their

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Strategies being implemented to fulfill the target of collections include enhancing tax payer education, expanding the tax base, improving tax collection, including the use of electronic tax recording methods.

"Improving our relations with taxpayers is of paramount importance and is likely to be achievable by promptly resolving the challenges they face," he said, underlining that friendly relations permit taxpayer confidence and enhance voluntary compliance.

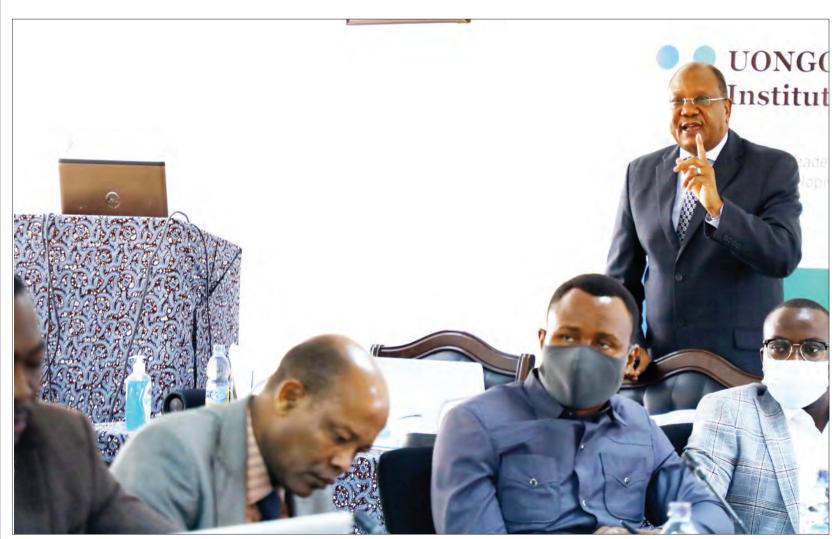
"This is what TRA hopes to see happening instead of enforcement," he elaborated, promising that the agency will start registering new tax payers all over the country beginning next month, in a bid to expand the tax

Economic Prospects 2021 incurred in 2020 will still not be released last month forecasts caught up by 2022," it affirmed.

lowest economic growth rates in Sub-Sahara Africa and in conflictaffected countries.

It predicts the global economy to expand by 5.6 per cent in 2021, driven largely by a few big economies. Amid very uneven vaccine access and pandemic recovery, low-income countries will only have a 2.9 per cent GDP growth rate in 2021, with output levels in 2022 predicted to be 4.9 per cent lower than pre-pandemic projections.

"In conflict-affected income countries, the pandemic underlying exacerbated challenges so that growth is expected to average 2.5 per cent in 2021-22, about 0.7 per cent point below previous forecast due to a degraded security situation and increased debt burdens. In 75 per cent of World Bank member The World Bank's Global states, per capita income losses



Tanganyika Law Society president Dr Edward Hoseah makes a presentation on the code of conduct for National Assembly directors and assistant directors at training held in Zanzibar yesterday. Photo courtesy of National Assembly.

Kenyan man wanted in US over million-dollar fraud

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The US Justice Department has indicted a Kenyan accused of attempting to steal more than \$1.1 million from someone who wanted to fund a new children's school in

Qatar. Abdulrahman Imraan Juma alias Abdul is also accused of laundering money through bank accounts around the world.

Juma is said to have worked with Nigerian influencer Ramon Abbas - also known as Hushpuppi - to defraud a Qatari school

According to court documents, Juma, Abbas and a third defendant faked the financing of a school by posing as bank officials and creating a fake website to convince the businessman to part with his money.

They also "bribed a foreign official to keep the elaborate pretense going after the victim was tipped off," said acting United

States Attorney Tracy L. Wilkison. While Juma posed as a facilitator and

consultant for the false bank loans, Abbas played the role of "Malik", a Wells Fargo banker in New York. Abbas pleaded guilty over his involvement in the crime.

Court documents say that between January 18, 2019 and June 9, 2020, Hushpuppi and others targeted multiple victims and

the world.

They succeeded in defrauding the businessman of \$1.1 million and part of the stolen money was used to "purchase a Richard Mille RM11-03 watch, which was hand-delivered to Abbas in Dubai and subsequently appeared in Hushpuppi's social media laundered the illicit funds in banks all over posts," prosecutors said.

Food prices at various markets across Tanzania recorded downward trend'

By Guardian Reporter

FOOD prices at various markets across the country recorded a downward trend in the month of June with maize sold at 300/- per kilogram in some districts.

Dodoma, Mwanza and Musoma had above average maize price while Mpanda, Sumbawanga and Tabora were all below average maize prices. The lowest maize prices were observed at markets in Mpanda, Sumbawanga and Tabora.

This is according to the June national food security bulletin, issued by the Ministry of Agriculture's crop monitoring, early warning section, national food security division.

Maize prices at the Mpanda market was 300/- per kilogram while in Sumbawanga a kilo of the grain was sold at 317/- and 350/- per kg at markets in Tabora Region.

Temeke, Dodoma, Ilala and Kinondoni markets had the highest prices for beans, ranging from 2,050/- to 2,100/- per kg while Kigoma, Sumbawanga and Bukoba

markets had the lowest prices of beans ranging from 1166/- to 1,286/- per kg.

Some markets in Ilala, Songea, Dodoma and Iringa had the highest prices for rice ranging whereas a kilogram was sold at between 1,600/- and 1,700/-.

Rice was also sold at low prices of between 950/- and 1,036/- per kg at markets in Mpanda, Shinyanga, Musoma and Sum-

However, the country has a favourable food and nutrition security situation in terms of both availability and accessibility as from the start of the 2021/2022 consumption year.

It said the 2020/2021 consumption year have been completed with the country experiencing favourable food and nutrition security both in terms of availability and accessibility throughout the year.

According to preliminary food crops production forecast for 2020/2021 production season conducted in June, 2021, food availability and accessibility in 2021/2022 consumption year is expected to be favourable with significant surplus.



Shinyanga regional commissioner Dr Philemon Sengati (in mask, sun glasses) on an inspection tour of ongoing construction of classrooms at the region's Bugomba B Primary School yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Anthony Ishengoma

Grand testing for SGR pushed to December

By Correspondent Emmanuel Onyango

FORMAL grand testing of an electric locomotive train along the first phase of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) which was earlier set to be done in August this year, has been indefinitely postponed until December 2021.

Currently the portion line is being tested for electricity systems in various power stations which started in April and ends in July this year, thereby on its completion according to initial plans it was supposed to be followed by locomotive grand testing.

Officials of Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) have clarified reasons for postponement is to give more time the main contractor of the project who is currently busy putting final touches to accomplish the delicate works on overhead bridges along the 20 km stretch that is confined between Dar es Salaam and Pugu stations.

TRC's Public Relations Manager Jamila Mbarouk said in an exclusive interview that "the area especially at Buguruni, Shauri Moyo and Gold-Star junctions in the city of Dar es Salaam in between is very sensitive and more complicated in such a way that it involves construction of high bridges".

Elaborating more she clarified that, 'once this section is complete, preparations for a grand testing slated for December this year would take place for three months' time prior to official inauguration of commercial operation so as to allow goods and passenger services end of this year.

Therefore, contractors at the site ought to be careful so as to avoid any possible cause of unnecessary congestion or blockade to motorists plying across at junction points as the railway line passes across four main roads which joins Ilala district and Temeke respectively.

A spot check by this writer at the said junctions two days ago saw a number of engineers and technicians going on with the work so as to accomplish within the set time-frame.

When contacted for comments, TRC's project manager Machibya Masanja said that, "it requires high technology application with enough workforce while constructing such heavy structures bearing in mind the fact that, the railway line cuts across the central business district to the outskirts".

He further attributed the transportation of building materials needed for the construction of modern SGR as other reasons that impinged the slow pace bearing in mind the fact that these are imported far from European countries, so the logistical arrangements had been disrupted in recent months due to Covid 19 outbreak.

According to him, already the government has slated the purchase of Hyundai locomotive engines and some wagons which is being done in phases in accordance with government budget routine.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF TANZANIA (COMMERCIAL DIVISION) AT DAR ES SALAAM **COMMERCIAL CASE NO. 4 OF 2021**

ALIOS FINANCE TANZANIA LIMITED......PLAINTIFF

AHMED ALLY HEMEDDEFENDANT

DECREE:

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff prays for judgment and decree as follows:

- a) A declaration that the Defendant breached of the Vehicle Lease Agreement dated 21st September, 2017.
- b) Payment of TZS 185,360,298.79/= being outstanding amount arising from the unpaid installment arrears, remaining principal amount and late fees penalties arising from the vehicle leasing agreement.
- c) Payment of interest at the commercial rate prevailing at the date if Judgment or such rate as the Honorable court may deem fit and just, accruing and computed from the date of the judgment of this suit.
- d) Payment of General damages as may be assessed d by this Honorable Court
- e) Payment of the cost of this suit and
- f) Any other relief(s) that the Honorable Court may deem fit and just to grant.

This suit is coming up for Consent Judgment on 13th day of July, 2021, before His Lordship,

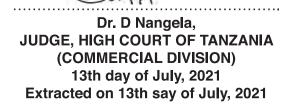
Mr. Justice Dr. D.J. Nangela, Judge in the presence of Mr. David Kasanga hold brief of Ms. Esther Peter, Advocate for the Plaintiff and in the absence defendant.

THIS COURT DOTHE HEREBY ORDER THAT:

The judgment in default is here entered in favour of the Plaintiff and order as follows;

- a) It is hereby declared that, the Defendant breached the Vehicle Lease Agreement dated 21st September ,2017; b) The Defendant shall, without failure, pay the Plaintiff TZS 185,360,298.78/= being
- outstanding amount arising from unpaid installment arrears and the remaining principal amount arising from the vehicle lease agreement.
- c) Defendant shall pay interest at the Commercial rate of 14% from the date of Judgment to the date of final payment thereof.
- d) The defendant shall pay the Plaintiff TZS 5,000,000 as general damages.
- e) The Defendant shall pay interest at the Court rate of 7% of the decretal amount from the date of this judgment to the date when the decree is fully satisfied.
- f) The defendant shall pay costs of suit.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court this day of 13th day of July, 2021.





Expert in Results Monitoring (m/f/x) - Tabora Region Tanzania

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The project on beekeeping, funded by the European Union, has a duration of 4 years with an inception phase of 6 months.

The project is taking place under the 11th EDF National Indicative Programme for Tanzania (2014-2020) in which Sustainable Agriculture is a focal sector with the specific objective to 'enhance management of natural resources, including forests, and ecosystem services for sustainable *agriculture development and climate change adaptation".* The European Union Action Document for Beekeeping Value Chain Support contributes to that objective and also to the Planet and Prosperity pillars.

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Joyce Christopher, chief internal auditor at the Communications and Information Technology ministry, elaborates to chief internal auditors and chief accountants at institutions under the ministry on the implementation of reports by the Controller and Auditor General. This was at an internal meeting held in Dodoma city on Thursday. Left is the ministry's permanent secretary, Dr Zainab Chaula. Photo: Correspondent Prisca Ulomi

Minister promises to monitor and improve use of ICT in education

By Guardian Reporter, Chamwino

DEPUTY minister, President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance) Deogratius Ndejembi has vowed to supervise and ensure that school children in Chamwino District, Dodoma Region are well trained on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for their future benefits

He made the pledge here shortly after the National Uhuru torch race leader, Lt Josephine Mwambashi launched three newly constructed classrooms and provision of 120 desks to Msamalo secondary school in Msamalo village.

According to Ndejembi, equipping school children with right and up-todate ICT skills will enable them to be competent and good public leaders in the future. "We want to make the school children become competent and best leaders in the future. We want to ensure that the training enables them to be patriotic to serve Tanzanians and bring development in the country," he said.

He said through the newly constructed classrooms, the district will work to ensure that ICT training is effectively provided to equip the children with positive skills that will help them in the future as well as stimulate development in the country.

The deputy minister commended the Uhuru torch race leader for inspecting and expressing satisfaction on the construction of the new classrooms which will be used for training the students on ICTs.

He also commended the leader and other officials of the Uhuru torch race for being vigilant on quality and funds expenditure when inspecting various development projects before launching them. Lt Mwambashi commended the project supervisors for the job well done in overseeing the construction of the classrooms which will benefit students in Chamwino district.

The leader called on students who will use the classrooms and desks to protect the building and tools so that they can be used by them and other students who will have the opportunity to study there.

After concluding its race in Chamwino which included inspecting, launching various development projects as well as delivering a special message on this year's race, the National Uhuru Torch Race 2021 been handed over to Kongwa District to also provide an opportunity to inspect projects and deliver special messages to stimulate development in the area.

German government funds cleanliness campaign in Dar city

By Correspondent Joseph

Mwendapole

TANZANIA has expressed its gratitude to the German government for funding the cleanliness campaign in Dar es Salaam city and offering free hygiene facilities to be used during the campaign.

The campaign which is set to reach 25,000 people has been funded through German Development Cooperation (GIZ) organisation under its project named DeveloPPP.

Dar es Salaam City Mayor Omar Kumbilamoto made the remarks during the launching of a cleanliness campaign at the ferry fish market in Dar es Salaam.

The campaign will be implemented by the organization named Emmanuel Brotherhood Foundation (EBF) in various wards of Dar es Salaam's districts.

He said the target group in the campaign, which will closely involve ward leaders, are food vendors, fish sellers, commuter bus drivers and conductors.

"We thank you very much GIZ and EBF for your kind support to our city because the facilities you have given to us will help many people. I am requesting that this support should not only end in Dar es Salaam but go to other regions so as to promote cleanliness in our cities," he said.

Kumbilamoto said for many years Dar es Salaam city has been safe from infectious diseases such as diarrhea because of the regular cleanliness campaigns that are being conduct-

He said the assistance for the campaign has also come at the right time to complement various efforts taken by the government to make the city attractive and safe from diseases.

EBF advisor, Alex Benson said sanitation equipment that will be distributed for free are bucket, soap, pesticides killers, sanitizers and sanitary pads for women and girls.

He said the intention of the project is to ensure the city environment and people's surroundings including business places are clean and safe from diseases.

Alex noted that communicable diseases can be prevented through regular cleanliness and hygiene campaigns in order to make people stay healthy and contribute to the nation's economy through their daily business.

Recent statistics show that the government has been spending 70 per cent of the the authorization of brochures health budget for treatment of communicable diseases which mostly are caused by a dirty environment.

He said that during the project, stakeholders will provide education to sensitize communities the importance of personal and surrounding cleanli-

He thanked the government and the ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elders and Children for the collaboration and for that carry different messages that will be used to educate people in the campaign.

"Specifically we thank the government of Germany for funding this campaign as well as using local companies like Bingwa Laboratories Ltd and AFRICRAFT to produce products that will be used during this campaign. We should remember that many diseases can be prevented through cleanliness and hygiene," he added.

Kenya suspends inperson meetings to curb Covid spread

NAIROBI

KENYA'S health minister said yesterday the government had suspended all in-person meetings and public gatherings to try to contain COVID-19, whose spread in the country he now attributes to the more infectious Delta variant.

Mutahi Kagwe said in a televised address that the government had asked public and private-sector employers to allow their workers to work from home, unless they were classified as essential services.

"All public gatherings and in-person meetings of whatever nature are suspended countrywide. In this regard, all government, including intergovernmental meetings and conferences, should henceforth be converted to either virtual or postponed in the coming 30 days," he

Kagwe singled out politicians for holding meetings that turn out to be "super spreader" events.

"We want to be part of the solution. We are asking those in politics to be part of the solution instead of creating epicentres of spreading of the disease," he said. "There is no point of calling all these rallies, and then we follow with all these deaths."

Waves of COVID-19 infections this year have forced Kenya to reimpose strict partial lockdown measures.

As of Thursday, Kenya had registered 200,109 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 3,910 deaths, health ministry data showed.

It had vaccinated 1.7 million people, of whom 647,393, or 2.37% of adults, are fully vaccinated.

Kenya has been expecting from next week to start receiving more vaccines, comprising 700,000 AstraZeneca (AZN.L) shots from Britain, Greece and Latvia.

The health ministry has said it will also receive another 1.76 million doses of the vaccine developed by Pfizer (PFE.N) and BioNTech (22UAy.DE), starting two weeks from now, once storage facilities to handle them are in place.



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Electrical installation students undergo practical training at the Vocational Education Training Authority's centre at Kibaha in Coast Region, as found on **Thursday. Photo: Correspondent Nyamagory Omar**

UN urges nations to take urgent steps to strengthen prevention of human trafficking

By Guardian Reporter

UNITED Nations Secretary-General, António Guterres has said trafficking in women and girls for the purpose of sexual exploitation has continued to be one of the most widespread and abhorrent forms of human trafficking.

In his statement on the World

Day Against Trafficking in Persons which is marked on July 30th each year, the Secretary General said that migrants account for more than half of those trafficked in most regions.

He urged governments to take urgent steps to strengthen prevention, support victims and

bring perpetrators to justice. The measures include implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Per-

"Our efforts must be guided by survivors of trafficking. Their contribution is essential to address risk factors and patterns, and to identify and protect victims and ensure their access to justice and recovery, while holding their exploiters accountable," he noted.

The SG added: "The United Nations is committed to listening and responding to the voices of victims and survivors of human trafficking, ensuring their rights and dignity, amplifying their stories and learning from them in our fight to prevent and put an end to this terrible crime." In the midst of a global pandemic accompanied by rising inequalities and economic devastation, the voices of human trafficking survivors and victims risk being drowned out.

But listening to their stories is more crucial than ever as the COVID-19 crisis increases fragilities and drives up desperation. As many as 124 million more

people have been pushed into extreme poverty by the pandemic, leaving many millions vulnerable to trafficking.

Children are at great and growing risk: they represent one-third of victims globally – a share that has tripled in the last 15 years. Half of victims in lowincome countries are children, most of whom are trafficked for forced labour. Criminals everywhere are using technology to identify, control and exploit vulnerable people.

Children are increasingly targeted through online platforms for sexual exploitation, forced marriage and other forms of



Boniface Murigi (R), Mount Kenya University's director of communications, pictured yesterday briefing visitors to the 16th Higher Education, Science and Technology Exhibitions at Mnazi Mmoja grounds in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the Kenyan university. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Mbeya RPC urges stakeholders to assist security patrol groups

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

DEVELOPMENT stakeholders in Mbeva Region have been asked to assist security patrols groups popularly "Sungusungu" with working tools to implement their duties in enhancing security to enable people to engage in their activities in peace.

The request was given on Wednesday this week by Mbeya Regional Police Commander Ulrich Matei when receiving various items to assist the 131 security patrols groups in various areas of Mbeya city. The items included 400 flashlights, 400 whistles, 800 batteries for the flashlights provided by Raphael Ndelwa, owner of Mbeya based Raphael Rice Mill Ltd.

RPC Matei said the security groups were important in security duties since, he said the police force does not have sufficient personnel to patrol all areas of the re-

He said in the past, Mbeya City was home to many incidents of crime but after introducing the groups the city was now relatively safe. "As for now 36 per cent of our

personnel have been dispatched to undergo various promotional training programmes in Kilimanjaro and Dar es Salaam regions as well as Zanzibar, hence we need these security groups, as you can see Ndelwa has come forward to assist and we appeal to other development partners to do the same," said RPC Matei.

Handing over the items, Dr Tulia Ackson who was the official guest at the event thanked Ndelwa for the contribution saying they will assist in enhancing security in the

She also thanked the police in the city on how they have been working together with the groups to safeguard the residents and their property.

She called on the police and other security services to closely follow up the youth in the groups and whenever employment opportunities occur in their services they should be accorded priority.

"We also ask for other stakeholders to assist these people, especially with heavy coats as during cold seasons, they need them for keeping warm," she added.

Shinyanga RC calls for timely completion of classroom construction in Ulewe ward

By Guardian Correspondent,

Shinyanga

SHINYANGA Regional Commissioner Dr Philemon Sengati has urged contractors implementing a project for construction of classrooms at three primary schools in Ulewe ward to complete the job within schedule to facilitate comfortable learning.

The schools with 2,000 pupils each faces a shortage of classrooms following increased enrolment of pupils which has been linked with implementation of the free education policy.

On November 27, 2015 the Tanzanian government issued circular 5 to implement the Education and Training Policy 2014 and immediately, directed public bodies to ensure that primary and secondary education is free for all children. This included the removal of all forms of fees and contributions.

According to the RC, the construction work should be completed by August 30th this year. The schools are Nyalwelwe, Bugomba A and Bugomba B.

Dr Sengati was speaking shortly after his tour at the schools to inspect the progress implementation of the classrooms construction project which is executed with support from the Education Programme For Results (EP4R) which is implemented in all the districts across the

"Pupils are congested in almost all the classes, we need to complete the construction work to enable them to learn in comfortable environment. As the region authority we

are not happy with the situation and we would wish to see each of our children seated on a proper desk," said the regional commissioner.

According to him, the current situation is likely to affect pupil's academic performance in national examinations. He urged the school management to involve wananchi in the projects insisting their contributions would reduce the project cost.

Ulewe ward councillor, Kulwa Mabula said the congestion at the schools is largely contributed with the increased population as many people are now moving to the ward because it has a vast fertile land suitable for cultivation of various food and cash crops.

Head teacher at Bugomba A primary schools, Richard Mgana complained of congestion in all the classes saying the situation affects both teachers and pupils' performance. He said teachers can hardly follow up on each of the students because even their seating does not facilitate easily movement of the

instructors within the class. Shinyanga education of-

ficer, Dafroza Ndalichako said that funds disbursement for implementation of the project was delayed due to various reasons. She said most Pupils are congestof the contractors in rural areas face financial constraints compared to their counterparts in Kahama municipal to complete the

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pected to visit Msalala district council early next week.



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Dar es Salaam mayor Omary Kumbilamoto (R, foreground) pictured on Thursday displaying environmental hygiene items after launching a cleanliness campaign Emmanuel Brotherhood Foundation will implement in the city with sponsorship from German development agency GIZ. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

EAC officials deliberate on current status of bloc's integration process

By Guardian Reporter

THE EAC Secretary General Dr Peter Mathuki together with Deputy Secretaries General, Director General of Customs and Trade, and other Senior Officials of the EAC Secretariat today held a consultative meeting with Rt. Hon. Rebecca Kadaga, Uganda's 1st Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for EAC Affairs on the current status of the EAC integration process.

The consultative meetings between the EAC Secretariat and the partner states ministries responsible for EAC Affairs and Trade are part of the innovative approaches by the EAC Secretariat to brief Partner States on a quarterly basis on the status of integration projects and pro-

In his opening remarks, Dr Mathuki told the minister that the objective of the consultative meeting was to report on the achievements and

in various sectors and share available opportunities as well as come up with strategies to strengthen regional integration.

"Hon minister, we at the secretariat thought it is important for partner states to know the status of their directives and implementation of various projects and programmes on a quarterly basis before our normal policy meetings," said the secretary

Highlighting some of the achievements during this period of COVID-19, Dr Mathuki told the minister that the secretariat had successfully coordinated regional COVID-19 response through effective partnerships with international and local organisations.

"Some of the interventions made by the secretariat include the establishment of the Regional Electronic Cargo and Driver Tracking System (RECDTS), which facilitates free

challenges of activities undertaken movement of people, goods and services in the region as well as distribution of essential supplies in the region," said Dr Mathuki.

He further disclosed to the minister that the secretariat managed to conduct a regional rapid assessment of the capacity to respond to Covid-19 and disease outbreaks at 27 cross border points in the re-

On the status of partner states' financial contributions to the general budget of EAC, the secretary general commended the partner states for complying with the provisions of the EAC financial rules and regulations by supporting the community's budget.

He, however, urged partner states to disburse their statutory contributions in a timely manner to enable the EAC to implement its various activities as per the approved budget and calendar of activities.



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- Applicable certification, accreditation and affiliated registrations as required i.e. CRB etc
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- Job, equipment and client reference for similar services rendered within the last 3 years Indicate the above Reference number and description on your Expression of interest submission

Kindly send your response by email to bulytender@barrick.com by 1800Hrs on the 4th August 2021. Any responses received after this date and time shall not be considered. Please quote reference number BUL-21-07-03 in the subject line of your email.

Pre-qualification of any company submitting an "Expression of Interest" shall be at the sole discretion of BGML.

For and on behalf of BULYANHULU GOLD MINE LIMITED

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Mirerani Fabian Mshai (L), resident minerals officer at Mirerani township in Simanjiro District, invites Minerals deputy minister Prof Shukrani Manya (2nd-L, seated) on Thursday to address small-scale tanzanite miners in the area. Photo: Correspondent Gift

New drive launched to tackle cases of violence against children in Africa

By Special Correspondent

A NEW drive to curb the rising levels of Violence Against Children in Africa has been launched. This is after a recent research indicated that African children continue to suffer widespread physical, psychological and sexual violence.

Data released by the African Partnership to End Violence against Children (APEVAC) revealed an unacceptable scale of violence against children (VAC). The studies show that more than half of all children experience physical abuse, while in some parts of Africa; four in ten girls suffer sexual violence before the age of 15.

Speaking at the launch of the drive, Dr. Joan Nyanyuki, ACPF Executive Director said, "Vigorous action must be taken to tackle the unacceptable scourge of VAC in Africa. Thirty years after the African Children's Charter was adopted, African governments are still failing to protect children from vio-

"Of all the unspeakable damages suffered by of our children, violence is surely the worst, simply because it is entirely avoidable, yet leaves lasting scars. We cannot accept such suffering at any level of African society, as its devastating impacts on our

children's dignity, physical and mental wellbeing continue to rob them of their future," said Mrs. Graça Machel, Chair of the ACPF International Board of Trustees.

ACPF's three new studies provide powerful evidence of the rise in VAC in Africa. The studies found that children caught up in conflict or humanitarian disasters, those with disabilities, engaged in child labour, living or working on the streets, and those in residential care, are most vulnerable. Digital technology is driving new forms of VAC, with children now facing increased risks of online sexual abuse. The Covid-19 pandemic has caused a spike in reports of VAC.



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British Council eyeing to improve private sector participation in education sector

By Guardian Reporter

THE British Council has embarked on a special project to support the Association of Tanzania Employers (ATE) in improving the participation of the private sector in Vocational Education and Training (VET).

Funded by the European Union (EU), the project is de-

signed to support the expansion of private sector engagement and cooperation with the public sector to aid the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) reform process and make VET more demand-driven and employer-led.

As part of the intervention, the British Council held a Consultative Workshop on July 29, 2021, bringing together key stakeholders from training colleges, National Council for Technical Education (NACTE), Vocational Education and Training Authority (VETA), public and private sector companies to present key findings from the research and interviews carried out by independent consultants and to discuss international mod-

els and interim recommenda-

Addressing the participants, the EU Head of Cooperation Cedric Merel said: "Central to Tanzania development strategies, European Union will continue to work with all key stakeholders to address key challenges for this sector."

In addition, he said the EU and Tanzania developed a seven years (2021-2027) Multiannual Indicative Programme with one of the priority areas under the programme being in human capital, employment, with an aspect to enhance employability and entrepreneurship through skills development.

Catherine Sinclair-Jones the British Council country director said: "The British Council

is committed to working with partners to support employment and education opportunities for people in Tanzania. We are delighted to have an opportunity to engage with the diverse actors across the TVET sector through this consultative workshop to see how these opportunities might be strengthened."

As part of the project, the

British Council will produce and publish a gap analysis and develop a diagnostic tool for the Association of Tanzania Employers (ATE) in the context of Tanzania and international examples to assess the gaps in private sector engagement in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET).



Mwaja Mills director Mohamed Mwaja (R) airs his grievances to Energy minister Dr Medard Kalemani (not in picture) on Thursday on the impact of the erratic nature of power supply at Kibaigwa township in Kongwa District. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

World hunger worsened by climate change, conflict - UN

By Special Correspondent

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has warned that climate change and conflict are both a consequence and a driver of poverty, income inequality and food

Guterres also told a meeting in Rome that the world's food system generates a third of all greenhouse gas emissions. That same system is responsible for as much as 80% of biodiversity loss, he lamented in a video message.

The gathering was called to help prepare for a UN food systems summit to be held in September in New York.

Earlier this month, a UN report noted that up to 161 million more people faced hunger last vear compared to 2019, with much of that widened suffering likely linked to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Poverty, income inequality and the high cost of food continue to keep healthy diets out of the reach of some 3 billion people," Guterres said. "Climate change and conflict are both consequences and drivers of this catastrophe.'

The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) called on decision-makers "to

address the failures in food systems" that leave hundreds of millions of people poor and hungry. IFAD is a UN agency which aims to help small-scale farming.

IFAD said food systems must "radically change" to ensure access to affordable and healthy food, where food production "protects the environment and biodiversity, and where people who produce our food are paid decently for their labour." It added that "the needs of rural people must be at the centre".

In 2020, as many as 811 million people faced hunger, according to the UN report.

Guterres said the preparatory work in Rome will help set the tone for action this decade and for an "equitable and sustainable recovery from COV-ID-19".

Such efforts carry a substantial monetary price tag.

The chief economist of the Rome-based UN Food and Agriculture Organization has said that removing 100 million people from chronic undernourishment would need an additional \$14 billion every year until 2030 and nearly triple that amount to achieve the UN goal of zero hunger by 2030.

Support financial sector development master plan 2020-2030, insurance stakeholders told

By Getrude Mbago

THE government has urged players across the insurance value chain to work in synergy to support the achievement of the goals highlighted in the country's Financial Sector Development Master Plan 2020-2030.

The master plan has set ambitious goals for the insurance sub sector within a decade to reach 50 per cent population coverage of adult population, 5 per cent insurance assets to GDP, 3 percent of gross life premiums/GDP and 2 percent of gross non-life premiums/GDP.

Speaking during the official opening of the annual conference of the Tanzania Insurance Brokers Association (TIBA) in Dar es Salaam yesterday,

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Finance and Planning Emmanuel Tutuba said the government alone cannot achieve the goal of expanding insurance coverage to all people but only with support from the private sector.

"I know that this platform is important whereby the entire insurance brokerage fraternity come together to jointly reflect on the industry's achievements and challenges, and thereby establish a strong basis to forge ahead, so make sure you discuss and come up with strategies to further boost insurance development in the country," he said.

He noted that the theme of this year's conference resonates very well with the direction of the sixth phase government under the leadership of President Samia Suluhu Hassan regarding industrialisa-

He said that insurance is key to the country's financial inclusion agenda considering the fact that the bulk of growth of the financial sector in the coming decade is hinged on insur-

"The master plan also seeks to ensure that 10 percent of beneficiaries of retirement plans use annuity products by 2030, ten (10) new demand driven insurance products developed by 2030, 90 per cent of the population have health insurance by 2030 and 20 percent of the adult population have life savings products.

He further said the plan also works to ensure 80 per cent

of the population are aware of efforts and coherent strateinsurance matters by 2025, 10 per cent total insurance premium contributed by agriculture insurance by 2030 and eight affordable insurance distribution channels developed by 2030.

"This transformation can only happen if the insurance industry pivots itself on innovation and synergy. The first part is digitalization. The second part is for the players, re/ insurers, insurance brokers/ agents, bank assurers and all the players across the insurance value chain to work in synergy so as to achieve the economies of scale," he not-

The PS however said achieving inclusive insurance inevitably requires concerted

gies to address market and regulatory factors that inhibit access to insurance for the majority of the underserved or un-served market seg-

"As we work to improve insurance penetration rate in Tanzania, there will be challenges along the way. Our response should not be to avoid challenges; rather we should collaboratively and continuously find means and ways of overcoming such challenges," the PS said Tutuba said the government will seek to enhance the industry's underwriting capacity with the view to improving the insurance sector's contribution to the national economy.

In this regard, special thrust

will be on enhancing capital requirements and human skills development as well as establishment of consortium and/or pools for specialized and large risks for example oil and gas as well as aviation.

He directed the commissioner of insurance to initiate the process of establishing the consortiums.

The PS further said: "I wish to assure insurance sector that the ministry will work with TIRA to clearly define roles of each player in offering insurance services, institute guidelines to oversee operations in the market, adjust regulations to ensure fairness among players, adjust policy to support penetration, develop guidelines and regulations to properly guide emerging channels, ensure harmony in the market that way encourage growth through an integrated distribution channels framework, ensure cohesion among players to guarantee increased penetration and spearhead collective efforts towards insurance awareness to the public."

TIBA President Amir Kiwanda said the conference has brought a number of insurance stakeholders from in and outside the country to collectively chart effective ways to boost the insurance industry, expanding its services to reach more people.

It has drawn participants from Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda as well as representatives from the Organisation of Eastern and Southern Africa Insurers (OESAI).



Arusha district commissioner Sophia Mjema makes remarks earlier this week at a two-day seminar on ways to help retirees lead sustainable lives. Photo: Correspondent Woinde Shizza

RC urges pensioners: Be wary of tricksters

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

MWANZA Regional Commissioner Robert Gabriel yesterday warned pensioners against conmen who wish to deceive them their pen-

The warning was given by Mwanza RC when he opened a seminar for government employees who are approaching retirement.

The RC said during this moment when the employees are expecting to retire from their service, there are a number of people including relatives who want to benefit from them.

He called upon the would-be pensioners to pray harder because with a lot of money it is easy for one to change his or her behavior.

He advised the would-be pensioners to engage in businesses which will generate income to help them.

The RC also called upon the pensioners not to issue any bribe when processing their benefits saying the malpractice is prevalent these days.

"Anyone among you who will be requested to give bribes should not hesitate to report so that relevant bodies can take legal actions against them," he said.

Acting Director General for Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF) Beatrice Lupi said the fund gives a pensioner his or her benefits within 60 days if all criteria are met.

She said one of the key issues that make benefits to take long was the delays by the employer to submit documents to the fund.

A total of 110 expected pensioners in Mwanza were trained on how to handle retirement stress and what to do with the benefits which they receive after their many years of service.



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Burundi launches her own trade information portal

By Guardian Reporter

her own Trade Information Portal which is meant to map out all her imports, exports and transit procedures, fees and time. The next step after mapping will be to simplify and remove unnecessary and redundant bottlenecks.

Trade Information Portals (TIPS) have already been launched and operationalised by Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda.

joined other Partner States BURUNDI has launched to avail her own TIP on internet as committed by the Burundi delegation during the 38th Meeting of the Sectoral Council on Trade, Industry, Finance and Investment held in Arusha on 28th May, 2021.

> The publication of Trade Information is a good sign that Burundi is committed to facilitate trade by making trade information more transparent.

On July 27, 2021, Burundi Burundi's Minister for Finance and Economic Planning said while delivering his opening remarks at the launch ceremony.

> The launching ceremony was co-presided over by Domitien Ndihokubwayo, Burundi's Minister for Finance and Economic Planning and Hon Capitoline Niyonizigiye, Minister for Trade, Transport, Industry and Tourism.

Ndihokubwayo urged the private sector to use this Domitien Ndihokubwayo, opportunity offered by the

Government of Burundi to plan effectively their business for the development of Burundi. For his part, Niyonizigiye assured the public that her ministry would continue to support all initiatives to promote business facilitation as it is an important source of revenue for both government and the business community.

"For the government, the benefits come in the form of increased tax revenues, better use of resources and improved compliance by

business operators," said Niyonizigiye.

The Commissioner General of Office Burundais des Recettes, Pacifique Munyeshongore also called upon private sector, especially SMEs to exploit this opportunity given to them in order to grow their businesses.

Mateusz Prorok, Project Manager at the EU delegation in Burundi, said that the portal would support businesses in promoting their value chains and assured Burundi of continued support by EU for the sustainability of Trade Facilitation in the country.

Munyampundu Evariste, the Regional Coordinator of the Trade Information Portal Project and Trade Facilitation Officer, represented the EAC Secretary General. In his remarks, thanked Burundi for her efforts to facilitate trade, which he said has had a positive impact on intra-regional and international trade.

The Burundi TIP was funded by European Union Commission via Mark-up project with a technical support of International Trade Center (ITC), EAC Secretariat and UNCTAD.

Burundi Trade information Portal can be accessed at http://info.commerce.bi and the EAC Trade information Portals are accessible through https://tradehelpdesk.eac.int. We encourage the private sector and other trade researchers to visit and suggest simplification to the National Trade Facilitation Committees.

UN calls on countries to take action to prevent drowning

By Special Correspondent

THE UN General Assembly encouraged all countries to take action to prevent drownings, which have caused over 2.5 million deaths in the past decade, over 90% of them in low-income and middle-income countries.

The resolution, co-sponsored by Bangladesh and Ireland and adopted by consensus by the 193-member world body, is the first to focus on drowning. It establishes July 25 as "World Drowning Prevention Day."

The assembly stresses that drowning "is preventable" using "low-cost interventions" and calls on countries to consider introducing water safety, swimming and first aid lessons as part of school curricula. It encourages nations to appoint "a national focal point for drowning prevention," develop countrywide prevention programs, and enact and enforce water safety laws.

Unlike Security Council resolutions, General Assembly resolutions are not legally binding but they do reflect global opinion.

According to the United Nations, the world's highest drowning rates are in Africa while the highest number of drowning deaths are in

"Drowning is a social equity issue that disproportionately affects children and adolescents in rural areas, with many countries reporting drowning as the leading cause of childhood mortality and drowning being among the 10 leading causes of death globally for 5 to 14-year-olds," the resolution says.

It notes "with concern" that the official global estimate of 235,000 annual deaths

from drowning excludes drownings attributed to flood-related climate events and water transport incidents. This has resulted "in the underrepresentation of drowning deaths by up to 50 percent in some countries," it says.

The assembly says that "water-related disasters increasingly affect millions of people globally," in part due to the escalating impact of climate change, "and that flooding affects more people than any other natural hazard, with drowning being the main cause of death during floods."

Bangladeshi Ambassador Rabab Fatima told the assembly after the resolution's adoption: "The imperative to act on drowning is not simply moral or political. The economic cost is equally untenable." He said drowning is a leading cause of child mortality in Bangladesh and in the South Asia region, and the resolution's call for preventive action is urgent.

Ireland's U.N. ambassador, Geraldine Byrne Nason, called the resolution and designation of July 25 as a day for the world to focus on preventing drowning a moment "to highlight the immediate need for strategic and significant international action to save lives and prevent hundreds of thousands of preventable deaths."

Former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, the World Health Organization's global ambassador for noncommunicable diseases and injuries, said: "Encouraging governments to adopt effective measures to prevent drowning will save thousands of lives and call attention to this urgent public health issue."

"We have the tools to prevent these deaths - and need to act on them now," he said in a



Construction of a section of a road in Dar es Salaam's Kigogo suburb to tarmac level in progress on Thursday. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

MUHAS set to embark on special campaign to increase public awareness on Covid-19 vaccines

By Correspondent James Kandoya

MUHIMBILI University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) is set to embark on a special initiative aimed to increase public awareness against myths and misconceptions about COVID-19 vaccines.

MUHAS Vice Chancellor Prof Andrew Pembe told The Guardian on the sidelines of the 9th MUHAS scientific conference held for two days

in Dar es Salaam.

He said the conference themed: "Opportunities Challenge for Tackling Emerging and Re-emerging Health Challenge" was attended by 410 participants physically and 156 virtually.

According to the vice chancellor, myths and misconceptions spread among the community about the vaccine is an emerging challenge and that MUHAS has a big role to provide education.

"Our target is to increase awareness among the community with the fact that vaccines are safe and are the only option people might take to be in a safer place at the moment," he said.

Unfortunately, as more emphasis gears to use vaccines as alternative options to fight the pandemic, there has been too much misinformation about their safety and efficacy. The don said that fears about vaccines range

from simple lack of information to far-fetch conspiracy theories. Earlier, during his closing remarks Prof Pembe said there will be a scientific conference that will be held in November this year in Arusha.

He said the purpose of the conference will be to share experiences to relevant stakeholders calling the organizers to ensure all recommendations are sent out to impact the policy makers

and population.

He said increased knowledge and competence will improve the way tutors and lectures conduct their activities. "The acquired knowledge reminds us of what message we give our community from the research," he said.

Doubts in the minds of many Africans linger after several European countries stopped using Oxford University's AstraZeneca vac-

cine following reports of blood-clotting among a small sample of recipients.

However, a preponderance of COVID vaccine myths is causing many people to forgo vaccinations at a time when new, more transmissible coronavirus variants are spreading across the continent. On July 28, this year, President Samia Suluhu Hassan got vaccinated against the coronavirus to kick off

the country's first vaccina-

tion campaign.

The prime minister, chief justice and other top officials also got their shots.

The president said she would not risk her life or put herself in danger while knowing that she has so many responsibilities awaiting her. She said she's also a mother, grandmother, and wife, and that as the president, she must show this to the masses who are behind

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Economic diplomacy helping to shape up vision of reforms

PROACTIVE methods in economic diplomacy are being pursued in a more direct manner than it was the case before, on account of the fact the current administrations in the Union and in Zanzibar have overly stressed economic links and positive liaisons as uppermost in the government agenda. This was in focus when issues of strategy came up with another ministerial visit to Zanzibar, where President Hussein Ali Mwinyi stressed uplifting Gulf Zone ties and considering extending citizenship for Tanzanians abroad to boost investments. The candid position taking gives Union authorities plenty of bone to chew, as they say.

More broadly, the Zanzibar leader underscored the need for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation to enhance its focus on economic diplomacy to facilitate the tapping of opportunities for economic uplift. Obviously the minister, Ambassador Liberata Mulamula, is aware of the urgency of the matter but it can be said that Zanzibar has a more pointed stake than the Mainland, economic growth tending to be more inward looking on the Mainland and outward looking in the Isles. Or at least the two are compelled to pursue rather different but harmonious trajectories, by virtue of their levels of exposure.

President Mwinyi asserted that Isles' economic growth hinges plenty on on ambassadors representing Tanzania abroad doing a good job, pointing at the lack of markets for a variety of commodities and the need for wider range of goods produced in the Isles for the local and export markets. Thus the Gulf Zone becomes rather important for Zanzibar both as a source of investments and destination of goods produced in the Isles, which the president said

need to be expanded. The president did not cite specific expectations on what Zanzibar can do in cooperation with this or that country, but urged a change of outlook, image.

Apart from the need to cultivate better links with Zanzibar's traditional backyard that is the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Oman in particular, there are other areas where cultural links have been there but are difficult to cultivate. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has had occasion to visit Tanzania, as had His Highness The Aga Khan in the past, as well as King Mohamed VI of Morocco, Egyptian President Abdel Fatah Al-Sisi, and it is evident that these visits had their significance in the manner in which the Union government navigated logistics of finance and technology in pursuing the mega infrastructure projects. It is however clear that ties with India have plenty to be enhanced, like the Gulf Zone, and even Europe, US.

In other words the Zanzibar leader pointed out what the ministry already knows but leaders want results in ways that bureaucrats may not quite grasp, as they see things in a tidy procedural manner, as visits, conferences, summing up and deliberations, while leaders hanker for results. The meeting was thus a positive input to the foreign ministry to pull up its socks and add momentum, not because it has not been doing so but rather since expectations on the two relatively new administrations are high, perhaps rather too high for bureaucratic comfort. It is everybody's expectation that the ministry will live up to this ethos, and thus help make the two newly installed administrations a success in a relatively short period of time. There are many challenges on which the two governments must deliver;

With right measures, public transport can be Covid-safe

THE transport sector will have a critical part in getting economies moving again while curbing the spread of COVID-19. The easiest way to ensure business continuity and control the pandemic is to encourage telecommuting. Still, not everyone can work from home. Many people need to leave their home to generate income. And the provision of products and services remains dependent on workers accessing their jobs.

Many of those who must continue commuting rely on public transport systems, which are uniquely positioned to carry large volumes of passengers through busy urban areas. Even during a pandemic, public transport remains the backbone of sustainable mobility and essential to economic recovery.

First, the good news: there is growing evidence that public transport riders do not face higher infection risk than anyone else. A recent study in France found that of the 150 infection clusters that appeared after reopening the economy, none could be traced back to public transport.

The promising data on mass transit and COVID-19 is no coincidence. Since the beginning of the pandemic, most public transport operators have quickly stepped up to the plate and taken concrete action to make transit systems COVID-safe for staff and passengers. For the sake of public health, economic recovery, and environmental sustainability, we must keep the momentum going to preserve the appeal of public transport. As long as the virus is here, transport providers must adapt their operations to minimise the overlap of the three Cs: Closed and crowded spaces, and close contact situations.

Many transport systems have adopted stricter cleaning protocols with anti-viral chemicals or simply with soap and water -the virus 'is no match for plain old soap.'

Still, touching a surface such as a handle or a bar is not believed to be the primary way for the virus to spread. Proper ventilation is critical. Transport companies should instruct their drivers to open windows systematically or keep the air-conditioning on. However, the AC cannot be in recirculation mode, because air must circulate within the space to prevent contagion.

As person-to-person is the primary transmission means, then public transport users must do their part. They must not touch their faces. wear masks-one of the most effective ways to prevent transmissionand wash their hands with soap and water before and after using public transport. Let us remember that this advice applies to everyone, not just public transport riders. Indeed, car drivers should also wash their hands before and after using their private cars. People do nasty stuff inside their cars, and cars are suspected of spreading the virus at higher rates than public transport. The same goes for cyclists, who can sneeze or cough while riding their bike. Whether you travel by bike, bus, train, or car, always remember to wash your hands before and after each trip!

The proper physical distancing between riders is another critical requirement. The World Health Organisation recommends people stay at least 1 meter (3.3 feet) to minimise transmission risk. Masks could help reduce this distance and are effective at preventing the spread of germs in public transport. Still, there is a need to reduce occupancy rates and avoid crowding on transit vehicles. Public transport and particularly mass transit cannot operate initially at high occupancy rates due to regulations to reduce the risk of contagion.

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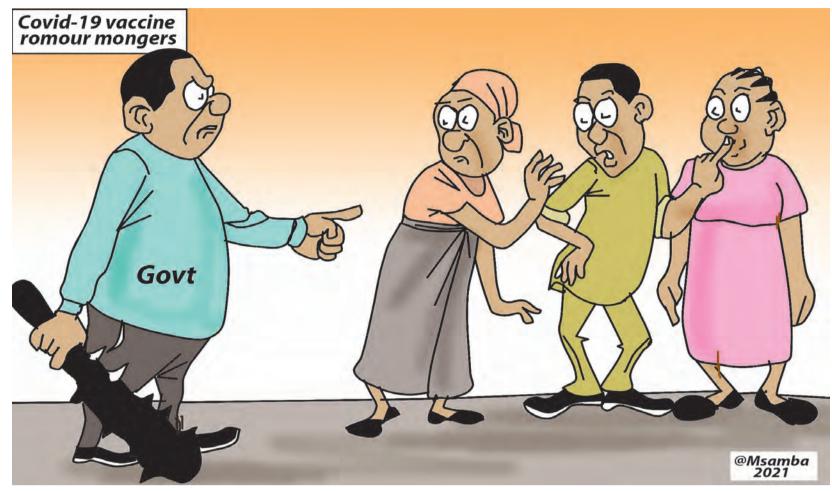
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What Covid-19 teaches Africa about investing in education

By Charles Murigande

A post-COVID education agenda for Africa will require innovative, increased and well-targeted financing and efficient implementation arrangements

... these disruptions caused by the COVID pandemic are a reminder that Africa's vision for shared prosperity and inclusive growth is only realisable if countries equip their citizens with 21st century skills to thrive in an increasingly demanding and uncertain world. A key lesson is that Africa's huge youthful population can be a demographic dividend, only if it is provided with quality education and appropriate skills.

If there is a universal lesson from the COVID pandemic for Africa's education sector, it is that the continent must assume greater responsibility in addressing an unprecedented learning crisis that threatens the vision of a knowledge-based society that is able to survive in a global and competitive environment.

This concern, on how to guarantee inclusive and quality education for all children, is among the key issues that Africa leaders will confront during the Global Education Summit to be co-hosted by the governments of Kenya and the United Kingdom in London this week.

Although since the launch of the Millennium Development Goals (MGDs) in 2000 and creation of the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) in 2002, initially known as Education for All - Fast Track Initiative (EFA-FTI), hundreds of millions of children in developing countries have been enabled to access education, at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, an estimated 260 million children were still out-of-school, and about 53 per cent of those in school were not achieving the minimum learning outcomes, such as acquiring basic reading and numeracy skills.

COVID-19 has compounded this learning poverty, especially in Africa. Indeed, according to a UNICEF report of November 2020 titled "Covid-19: A catastrophe for Sub-Saharan children", COVID-19 related school closures have forced 250 million of Sub-Sahara African children out of school and it is feared that millions of them will end up as permanent dropouts, adding to the one hundred million out-of-school children before the pandemic.

The multitude of impacts of the COVID pandemic have exercebated this learning crisis and also shone the spotlight on already-existing challenges to education that have not been adequately addressed for far too long. Key among these challenges is the ever-increasing annual financing gap for education, which is placing the fu-



ture of millions of learners at risk.

The pandemic has also highlighted alarming inequalities within and across countries that must be tackled urgently in order to guarantee the fundamental right to quality education for all children, especially those who are vulnerable and marginalised, such as the girl-child.

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To achieve this vision, a post-COVID education agenda for Africa will require innovative, increased and well-targeted financing and efficient implementation arrange-

There must also be a clear, renewed commitment by governments to provide adequate and equitable financing to educational priorities, with additional support from donors.

This week's Global Education Summit seeks to raise at least USD\$5 billion from the international community to boost the financing of education in the developing world, over the next five years. This much-needed development assistance will be crucial to support national education systems to recover from the long-term impacts of the pandemic.

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This is a challenge that African leaders must confront head on, even as they contend with the economic strain that COVID is putting on national economies and budgets, the competing needs of other development sectors and limited external support.

To achieve the shared continental vision, African leaders at the Summit should commit to progressively increase financial allocations for education to the minimum global benchmark of 20 per cent of national budgets set by UNESCO, and endorsed by African countries at the Global Education Summit in 2015.

They should further commit to

ensuring equity in access to quality education, including making available resources reach the most marginalised children, especially girls. Specific commitments should focus improving girls' education and increasing investments for the inclusion of children with disabilities or other historically excluded groups.

Africans must... place themselves at the frontline in the quest for prosperity, independence, self-reliance and dignity. In allocating budgets to various competing development priorities, African leaders must keep in mind that education is, according to Horace Mann, the 18th century pioneer of public education, the greatest equaliser of the conditions of men.

Greater emphasis should be placed on improving learning outcomes in education systems by employing new techniques and proven methodologies, and by leveraging on technology to close the global digital divide.

Similarly, investments in education should aim at strengthening the capacities and improving the well-being of our teachers and recognising the instrumental role that they play in determining learning outcomes.

African leaders must also pledge to ensure the efficient use of available resources for education by improving accountability and transparency in the education sector, addressing systemic inefficiencies, including high repetition and drop-out rates, and eliminating gaps in the optimal management and distribution of teachers.

Kindness, power of unity shine amid devastating floods

ZHENGZHOU

ESCUE and restoration efforts continue in central China's Henan as typhoon In-Fa brought new spells of rainfall to parts of the province, which was already lashed by record-breaking rainstorms recently.

As of Thursday, torrential rains since July 16 have left 99 people dead, forced emergency relocation of over 1.47 million people and affected over 13 million residents in 150 county-level areas in Henan.

Over 100,000 military personnel, armed police and militia members, as well as firefighters from 12 other provinces, were dispatched to the front line for flood control and disaster relief. At the same time, people from various walks of life -- within and outside of Henan -- have voluntarily lent a helping hand, showing the power of unity in the face of disaster.

GUARDIANS OF STRANDED PASSENGER TRAIN

After being stranded in the middle of nowhere for over three hours, train K31 with more than 900 passengers on board finally got in touch with the outside world at 5:00 a.m.

Having departed east China's Fuzhou City at 3:10 p.m. on July 19, K31 was scheduled to arrive at Luoyang, Henan, the next afternoon.

But a rainstorm-triggered flood submerged the tracks ahead and forced the train to stop in a small valley around 50 km from Henan's capital city of Zhengzhou where telecom communications were largely dysfunctional.

The wait seemed endless, and constant downpours had loosened mountain surfaces, exposing the train to potential mudslides. Increasing sounds of restlessness emerged from the carriages.

But, a life-saving phone call connected the desperate train crew to the Mugou station, the closest train station to K31's location and one of the smallest in China with only 10 staff members. After learning the situation, Li Hui, head of the Mugou station, immediately convened seven workers he could find at that moment and set up a "task force" to save the stranded

Food was the immediate requirement, but all roads to the nearby Mugou village were either flooded or blocked by fallen trees.

Niu Baocai, 57, stumbled across muddy slopes with the aid of a tree branch and an electric torch and knocked on the door of the village chief's house.

The chief soon ordered a bulldozer to clear the blocked road. In the following 10 hours, the team with an average age of 51.6 trudged back and forth between the train and the village's only supply cooperative. Using trolleys and bare hands, they delivered over 100 cases of drinking water, 100 cases of instant noodles, eggs, carrots and other food items to help the hungry passengers

One problem was solved, vet the risk of mudslides was increasing. The team members then started a search for mobile signals near the Mugou station to request support. An hour later, on the top of a slope close to a signal tower, they finally contacted the train commanding center in Luoyang, which then ordered K31 to move to a safer location.



A "task force" formed by staff members of the Mugou station delivers relief supplies for stranded passengers of the train K31 in central China's Henan Province, July 21, 2021. (Xinhua)

After being stuck for nearly 40 hours, all 916 passengers on K31 were safely transferred by buses from nearby cities on the afternoon of July 21. During the persistent aid efforts, each member of the "task force" only had one pack of instant noodles. "As long as we save one bite, the passengers could get more," said Li.

RACING FOR LIFE

"No one knows the waters and currents better than us. If the rescue authorities need us, we will rush to the front line," Li Zhonglong, a former professional kayaker in Henan and a member of the Luoyang Kayak Association, posted on his Weibo page in the wee hours of July 21 after seeing heart-wrenching images of flood-ravaged Zhengzhou.

Calls for help poured in, and one of them was from the Fuwai Central China Cardiovascular Hospital in Zhengzhou. After collecting over 20 kayaks, Li and his five friends from the association set off from Luoyang

They had planned to transport the kayaks there by car as aid materials, but the water level continued to rise while they were approaching Zhengzhou, forcing them to paddle the kayaks instead. During the onehour paddling, they saved along the way four people who had taken refuge on the roof of their cars floating in the flood. After arriving at the hospital, Li was told that the most pressing issue was the lack of oxygen for the newborns in incubators and the critical patients. He rushed out to seek help as all other communication means were disrupted.

After rescue forces arrived at the hospital, Li learned that another city Xinxiang located around 90 km from Zhengzhou was facing a flooding emergency.

The team decided to shift their focus there, taking more than 120 kayaks and over 1,000 life jackets that had been just collected. Li realized that the kayaks were unable to steer their way because of the rapidly increasing flow of

Luckily, a team of motorboats joined the rescue, allowing them to ride on the motorboats and pull the kayaks. They worked for 12 hours without sleep or food, during which they transferred over 300 people to safety, at the cost of three worn-out motor-

A retired athlete for 11 years, Li said the experience made him feel as if he was in a match again. "But this race against time is not for ranking, but for saving lives," he said. "It is much more important than games."

GIFTS SENT AFAR

Early on July 27, a van entered Henan carrying 10,000 pieces of baked nang, a kind of crusty flatbread from Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region.

It took 43-year-old Iminjan Kurban and two of his friends two days and three nights to reach Henan from Xinjiang's Kashgar Prefecture, driving nearly 4,500 km by taking turns. "We don't have relief equipment, but at least we can make some food for the flood-affected people," said Kurban, a Uygur van driver.

On July 24, Kurban called upon 180 Uygur friends, aged 16 to 72, to make 10,000 pieces of baked nang for Henan.

They hit the goal in eight hours. "To make the nang last longer on the road, we mixed it with extra milk and eggs," he added. Kurban said he was determined to send them to Henan personally, recalling that a poverty-alleviation official dispatched from Henan had worked a lot to improve their lives in his hometown.

Apart from the special food,

they also brought along 140 quilts and a donation of over 30,000 yuan (about 4,632 U.S. dollars) in total. "With no special skills, I used to earn about 20 yuan a day. A Han friend taught me driving, and now I make over 10,000 yuan a month,"

After arriving in Fugou County in Henan, Kurban was guided to drive into a school in Cuiqiao town, which has been turned into a temporary shelter for 1,200 people from 10 villages. The surprise gift from afar aroused excitement among the crowd.

It was the first time for many of the villagers there to taste authentic Xinjiang nang. The gesture of kindness brought smiles to their exhausted faces. They appreciated Kurban's efforts in making the nang and driving such a long distance under the scorching heat. Kurban and his friends are scheduled to leave Henan on Thursday.

They know the trip home will be much more relaxed, with their goodwill having reached those in need.

Dealing with imposter syndrome in journalism? Some hints...

By Iris Pase in Glasgow

ALL writers experience moments of self-doubt at some point in their careers. The very activities of writing, proofreading and rewriting facilitate reflection and can induce overthinking, even just as a form of perfectionism. However, if you have ever found

yourself questioning the adequacy of your writing skills despite evidence to the contrary, or telling yourself that you do not deserve your career achievements, you might be suffering from impostor syndrome. First described by psychologists

Suzanne Imes and Pauline Rose Clance in the 1970s, the "impostor phenomenon" or "impostor syndrome" happens when individuals doubt their achievements and ability, and fear that they might be a fraud.

The study originally showed the effects of the phenomenon on women. Later reports, however, found that impostor syndrome affects men, too.

The number of people experiencing impostor syndrome varies widely. A 2020 review found that figures go from nine per cent to 82 per cent of study participants, being particularly high among ethnic minority groups and often comorbid with depression and anxiety.

We asked a few writers to share their advice on how to cope with impostor syndrome. Whenever you start feeling like you are not enough, "get out of your head and be kinder to yourself", said Ruby Deevoy. A health and wellbeing journalist, she is a columnist for Top Sante - the UK's leading health magazine for women over 40 - and



the founder of the cbd consultancy.com.

Deevoy finds affirmations in the shower or during exercise to work quite well. She said: "If I'm feeling unworthy, I'll reach right to the other end of the scale and say - over and over again - something like 'I am powerful, I am amazing, I am recognized and appreciated for my exceptional contribution to the world'."

Anna McAree, a journalism student from Northern Ireland, meanwhile agrees. "My advice would be to believe in yourself and the feedback you get from others," she said, adding: "If people tell you that you are doing good or producing good work then believe them!"

Being a freelance journalist can be especially overwhelming when it comes

to impostor syndrome. In fact, regular pitching often consists of not hearing back from a lot of editors and getting your ideas rejected. In addition, working independently means not receiving a lot of feedback, which would be reassuring when we are lacking confidence.

"Focus on yourself," said Adam England, a freelance journalist who has worked with several publications, including The Guardian, The Independent, Metro and Euronews.

Coming from a working class background, he said: "Coming from a working class background, England felt slightly uncomfortable entering journalism, owing to the industry being disproportionately represented by people from privileged backgrounds."

His advice is, therefore, not to "compare yourself to your peers or any established journos that you really admire - concentrate on your own journey."

Everybody's path into journalism is different, be it in terms of age, success, specialties or anything else.

As journalists Emma Wilkinson and Lily Canter explain in their podcast, Freelancing for Journalists, impostor syndrome can also kick in when journalists cover topics they don't feel knowledgeable about.

It's important to remember, however, that reporters are not required to be experts or be perfect, but to make knowledge accessible to their audience. For expertise, we can always rely on industry specialists. As Wilkinson and Canter suggest in the podcast, a mentor's assistance can be of great value for aspiring and budding journalists.

When starting out, they say, an experienced and trusted adviser can give one a boost of confidence and also help improve one's work with constructive feedback. On top of that, a mentor can be a great source to get contacts and, most of all, understand how the media industry works.

As feelings of self-doubt and insecurities take over, it is also important to acknowledge the wider context journalists are working in.

Tomiwa Folorunso, a Brussels-based writer and editor from Edinburgh, said: "When we talk about impostor syndrome within women, underrepresented groups, or marginalised communities in particular, we are talking about something that I have and that I am

However, by focusing on what the individual can do, "we are not acknowledging that a lot of us are operating, working and living within systems - organisations, companies and society - that don't actually want us to

Systemic barriers are not the only obstacles employees have to face. Toxic working environments, in fact, can significantly affect one's mental health.

"Go to or look for the places where your voice and what you have to say are appreciated and cared for because they do exist," said Tomiwa, adding: "There are editors and publications out there willing and ready to nurture you. They look after you, are supportive and not toxic."

Be it owing to societal pressure or our own insecurities, impostor syndrome can feel like an insurmountable wall. Where possible, try to keep pushing against your self-doubt and you will achieve great things.

Deevoy, for example, initially felt like she was making up things for a quantum biology article of hers. After pushing through, however, it was published and it has even recently been picked up by a quantum biology organisation that is now talking about funding a study to explore her theory. Who knows where selfconfidence could lead you?

·A dispatch by the International Journalists' Network (IJNet), a project of the Washington-based International Centre for Journalists.

Observing embargoes means much in business journalism

By Sabrina Husain: August 30, 2012

HETHER broken by human or technical errors, embargo breaches can have serious consequences. Ron Leuty, a biotech reporter at the San Francisco Business Times, experienced firsthand the detrimental consequences of breaking an embargo.

In September 2009, Leuty was accused of breaking an embargo with Bayer HealthCare. Initially, Bayer sent Leuty an email inviting him to a press conference where the company would make an announcement "regarding the manufacturing for future versions of its haemophilia drug".

Leuty speculated that Bayer would announce plans to build a plant in Berkeley, California.

In a blog post on the San Francisco Business Times website, Leuty wrote: "Bayer HealthCare has decided where it will make future versions of its haemophilia drug, but it is not officially disclosing that decision until Wednesday afternoon."

Following Leuty's post, Bayer's PR professionals sent an email to Mary Huss, the publisher of the San Francisco Business Times, retracting their invitation for a different San Francisco Business Times reporter to attend the press conference.

While Leuty maintains that he worked independently to get the story, Bayer claims that he violated an embargo.

"Nowhere in that email did it say the word 'embargo'," said Leuty, adding: "You can't just say something is embargoed. An embargo is an agreement. I wrote the blog post because I wanted everyone to know that we had already covered the topic a month ago."

Leuty's incident with Bayer raises questions about the purpose of embargoes and whether they can be used effectively for both journalists and PR people.

Since the advent of the public relations industry with PT Barnum in the 19th century, there has been a complicated and often contentious relationship between PR professionals and business journalists.

The public relations embargo has been a significant point of conflict between these two groups. An embargo is a tool used by PR professionals to give journalists and bloggers major news prior to its official release, with the understanding that they can't publish stories until a specified date.

Typically, no legal or binding contract occurs, so journalists are under no formal obligation to honour the

Embargoes allow journalists to tell better and more thorough stories. This increases the amount of information that is disseminated to the public. Embargoes thrive in the complicated fields of technology, medicine, government, business and real estate.

When used strategically, embargoes can help build relationships between PR professionals, journalists and the public.

"You build a certain amount of trust with a reporter by releasing protected information, and they build trust with you by holding that information until the appointed time," said Erica Taylor, a former account director at Ogilvy Public Relations Worldwide.

Usefulness of embargoes

Journalists and PR professionals agree that embargoes can be very useful. Embargoes give journalists extra time to absorb information, research topics and craft their pieces before press time.

"They allow key reporters enough time to ramp up on the topic and key points of the data you're releasing and, as a result, those reporters can put together a story that can be better understood by audiences," said Taylor.

Adam Levy, a former Atlanta Bureau Chief of Bloomberg News, said he respects embargoes and has found them to be particularly useful when dealing with government

He specifically recalls relying on embargoes while conducting the Florida recount after George W. Bush was sworn in as the 43rd US president.

"When I was in Florida covering the George W. Bush recount, there were numbers floating around erroneously and the state board of elections issued a 15-minute embargo that helped everyone get their facts straight," said Levy.

In regards to medical and scientific topics, embargoes can provide journalists time to analyze studies and break down complicated num-

"I'm not a scientist by any stretch, so embargoes give me a better understanding of the topics in biotechnology that I'm dealing with," said

Conflicting interests

Conflicting interests and loyalties are at the heart of the issue of public relations embargoes. While PR people enter an embargo protecting a company's interests, journalists are ultimately responsible to the public.

"If you agree to embargoes too often, I would think you would tend to be perceived by your readers as 'in bed' with a company," said Leuty.

"It makes your readers think what else are they doing in agreement with these companies?' This threatens your credibility and the credibility of your news organisation," he added.

Journalists such as John Frank, a politics reporter at The News & Observer, maintain that informing the public always remains the number one priority when writing a story.

"If it was some sort of public safety information, the need for the public to know right away would trump any embargo or source relationship," said Frank.

PR professionals admit that their biased interests sometimes prevent information from reaching the public at the appropriate time.

Napoleon Byars, former director of policy and communications for the Air Force Association, says that the (US) federal government has manipulated embargo policies in order to downplay important information

and delay reporting time so that news doesn't become public during the height of the news cycle.

"Some government agencies have been known to release 'bad news' on a Friday evening in hopes that it will be smothered somewhat by reporting on other news and events," said

PR professionals can also manipulate embargoes to have the opposite effect. They often use embargoes to cause unwarranted media buzz by forcing everyone to report on a story at the same time. This can create the impression that a story is much more newsworthy than it actually is.

In a live chat with Poynter, Jack Shafer, a journalist covering media for Reuters, criticized this misuse of embargoes.

"Practically every embargo is an attempt by a company or institution to control the flow of news," he said, elaborating: "They come up with a lot of self-serving reasons for their embargoes, such as that they want everybody writing about the topic to have plenty of time to consider the embargoed material before they write, but what they really want to do is to control the dissemination of their material for maximum im-

Jumping the gun

A major issue with embargo policies is that they can be hard to enforce due to the competitive nature of new organisations. As Paul Boutin of The New York Times explained during a panel discussion hosted by global PR firm Waggener Edstrom: 'There's no second chance to write a deeper story, speed counts.'

He compares embargoes to a horse race where there is always an incentive for a news organisation to break away early.

An embargo breach causes resentment among news organisations, and journalists may regret participating in an embargo if someone violates it by even one minute.

Michael Arrington, founder and former co-editor of TechCrunch, has declared "Death to the Embargo" because of the prevalence of embargo breaches.

"One annoying thing for us is when an embargo is broken," said Arrington in a 2008 TechCrunch article, adding: "A news site goes early with the news, despite the fact that they've promised not to.

"The benefits are clear - sites like Google News and TechMeme prioritise them first as having broken the story. Traffic and links flow in to whoever breaks an embargo first."

Journalists also feel resentment towards bloggers, who don't face consequences as serious for breaking an embargo.

"Rarely will you see organisations like The New York Times or USA Today breaking embargoes, but bloggers present a challenge to keeping embargoes because they have no real motivation for maintaining a relationship with a source," said Frank.

PR pressure

An advantage of agreeing to an embargo is that journalists get access to important sources. However, embargoes can also limit who a journalist is allowed to contact.

Many journalists have mixed feelings about embargo policies because of these public relations ploys.

"A huge downside to embargoes is that people use them to control your ability to call other sources, such as public officials or other real estate developers," said Michelle Jarboe, a real estate and development reporter at The Plain Dealer.

"This is an effort to put a reporter in a position of a one-sided story," she added.

Journalists also find that PR people manipulate embargoes by leaking information and showing favouritism. Adam Levy recalls a specific infraction involving Home

"Home Depot once embargoed information and then leaked the same information to The Wall Street Journal," said Levy, adding: "They wanted to manipulate the information at my news organisation's expense. That's a complete misinterpretation of what embargoes are."

Many journalists feel that this preferential treatment can ultimately hurt readers who rely on local news.

"There's a couple of companies that I cover that don't put any news out there prior to its release, but they should be trying to get local play," said Leuty, adding: "I wonder, 'why not give me the same exclusive that you're giving to The Wall Street Journal?'

Another major problem noted by journalists is that PR professionals don't always understand what an embargo is. Two qualities need to be present in order for an embargo to occur: two parties need to agree and the embargo needs to be used for strategic reasons.

When asked about her negative experiences dealing with embargoes, Jarboe recalled a situation where a PR person sent an embargo about a major land acquisition when the deed was already in public record and the developer had already launched a Facebook page.

"This was so stupid; this big-shot PR person was trying to embargo something when there was clearly public information available," said Jarboe.

Harsh consequences

Despite such gray areas surrounding embargoes and their rules, journalists generally stray from breaking embargoes because of the severe consequences.

"Breaking an embargo is just like violating 'off the record' - it might help you get one great story faster but it will cause problems in the long term," said Jarboe.

In Leuty's case, his alleged embargo breach in 2009 caused significant damage to his relationship with Bayer.

"I would say there was a chill in the air for six to 12 months," he said, adding: "The relationship has been repaired quite a bit but it took some time. It's like a marriage - I realised that the relationship wasn't going to get better until I took steps to improve it."

Public relations professionals feel that these consequences are a fair punishment.

"When a reporter I was dealing with broke an embar-

go via an online story eight hours early, our remedy was to remove that reporter from the list of reporters that received embargoed information," said Taylor. Some journalists argue that PR people are in a more

advantageous position to manipulate embargoes because they have more control over the situation.

"I don't think journalists manipulate embargoes as much as PR people. This is your beat. You can't burn your contacts," said Levy.

Trust is key

Despite a lack of agreement about who is to blame for the problems surrounding embargoes, journalists and PR professionals agree that trust is a key element for any successful embargo. Either close relationships or contracts should be established prior to issuing an embargo.

"I generally agree to embargoes with people that I have long-standing relationships with because there's a level of trust that I wouldn't have with someone who just called me," said Jarboe.

"Embargoes can be valuable if you trust the source and know they'll have flexibility if something changes because news is a changeable business," she added.

Michael Crittenden, a reporter for Dow Jones & Co., said he finds embargoes useful when dealing with major economic data and Federal Open Market Committee statements, but agreed that both parties involved in an embargo need to be comfortable with the conditions in order for this tool to work.

"Embargoes can be useful because they give you time to develop complete, centralised information, but they need to be more of a negotiation instead of a blasting out through email," he said.

Although each side represents conflicting interests, both journalists and PR professionals can benefit from the effective and strategic use of embargoes. PR professionals can guarantee the publishing of a high-profile story, while journalists can maintain a position of authority on a topic.

"In an ideal world, I would always like to get news in the paper first and there would not be any embargo policies," said Jarboe, adding: "However, considering that it's not an ideal world, embargoes can be useful negotiating tools when I'm obliged to get people to have a conversation with me."

Leuty meanwhile notes that there has been a general maturity in the public relations industry since the infamous Bayer incident occurred.

"I've seen a real evolution of PR understanding of embargoes - more people call and email me and ask if I'll agree to an embargo," he said, adding: "I still keep the email that was sent to my publisher on my desk as an ongoing educational tool though."

Husain is a student at North Carolina's UNC-Chapel Hill School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

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Tanzania commemorates sixty-second anniversary of ancient human skull

By Correspondent Emmanuel Onyango

TWO weeks ago, the government celebrated the unique discoveries of the remains of ancient man whose skull named 'Zinjanthropus' was found at an archaeological cultural site of Olduvai Gorge located within a plain land of Ngorongoro crater in Arusha region.

The skull which was discovered by a famous archaeologist-paleontologist the late Mary Leakey over six decades in July 1959, is a fossilized cranium and the holotype of the species called paranthropus boisei which has existed for 1.7 million years.

The celebrations were conducted under the theme titled, "Our origin and heritage" at the main National Museum bulding located along Shabaan Robert Street in Dar es Ssalaam city.

The event is an important aspect which attracted experts into becoming more intertested and fully committed into practising more research activities for the benefit of the nation and the world at large.

Giving a highlight of the anniversary, the Museum's Senior Curator Dr. Agness Gidna told the Guardian that one of the fossils like the skull of Zinjanthropus boisei and other tools stored at the museum also attracted various researchers from different parts of the world.

With this major event which commemorates discoveries of ancient human remains has made Tanzania to be regarded as a cradle of mankind ever since the discovery of zinjanthropus skull which has opened up the minds of world's researchers and archaeologists.

The presence of the oldest human fossils have continued to woo both local and foreign tourists who flock at Dar es Salaam based National Museum to learn about past human evolution history.

According to her, the house of culture at the museum preserves more than 700 oldest stone tools including pieces of hominin fossils dating from 1.8 to 2 million years ago.

The artifacts that had been found by archaeologists at Olduvai Gorge within the period under review includes thousands of stone tools used by early humans for survival and thousands of animal bones and roots which were used as food.

Together with a range of multidisciplinary scientific studies, archeologists have also discovered fossil remains of 1,136 animal species such as



The skull of the ancient man named Zinjanthropus boisei discovered over six decades ago by an English-born archaeologist Mary Leakey at Olduvai Gorge has been preserved at National Museum building in Dar es Salaam.

cattle, pigs, crocodiles, hippopotamus and birds which shows that there was the presence of human beings at the famous world's heritage site.

The Director of Humanities Research Centre in the Department of Archaeology and Heritage Studies at the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) Dr. Pastory Bushozi says that, "there are

still new signs of human living at Olduvai Gorge which has a scientific belief that an ancient man on the earth lived there over two million years

Dr. Bushozi who is also a senior lecturer of archeology studies said that the new discoveries carried out under rocks have revealed that, "the

uncovered evidence shows periodic but recurrent land use across a subset of environments,

According to his recent research activities, he says the area has been discovered with the presence of some sorts of volcanic blasts which had covered the area before and later had been inhabited by human beings for life.

The Olduvai Gorge is the old archeological sites best known in the world for extraordinary records of extinct human species and environmental records spanning several million years. The site has become attractive to cultural tourists who travels from various parts in the world.

For more than a century, archaeologists and human paleontologists have been exploring the East African Rift outcrops and unearthing hominin fossils in surveys and excavations.

The area which has become Tanzania's cultural attraction sites that depicts the lifestyle of people geographically and ethnically including their history, arts, religion and other elements that helped shaped their way of life.

A key feature is witnessed by millions of years of evolution that cuts across into the Great Rift Valley of East Africa, the deep revive is widely considered one of the world's most important sites of paleoanthropology and lies with a wider world heritage sites.

Before such discovery was made known across the globe, it was believed that the ancient man came from China after the discoveries of the ancient human skulls which was done between 1923 and 1927 well known as 'Homo erectus' or Peking man'. The discovered Chinese skulls had been estimated to have lived for 750,000 years ago.

It should be understood that, immediately after the discovery of the ancient human skull, the world came to realize the importance and contribution of African continent in the history of evolution of man.

Although the specie was too different from modern people to be the direct human ancestor but the discovery captured public interest in human evolution and put Tanzania as a special place in the world.

Profit-making idea: 'Poultry is the future of protein production in Africa'

By Special Correspondent

MOST people in Africa consume plenty of carbohydrates and fats but they don't eat enough protein, according to Roland Decorvet, CEO of PhilAfrica Foods. He believes poultry is the future of protein production in Africa.

"I see big opportunities in poultry ... Chicken is just so much more affordable than beef. Fish is by far the cheapest source of protein but there are very few aquaculture op-

erations in Africa that are doing well - the quality of water is an issue as well as the sensitivity of the product," notes Decorvet.

Investor Henri de Villeneuve is also bullish about the prospects for poultry, particularly in Angola and Mozambique. "Poultry is a large market and in the context of Africa, chicken is at the top of the list," says De Villeneuve, founder of SAPA, an investment vehicle that supports the entry of European agribusiness groups into East and Southern Afri-

To be successful in poultry, he notes, producers must be integrated and control the value chain, starting with the feed. The cost of the feed often accounts for about 70% of the price of the chicken. "Secondly, don't produce chicken for local consumption close to the sea, because vou could be impacted by imports from Brazil or elsewhere. Instead, produce chicken away from the coast as high inland transport costs create a barrier to entry for competitors," De

Villeneuve explains. "It also helps to be aware of abnormal situations or gaps for increased demand. In Angola, everyone wants chicken at Christmas. They will charter 747s to import chicken to meet local demand over this period; if you know this and are ready to act, it can be a great investment opportunity." Read the full interview with Henri de Villeneuve

In countries such as Ghana, there also appears to be potential for the production of poultry feed. Akwasi Osei-Bobie Ansah, CEO of Ghanabased Farmers Hope, believes there is an opportunity to find a formulation for a high-quality but more affordable poultry feed.

The price is important, says Ansah, because the cost of feed in the poultry industry is prohibitive leading to an over-reliance on imported

His opinion is confirmed by various studies on the topic, listing the cost of broiler and hatchery feed as one of the major challenges for the industry in Ghana.

mulating an alternative poultry feed concentrate, providing it to a couple of broiler farmers, who have indicated it would be a viable product. The inputs he used for his sample include two plants found in the country and the calcium from sea snail shells, also in abundant supply.

Ansah has tried his hand at for-

Ansah says local research into a lower-cost feed solution is urgently required to address the "astronomical rise in the price of poultry meat and feed".

Road users are responsible for safety of students

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

THE government and stakeholders have been taking efforts to assist students in primary and secondary schools to remain safe while using

Henry Bantu, a member of National Road Safety Council told this paper that all road users are responsible for the safety of students. He said education is a paramount factor, starting from tender age and building the road safety culture within society.

He said the council has a number of initiatives that are meant to ensure students go to school and return home safe.

One of the initiatives is the Junior Road Marshalls project implemented in Dar es Salaam to assist children cross the roads safely. He said the project includes putting Zebra Crosses around schools.

Bantu who is also the Chairman for Safe Speed Foundation, a non-governmental organization that advocates for road safety, proposed on various measures to be taken in order to make roads safe for all users which includes construction of pathways around busy urban centres.

"The pathways are important because not only students who face challenges while on the roads but other road users. Road safety education should be provided to students and members of the society," said Bantu insisting such educational programmes would prevent accidents and deaths.

Head of Legal Department at the traffic police headquarters, Deus Sokoni said the police force's traffic unit has been deploying its officers at road crossings every morning and evening hours to make sure students are crossing safely.

He said that traffic police has been conducting public awareness and sensitization campaign at bus terminals to educate drivers about road safety and the importance of obeying the traffic laws, regulations and

"We have recently conducted an education campaign at Mwandege area in Coast Region, these efforts would reduce the number of road crashes," he stated adding the law allows traffic police to confiscate driving licences of drivers violating traffic rules and return them after six



Primary school pupils crossing a road in this library photo taken early this year, more efforts are needed to ensure they are protected and remain safe.

months.

Sokoni said similar education campaigns will be conducted at various areas within Coast Region including Bagamoyo, Kisarawe, Kibiti, Mkuranga, Kibaha Rural and Urban districts.

He said the Tanzania National Road Agency (Tanroads) and Tanzania Rural and Urban Road Agency (TARURA) are responsible for fixing road signs at

Zafarani Madayi, Manager of Safety and Environment at Tanroads said the agency has been taking various measures to educate people on safe road use as well as installation of road signs

"We want them to know the meaning of road signs fixed during the process and the ones installed when the roads are in use. This has helped to control road accidents," said Madayi noting vandalism of road infrastructures is still one of the major challenges.

A parent identified as Mwajuma Chingwele from Mbagala Kuu ,Temeke district, Dar es Salaam region said more efforts are needed to make sure that students go to school and return home safely. She said drivers must be insisted on the need to drive their cars at a 30 km/h speed limit especially when crossing congested areas such as schools, hospitals, markets and play grounds.

The UN Global Traffic Safety Week (UNGRSW) which was globally marked in May this year was themed–'Streets for Life #Love30' calling for 30 km/h speed limits to be the norm for cities, towns and villages worldwide.

The Traffic Police Annual Report for the year 2017, 2018 and 2019, shows that road fatalities to children has drastically decreased.

Deaths of children aged between 0-18 decreased from 294 in January to December 2017 to 52 in 2019 the same period while those injured decreased from 832 in 2017 to 177 in

According to report the decrease is the result of the education programmes provided to various group of road users, through which various activities were conducted towards protecting children on using roads. Data from Amend Tanzania, a

non- for profit organization working to save lives of children indicates that every 4 minutes a child is prematurely lost on roads.

It is estimated 2 million children worldwide each year miss education through death or injury in road traffic crashes, thus affects their future dreams and expectations.

These traumatic events cause great physical, social suffering, economic hardships and medical costs to families and friends and the government as well.

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ON this first World Drowning Prevention Day, the World Health Organisation offers life-saving solutions to prevent most of the 236,000 estimated deaths from drowning every year. The United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution in April establishing this international day to raise awareness of drowning as a serious problem.

Summertime has been celebrated in song as the season when the living is easy. On a less celebratory note, summertime in the northern hemisphere also is the peak season for deaths by drowning.

Over the past decade, the World Health Organisation reports 2.5 million people have died in drowning incidents. It says more than half of all drowning deaths are among people under age 30,

WHO: Most deaths from drowning preventable with the highest rates among children under the

age of five.

David Meddings, a WHO medical officer, said drowning is the second leading cause of death among children and youth under age 19 in wealthy countries such as the United States, Switzerland, and France. He notes, though, drowning disproportionately affects the poor and the marginalized.

"The rates for drowning in low- and middle-income countries are three times higher than the rates we observe in higher-income countries. And so, it is really the populations with the least resources to be able to adapt to the threats around them that are at highest risk for drowning. The

Western Pacific region has the world's highest drowning rates followed by the African region," he said.

WHO reports more than 90% of drowning deaths occur in rivers, lakes, wells, irrigation canals and even domestic water storage vessels in the poorer countries. It says children and adolescents in rural areas are disproportionately affected.

Meddings said national surveys in Africa show most drownings occur among young adult men out on fishing vessels.

"For example, there was a study done in Tanzania among lakeside communities that show that the risk of death from drowning exceeded the risk of death in that population for death from HIV, TB

or malaria. So, 80% of deaths occurring in young adult men who are in a sense obligated to go out on fishing vessels that often are inherently unsafe watercraft without advance weather warning and without knowing how to swim," he said.

The report does not include statistics on floodrelated mortality, deaths due to water transport mishaps such as capsized ferry boats, or migrant deaths that occur while crossing the perilous Medi-

WHO recommends a number of cost-effective life-saving measures. It says children should be taught basic swimming and water safety skills, wells and potentially dangerous water areas should be fenced off, and bystanders should be trained in safe rescue and resuscitation. It says safe boating and ferry regulations should be enforced and calls for flood risk management to be improved.

Is this the messiest phase of Covid-19 in the US?

By Jon Allsop

N June, the World Health Organisation recommended continued mask-wearing as a defence against the spread of Covid-19, even among people who are fully vaccinated.

This advice differed from that of the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which said in May that fully vaccinated people could ditch their masks in most settings.

In the US, the clashing guidance caused some confusion that rippled through media coverage. On the whole, though, the WHO story got lost in the broader Covid news cycle, which alternated between tentative optimism about the end of the pandemic and tentative concern about the Delta variant.

This often emphasized sharp distinctions between those who were already vaccinated (Nothing to worry about!) and those who weren't (Get vaccinated!).

As I wrote at the time, the tenor of this coverage was often introspective and distinctively American - a reflection of relatively low case rates and high vaccine availability in the US.

Coverage in countries lacking one or both of those benefits, like the United Kingdom, meanwhile continued to focus on collective risk and protections, including masks

The US still has a lot of vaccine, but cases are now rising nationally again. It's perhaps no surprise, then, that the mask debate is back. The CDC's guidance hasn't changed, but many experts think that it should, and some areas have re-imposed mandates.

Much Covid coverage has continued to underscore the divide between the vaccinated and the unvaccinated. The focus on vaccine hesitancy has only grown in ur-

"It's almost like we need two kinds of newscasts, or two versions of the weather report," Brian Stelter, CNN's chief media correspondent, said on Sunday.

"The forecast is pretty sunny for the vaccinated, but it's quite bleak in some states for the unvaccinated," he added.

As Stelter also noted, however, the pandemic is still a story of risk calculations, and "those nuances don't always come through in the media coverage".

The vaccinated are inevitably affected by such calculations, especially when, as with mask mandates, they are collective.

And, in recent weeks, there has increasingly been media chatter about "breakthrough infections" that have

people, especially when those people have been famous.

A Covid outbreak among vaccinated New York Yankees players generated a welter of news stories, as did a case at the White House. Reporters peppered Jen Psaki, the White House press secretary, with questions about the latter, and asked if she would commit to full transparency should there be more such cases in the future.

As coverage of breakthrough infections has increased, some commentators have argued, with ample justification, that it ought to decrease again.

Such infections are neither common nor unexpected, and they almost always involve mild or asymptomatic illness. By hyping isolated cases, the argument goes, the press risks inducing undue worry among the vaccinated and undue skepticism among the unvaccinated.

A big part of the problem here is that data on breakthroughs are lacking, making it harder for journalists to properly contextualise anecdotal examples.

The CDC once tracked all such infections, but in May it narrowed its focus to breakthroughs that precede hospitalisation or death.

The agency said the move would "help maximise the quality of the data collected on cases of greatest clinical and public health importance".

But the move has also, undoubtedly, exacerbated uncertainty as to the scope of the problem, depriving the public of a centralised data source and leaving journalists and experts to instead pick over leaked CDC estimates and local tallies that aren't standardized

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As New York Times science reporter Apoorva Mandavilli has since pointed out, most breakthrough infections are not individually serious but they can play a role in overall viral spread. Which brings the story right back around to those not yet vaccinated.

But breakthrough infections aren't the only data blind spot in the US at the moment. A number of states, including Nebraska and Florida, recently stopped reporting daily tallies of cases, hospitalisations and deaths - and moved to weekly reporting instead

As the AP's Josh Funk writes, Nebraska briefly stopped all of its data reporting after the governor declared an end to the state's health emergency - only to backtrack.

"Doing this weekly report just leaves you completely in the dark about what's going on. And then on Friday, all of a sudden, like, boom, you get this surprise number," Cindy Prins, an epidemiologist at the University of Florida, told the Tampa Bay Times.

"Nationally, daily Covid-19 testing rates - which were arguably never high enough to provide a truly accurate picture of the state of the pandemic in the US - have declined substantially from their peak.

Data collection and report-

ing can be labour-intensive and it's legitimate, of course, to debate where stretched health bureaucracies should direct their resources for maximum benefit in this new phase of the pandemic.

But, as I've written before, from a journalist's point of view, the more data we have, the more reliable the picture of the world that we can build.

Meanwhile, there's still a lot we don't fully understand about the science of the coronavirus, with new variants, in particular, proving confound-

"It's a bit maddening, because it felt like we got to a point where we got to know this virus a little bit," Mandavilli has written.

elaborated: Mandavilli "(The) onset of the Delta variant has really changed that entire calculation. There are just so many more questions than I think we expected to have at this point. And it feels a little bit like an inflection point - another one - where the country could go in either direction."

I agree. In fact, I'd make the case that this stage of the pandemic is the most complicated and uncertain that America has yet faced. Not the worst, by any means, but perhaps the hardest for people - and the media - to get their heads around.

The problems that bedevilled our early coverage of the pandemic - a lack of scientific certainty and consensus; inadequate data flows - are still problems, in ways new and infuriatingly unchanged.

had to cover back then - while never the beneficiaries of political consensus - were relatively blunt compared to the more subjective and situational risk calculations of this moment, which still very much apply, even as cases rise again.

The vaccines are magnificent, but we still don't know everything about them. The situation differs substantially by place, and it can be hard to easily compare them. And it's arguably more urgent than ever that Americans look out on the world, large swathes of which are desperately struggling right now.

Again, the state of the Covid-19 pandemic in the US right now is not uniformly bleak; it is, rather, a mishmash of good news, bad news, and uncertainty.

The situation is better than many imaginable alternatives. But that doesn't make it any easier for the media to cover. Perhaps more than at any other point in the pandemic, journalists are having to strike an increasingly fine tonal balance between the good and the bad.

They thus have to communicate an increasingly nuanced and diverse set of truths - exploring uncertainties around the vaccines, for example, without blunting the central, basic truth of their effectiveness and desirability - in an informational climate that is both murky and infested with bad actors. Covid-19 hasn't stopped challenging us yet.

As cases of the pandemic have risen among unvaccinated people, experts and commentators have increasingly debated the appropriateness of imposing vaccine mandates in certain settings.

Just a day or two ago proved to be something of a watershed in that regard: New York City announced that select municipal workers must be vaccinated by September or else face weekly testing.

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California announced similar rules for all state employees and public and private healthcare workers, and the Department of Veterans Affairs demanded vaccination of over a hundred thousand frontline healthcare staff.

The (President Joe) Biden administration has, up to now, resisted the notion of federal mandates. White House press secretary Jennifer Rene Psaki has said that the administration hasn't yet decided whether to issue further situation-specific vaccine mandates, and acknowledged that Biden "recognizes that he is not always the right voice to every community about the benefits of getting vaccinated".

Phil Valentine, a 61-year-old conservative radio host in Tennessee, said in December that while he wasn't an anti-vaxxer, he had concerns about getting the Covid-19 shot. He described his odds of getting the pandemic as "pretty low," and his odds of dying from it at "way less than one per cent".

Valentine is now critically ill with Covid pneumonia. Last week, he put out a statement, through his station, urging his listeners to get vaccinated.

"Phil would like for his listeners to know that while he has never been an 'anti-vaxxer' he regrets not being more vehemently 'pro-vaccine'," the statement said, adding that Valentine "looks forward to being able to more vigorously advocate that position as soon as he is back on the air, which we all hope will be soon."

The Biden administration also announced that it is working to ensure that sufferers of long Covid-19 have appropriate access to "rights and resources" under the Americans with Disabilities Act - which became law 31 years ago. •

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Misconceptions about defence counsel in trial courts

By Telesphor Magobe

HEN it comes to representing a person accused of a criminal ple have different viewpoints. Some think advocates "defend criminals" to the detriment of innocent parties who may lose the case - which, according to them, would amount to doing them injustice.

In some cases, the people who think like this may actually turn violent against the defence counsel.

But Article 13(6)(b) of the Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania (R.E 2005) states: "No person charged with a criminal offence shall be treated as guilty of the offence until proved guilty of that offence." This means that there is always presumption of innocence until the court convicts the accused person of a criminal offence.

So, in the legal perspective, the defence counsel "is not defending the criminal" but is representing a person accused of a criminal offence on legal grounds or factual claims.

Article 13(6)(a) of the Constitution says: "When the rights and duties of any person are being determined or other legal remedy against the decision of the court or of the other agency concerned."

Section 310 of the Criminal Procedures Act (R.E 2019) meanwhile also entitles any person accused before any criminal court other than a primary court to be defended by an advocate.

One may lose a case not necessarily because one is guilty of the criminal offence but merely because one is not familiar with court proceedings and technicalities or is ignorant of the law or even the relief one may

What happens is that the prosecution side charges a suspected criminal with a criminal offence contrary to the law he or she is subject to and provides evidence by calling eyewitnesses to testify against him or her.

The defence counsel then helps the accused person to poke holes

in the evidence provided or the legal provisions relied on to the extent that the prosecution side has to by the court or any other agency, prove beyond reasonable doubt that that person shall be entitled to a fair the accused person committed the offence in court, peo- hearing and to the right of appeal offence he or she is charged with or there is a preponderance of probability to that effect (if it is a civil suit).

> It is through this that the magistrate or judge weighs the evidence of both parties to the case without which it would have been difficult to determine the case. There is a legal aphorism which says 'justice must not only be done but must also be manifestly seen to be done'.

> There is also another thing which is not well understood by laypersons. This has to do with finding a person "red-handed" committing an offence. Laypersons would like such a person to be hauled straight to prison.

> But if a person is sent directly to prison on the basis of being found "red-handed", this would be a miscarriage of justice because the person has first to be charged with a criminal offence and be afforded a fair hearing.



Even in this case, if the accused is defended by an advocate, the latter is representing his or her client within legal bounds.

If you ask people who want a person found "red-handed" to be sent directly to prison why they so desire, they will likely say they see no need for investigation or further evidence "because it is all so obvious".

Their viewpoint is that investigation is for unclear offences but not for cases where there is "straightforward evidence".

If a wounded person is found lying unconscious by the roadside, people

would normally not object to police investigation. And if they are asked to cooperate by giving information about the whereabouts of the assailants, they could even give the name of a person they had quarrelled or they had a grudge with even if that person is innocent.

If a person is found in the house of another person stealing clothes and money, people would normally like to see such a person punished straightaway by taking the law into their own hands because they think it may take too long following legal procedures and possibly the person may not even be prosecuted and be let free.

In Tanzania, we follow an adversary legal system - a procedural system under which parties to a dispute present their arguments before an independent magistrate or judge. To win the case under this system, there must be weightier evidence beyond a reasonable doubt (if it is a criminal case) or a preponderance of probability (if it is a civil suit).

But it may also happen that 'the guilty party' gives evidence to the ex-

convince the court about his or her innocence - perhaps owing to his or her being ignorant of the law or merely being unfamiliar with court proceedings.

tent that 'the innocent party' fails to

But how would a disinterested magistrate or judge in the case move when the evidence presented before the court overwhelms 'the innocent party' and exonerates 'the guilty party'? For sure, 'the guilty party' will win the case and 'the innocent party' will be found guilty and be convicted.

But, of course, the aggrieved party is entitled to the right of appeal and if this chance is well-exploited, a higher court may overturn the sentence and the conviction, this time in favour of 'the innocent party' that had failed in the previous case.

All this points to the importance of exploiting legal representation meaningfully during trial.

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BUSINESS

ACTIVISM

Braille and sign language curriculum to be introduced in Rwandan schools

KIGALI

The Rwanda Basic Education Board (REB) is set to roll out a Competence Based Curriculum (CBC) for special needs children - with visual impairment and the ones with hearing loss - a curriculum that will be part of a unit called special needs and inclusive this new curriculum, all schools will education. The special curriculum will start with the next academic year.

Nelson Mbarushimana, Director General of REB said they are working with different partners in developing the curriculum that will be followed by recruiting, and professional training of teachers at national level who will teach these subjects.

"Previously, these lessons were taken, but we did not have a curriculum for them, the learners followed a curriculum developed by partners like UNICEF, but now this curriculum will be aligned with the national programmes, this means all learners will follow a uniform curriculum but in a language that is inclusive for all," he said.

"The ultimate goal is to enable learners with intellectual challenges due to their disabilities, to maximize their opportunities in learning to develop their optimal capacity so they can live as independently as they can."

He added: "We now have braille and sign language officers, which is new, these are the people who will be sure it is enrolled in the special-needs schools." Mbarushimana added.

Donatella Kanimba, Executive Director of the Rwanda Union of the Blind (RUB) said it was high time REB introduced this curriculum, because education should be accessible to all Rwandan children and no one should be left behind.

"Right now we have different kinds of braille from very many countries and Rwanda does not have one, and this was a problem for example Home

de la Vierge des Pauvres (HVP) Gatagara in Rwamagana teaches a combination of French and English braille mixed, and Educational Institute for Blind Children in Kibeho only teaches English braille, and other schools teach different braille." She said.

"With the introduction of braille in learn one braille and children will be able to sit comfortably for their national examinations, because it used to be hard for them but also the examination council because they did not know which braille to use."

Emmanuel Ndayisaba, the Executive Secretary of National Council of Persons with Disabilities, said the new sign language dictionary that will have more than 2000 signs is expected to be ready in September.

"The project of the new sign language dictionary was stalled due to lack of professionals, but now we found someone who will complete the project," he said. "With our partners like REB we expect the new dictionary to be used in schools to help not only the children with hearing loss but also their teachers, and improve the curriculum, the dictionary will be accessed electronically and can be used by everyone who wishes to access it." Ndayisaba said.

Speaking to The New Times, Father Jules Maurice Ntirenganya the Director of HVP Gatagara in Rwamagana Disin charge of developing the curricu- trict said this curriculum will help all lum, training the teachers and making the children with visual impairments because it will be uniform in all schools and can help them in interacting with

> "We currently have 162 students who study braille, and the biggest challenge for these children has been accessing braille books, when they distribute books to schools we have to translate them to braille ourselves, we hope this new curriculum will also include the provision and easy access of braille books in libraries because they really help our learners." he said.

DIVERSITY

Tommy launches programme to address racial inequality

NEW YORK

Tommy Hilfiger, owned by PVH Corp., is launching the People's Place Program, which aims to advance the representation of black, indigenous and people of colour (BIPOC) within the fashion and creative industries. The brand has announced an initial minimum commitment of \$5m in annual funding towards the programme for the next three years.

At the end of May, American designer Tommy Hilfiger shared a personal call to action for himself and his namesake business amid the Black Lives Matter movement. The brand says the ensuing commitment puts into action his wider vision to drive change throughout the industry and reinforces the company's social and environmental sustainability mission to "create fashion that wastes nothing and welcomes all."

The three-pillared platform seeks to achieve "consistent, long-term change" through the following methods:

Partnerships and representation: Tommy Hilfiger will enhance its diverse talent pipeline, focusing on purposeled collaborations that specifically increase minority visibility, and partner

with organisations and creative peers whose mission is to advance BIPOC representation and equity in the fashion industry.

Career support and industry access: To advance representation of minority communities within the fashion and creative industries, the brand will use its knowledge and resources to ensure career opportunities by providing access to information or physical materials, specialist advice, industry introductions, and more.

Industry leadership: To increase representation at every level, Tommy Hilfiger will commit to independent, industry-wide analyses of diversity, equity and inclusion in the fashion industry, and will work towards creating concrete action plans to use internally that can also be shared with the broader fashion industry.

The programme takes its name from Tommy Hilfiger's first store which opened in 1969 in his hometown of Elmira, New York. At 18 years old, Hilfiger created the People's Place as a dedicated space for people from all walks of life to come together to enjoy art, music, fashion and pop culture.

SLOWDOWN

Covid cuts Sh1bn sales at Nairobi Hospital

NAIROBI

airobi Hospital revenue dropped by Sh1.15 billion last year in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic that cut hospital visits and lab income, keeping the premier facility in

The hospital's revenue dipped from Sh11.1 billion in 2019 to Sh9.95 billion in the year to Decemberthe lowest in four years as patients avoided hospitals for fear of contracting the infectious virus.

Lower hospital visits translated to reduced revenues for health facilities, prompting some medical institutions to implement layoffs and salary cuts. The extent of the low hospital visits reflected in the earnings of medical insurers who posted a record Sh1.3 billion in underwriting profits last year on slowed healthcare claim.

Nairobi Hospital cut losses to Sh561 million from Sh1.04 billion in 2019 when it dipped into loss after posting a debt write off of Sh1 billion. "The hospital's occupancy declined, as patients avoided the perceived Covid-19 prone zones," said James Nyamongo, the Nairobi hospital

Hospital admissions fell 23 percent to 14,477 patients while accident and emergency cases dropped by 35 per cent to 111,571 – both being lows of over five years. This prompted a dip in revenues from lab tests to theatre and cancer care. The hospital also halted day surgeries, which caused a 32 percent decline in the revenue stream to Sh709 million.

The premier hospital generates 54.2 percent of its revenues or Sh5.1 billion from selling medicines and laboratory fees. Nairobi Hospital said even though the net financial position improved in 2020 over 2019, the hospital's source market in Kenya and the neighbouring countries remain fragile.

Kenya reported the first Covid-19 case on March 13, prompting the State to impose measures such as a dusk-to-dawn curfew, social distancing and work-from-home calls. The Nairobi Hospital has laid



James Nyamongo, the Nairobi hospital CEO.

off more than 200 workers in a move aimed at cutting costs and clearing out staff implicated in a recent graft audit.

The losses comes as the hospital recovers from boardroom fights over tenders that saw the ouster of former chief executive officer Allan Pamba. Dr Pamba was

fired in October, just six months after his appointment, on claims that he had failed to provide a performance improvement plan for the hospital—an assertion the deposed CEO denies.

He instead blamed his ouster on a fallout over his alleged refusal to prioritise the award

of a fully funded Sh118 million tender for the installation of a new security system for the hospital to Opticom Kenya despite the existence of an efficiently functioning one. Mr Nyamongo assumed office as CEO in December 2020.

UNTHINKABLE

Covid-19: Anti-vaccine sentiment lesser in poorer countries than wealthy

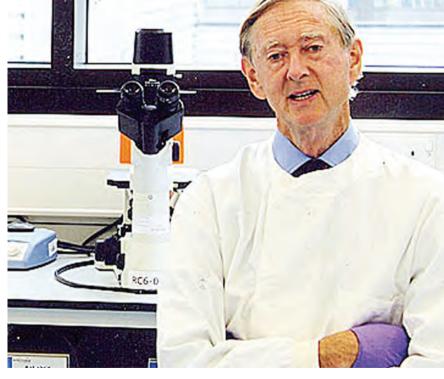
LONDON

People living in low and middle-income countries are more eager to receive a Covid-19 vaccine compared to those in the United States, research shows.

The study, published in the journal Nature Medicine, surveyed people in 10 low to middle-income countries across Asia, Africa and South America, as well as Russia and the US, to compare vaccine sentiment. It found 80 per cent of people surveyed in the low to middle-income countries were willing to be inoculated against the disease. That compared to around two-thirds, or 65 per cent, in the US.

Low and middle-income countries should be proud of their collective spirit to achieve rates in favour of Covid vaccine that are higher than citizens of higher-income countries. Only 30 per cent of those in upper-middle-income Russia said they would be prepared to get the shot, however.

Prof John Oxford, emeritus professor of virology at Queen Mary University of London and co-author of the textbook Human Virology, said low and middle-income countries should be "proud of their collective spirit to achieve rates [in favour of Covid



Prof John Oxford, emeritus professor of virology at Queen Mary University of London.

vaccination that are] higher than citizens of higherincome countries." "In the latter group a complacency has crept in about infection accompanied by a vocal minority who oppose vaccine," Prof Oxford said.

"But this minority have always been around, even 200 years ago as smallpox vaccines were introduced. But still, they were not able to prevent smallpox from being eradicated from the world." Experts have said vaccine hesitancy jeopardises efforts to reach herd immunity, as it means more people are vulnerable to catching the virus and passing it on to others.

It also raises the risk of the virus accruing new mutations, which could help it evade prior immunity from vaccination or infection since increased spread gives it more chance to replicate and change. For that reason, experts have urged rich countries, which have hoarded the supply of vac-

cines against Covid-19, to share them with developing nations.

"Beyond the equity concerns, sharing vaccines is also the most efficient thing to do," Ahmed Mushfiq Mobarak, an economist at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, and a co-author of the study, told Nature.

"You want to give vaccines to people who are eager to take them." Concerns about side effects and efficacy were among

the top reasons given by respondents for refusing the vaccine in the low and middle-income countries, which included Nepal,

Rwanda and Colombia. Virus Outbreak California Vaccine Kathi Carlsten, a Los Angeles Unified School District nurse, applies a dose of the Moderna vaccine to a LAUSD employee as LAUSD's first vaccination site opened at the Roybal Learning Center, in Los Angeles. Superintendent Austin Beutner was there in the morning to meet with the vaccination team and the first district employees to receive their vaccines at this site. A global YouGov survey conducted in May found people living in the UAE were among the most likely to take a vaccine to prevent Covid, with 87 per cent saying they were willing to receive the injection. The number was second only to Britain, where 90 per cent of those polled were willing to be vaccinated.

Both countries have overseen successful inoculation campaigns, with each approving its first Covid-19 vaccine in December 2020. The UAE has since fully vaccinated almost 69 per cent of its population, with 77.85 per cent having received the first dose.

EMPOWERMENT

Cape Town NGO teaches life skills to children through sport, even during pandemic

oolPlay, a nongovernmental organisation (NGO) in Cape Town, has made it its mission to continue teaching school children life skills by using sport to encourage them, even during the Covid-19 pandemic. The NGO, which has been around for more than a decade, is operating from five hubs in the Western Cape.

CoolPlay CEO Tori Gardner said the organisation supported 21 schools in the province by encouraging "social-emotional learning and inculcating life skills via sport and life orientation lessons." "Learners that struggled academically now work very well in group activities as the concept of teamwork has been instilled in them," said teacher Siya Mayiya.

"Khayelitsha, South Peninsula, the northern suburbs, Stellenbosch and the Koue Bokkeveld have been chosen as our main focus areas where we provide our services," she said. According to Gardner, these areas have been identified because they have some of the "toughest scenarios" for kids to grow up in.

"Gangsterism, drugs, alcohol and school dropouts are prolific in these areas, and

sport as a vehicle for change in a safe environment, under the guidance of positive role models, the narrative can be shifted and our learners often rise to become positive contributors to their community," she added. Imange Tilongo (13) from Ukhanyo Primary School loves that CoolPlay teaches her life skills, including treating people equally and with respect.

"We learn life lessons that we don't normally get taught in classes. But since the organisation started using sport to teach us life lessons, it's been wonderful," she said. According to Mayiya, pupils have developed leadership skills. They are more optimistic about their future in sport.

Tilongo said organisation's work at her school was keeping her busy and focused so that she had no time for "bad things." According to Gardner, the 21 schools they have partnered with have been identified because the principals and teachers believe in the CoolPlay way and have seen the positive impact on the kids.

"Our coaches enjoy teaching these kids. Our way of approaching life has benefitted the learners. Our goal is to create further



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CoolPlay CEO Tori Gardner.

depth in those 21 schools and make a meaningful impact in the specific hubs we have identified," she said. Gardner said despite the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, they have offered 1 150 life skill sessions in the first five months of 2021.

"The pressures and effects of the pandemic have been felt at every level, however, even more so where the communities are living with such limited resources. We were lucky enough to still be able to respond with agility and continue to provide positive interactions and fun in safe spaces and engage with 3 149 learners," Gardner said. Siya Mayiya, 29, a teacher for

the past five years, told News24 that CoolPlay has done "wonders" for the

"As an educator, I believe that kids need to be exposed to sports in education. Learners that struggled academically now work very well in group activities as the concept of teamwork has been instilled in them," he said.

As an educator, I believe that kids need to be exposed to sports in education," said Mayiya. Mayiya recently wrote to the organisation, thanking it for the work being done for the kids during the pandemic. In his letter, Mayiya said the kids were more disciplined and their self-esteem had improved

dramatically.

According to Mayiya, the pupils had also developed leadership skills. They were more optimistic about their future in sport and that had positive outcomes in the community as most of them also took part in sport within the community.

"This also keeps them away from bad influences and social ills like drug abuse and gangsterism," he said. Coach Feziwe Payi, 35, said teaching sport through education was amazing as the children were very eager to learn while staying active.

She said: "I enjoy being around the kids. To try and listen and understand them is a wonderful and enjoyable skill to hold. These kids have so much passion for life and often just want someone to listen to them speak."

Pavi said seeing the children open up while they are around each other during the life skill lessons is a wonderful experience. "When they first joined in the programmes, they were very shy. But as time goes on it's amazing to see how they've overcome their shyness and are now keen to partake in any discussions and lesson," Payi said.

Many local organisations and individuals have supported CoolPlay over the years. CoolPlay has also been recognised by both the Laureus Sport for Good Foundation and The Allan and Gill Gray Foundation, which has recently provided critical funding. Saleem Sonday, head of group savings and investments at Allan Gray, nominated CoolPlay as one of the charities for consideration in Allan Gray's philanthropy initiative.

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in the shortest possible time," he

The food loses its taste and

texture and, in the end, after a

binge episode, Smith admits he

is left with copious remorse and extra weight. "But the next day

itself my mind starts obsessing about yet another binge."

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Abnormal eating habits natu-

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Reem Shaheen, counselling

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eating disorders

Avocado prices have spiked 50pc over the past year – 21 days of cold, wet weather did not help

JOHANNESBURG

Avocados have skyrocketed 49% over the past year, and good quality ones have been hard to find following three weeks of unfavourable weather conditions in major producing regions during the fruit's flowering season in September last year.

In a single week, the price for avocados surged 22% to R20.91 per kilogram, according to Dr Johnny van der Merwe, managing director of agricultural information group Agrimark Trends (AMT), which tracks weekly prices for fresh fruit and vegetables.

"This price is currently 49% higher than a year ago due to volumes that are trading 32% lower year-on- year," Van Der Merwe said in his weekly video. Some crucial avocado-producing regions had at least 21 days of consistently bad weather, affecting volumes, said Derek Donkin, the South African Avocado Growers' Association's

"In a number of production regions, cool, wet, cloudy weather was experienced for three weeks during flowering, which was not conducive to good pollination and fruit set," Donkin said.Avocado cultivars grown in commercial production regions in South Africa are typically sensitive to water stress, and their branches tend to be brittle and can easily be ruined

The country's critical commercial avocado production regions are Limpopo, KwaZulu-Natal, and some parts of Mpumalanga, all of which get high amounts of rainfall and frequent mist. The lower supply of avocados into the domestic market can also be attributed to the alternate bearing nature of avocados with a heavier crop in one year, followed by a lighter crop the next, Donkin said. 2021 is a lighter crop year, he said.

Strike Sebake, managing director for Tshwane Green, a market agent for the Tshwane Market, said avocado supply this year has not been reliable due to only a few commercial avocado farmers concentrating on the fruit. "This year. the supply wasn't so reliable... It's only a few farms, monopoly farms, that are focusing on [avocados], and if the whole country is going to rely on those few farms, one will run out. You'll have to go to the smaller ones," Sebake said.

And while the smaller producers may be able to supply the market, they encounter many challenges, including logistical ones. "Avocados are grown everywhere, even in the bush you can find them, and if you're going to pay attention to grading, you wouldn't go for those. In the bush, those are not taken care of, those are not avos you can grade or rely on," he said.



Derek Donkin, the South African Avocado Growers' Association's

Male eating disorders: anorexia and bulimia common among men, too

ABU DHABI

ALERT

Looking into the tiny mirror above the toilet's washbasin, Liam Kelly's bloodshot eyes welled up with tears. A moment ago, he had though men suffer as much as made himself sick in the bath- women, there is a lot more stigma room, now there was excruciat- and little awareness about the eating pain in his throat, his face was puffy and his body exhausted, while his mind screamed: "I need

The Irish teacher, 42, who lives in Abu Dhabi, says he still vividly recalls several such agonising moments spent in his bathroom while he was battling bulimia, secretly, for more than 25 years. "I would eat as much as I wanted to and then vomit it all out in the bathroom. I knew it was wrong, but I was ashamed of telling others," says Kelly, who finally overcame his eating disorder in 2016, at the age of 38.

Long stereotyped as a syndrome suffered by skinny, white, affluent girls, eating disorders are equally prevalent among men, many of whom feel ashamed to seek help, for what is supposed to be a "woman's disorder."

"When I came out of the bathroom after purging, I would pretend I was sneezing, to hide how my face was looking," Kelly says. "The line that boys don't cry used to destroy me. I never went to a doctor. I was too scared of people finding out about my bulimia." Notions of masculinity

Tellingly, not too many studies have been conducted on male eating disorders. However, the statistics that do exist support Kelly's statement, that in reality, even ing challenges they face. A strong man is not expected to display any emotions or show any sign of weakness. These stereotypes surrounding eating disorders are still prominent in the Middle East

In the US alone, as per the National Eating Disorders Association, eating disorders will affect 10 million males at some point in their lives, and they are less likely to seek help, owing to cultural bias. A 2015 report, funded by the UK Medical Research Council, also found that 25 per cent of those with eating disorders are male and less than 10 per cent of them sought professional treatment. As traditional societal notions of masculinity expect men to be strong and stoic, it prevents them from revealing their vulnerabilities.

Carine el Khazen, vice president of the Middle East Eating Disorders Association and a clinical psychologist at American Centre for Psychiatry and Neurology, Dubai, says: "A strong man is not expected to display any emotions or show any sign of weakness. They are supposed to always be well and not struggle. I believe



Liam Kelly.

these stereotypes surrounding eating disorders are still very prominent in the Middle East, because of which men come later for treatment."

Globally affecting 70 million people, an eating disorder is a serious mental health condition related to eating behaviours, emotions and thoughts. The most common among these are: anorexia nervosa, characterised by food restrictions and an intense fear of gaining weight; bulimia nervosa, in which a person has episodes of binging and self-induced vomiting; and overeating and binge-

eating disorders, where a person has a loss of control over eating and consumes large quantities of food in a short period of time.

The importance of body image owing to social media has probably put more pressure on men to conform to certain stereotypes of muscular bodies and their outward appearance. For as long as he can remember, Joe Smith, 52 (name changed upon request), a legal professional, admits that he has been a compulsive eater. "There are some food items that I cannot eat in small portions; once I

psychologist and managing director at BE Psychology Centre for Emotional Wellbeing, Dubai, says: "Eating disorders are a disturbing mental illness that can directly cause death. "According to the US National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders, 5 per cent to 10 per cent of anorexics die within 10 years after contracting the disease, and 18 per cent to 20 per cent of them after 20 years. In fact, anorexia nervosa has the highest death rate of any psychiatric illness."

COMPENSATION

Students get Sh15m award in jobless degree row

NAIROBI

The High Court has awarded Sh15 million to 75 former students for failing to secure jobs using an engineering degree awarded by Technical University of Kenya (TUK), which is not recognised by Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK).

The former students were

admitted for engineering courses by University of Nairobi but were later awarded degrees by TUK against their expectation. The students were admitted between 2009 and 2011, when Kenya Polytechnic and later TUK was a constituent college of UoN. They argued that they have been unable

engineering courses at TUK is not recognised by EBK.

"I am therefore in with agreement petitioners that they were students of the UoN and were entitled to be awarded degrees by the university in the absence of any legal provisions transferring the responsibility of awarding to secure jobs because the degree certificates to the

TUK," Justice James Makau ruled. The judge also directed TUK to forward the names of the students to UoN to be included in the list of graduants during the next graduation.

The judge said where there is need for accreditation with a professional body before a course is offered, then there is a legitimate expectation

that the learning institution has obtained the necessary clearances before offering the courses. The court noted that the students cannot be registered as engineers because the course is not recognised hence denying them a chance to be

employed. Justice Makau said the expectation of the students

their studies they would be awarded degrees by UoN and not TUK. "In the circumstances I find that the TUK and the UoN violated the petitioners' legitimate expectation that the degree certificates to be awarded to them would be from the UoN and not any other university," he said.

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BUSINESS NEWS

FRUSTRATING

Thailand has sealed off Phuket just 30 days after opening it to tourists, as Covid cases surge

BANG KOK

n July 1, the Thai government launched a plan called Phuket Sandbox and opened up the island of Phuket to international vaccinated tourists without quarantine. On July 30, it announced it would seal the island off from the rest of the country.

Under Phuket Sandbox, tourists were not required to quarantine upon arrival, but they were required to stay in Phuket for a minimum of 14 days before being allowed to travel to other parts of the country. All tourists were required to present a series of documents, including a certificate of negative RT-PCR test.

But now, as of August 3, travellers from other Thai provinces will no longer be allowed to enter Phuket, the Bangkok Post report-

ed. Overseas travellers, however, will remain largely unaffected, per Reuters. The rule amounts to a walling off of Phuket from the rest of the country.

Director-general Kajornsak Kaewjaras of the Department of Disease Control (DDC) said the situation in Phuket would be monitored for two weeks to decide whether the Phuket Sandbox can be relaunched, under its current parameters, per the Post. Insider has reached out to the Tourism Authority of Thailand for com-

Dale Ford is an American who has lived in Asia for 20 years and retired in Phuket six months before the pandemic began. He told entry, proof of vaccination, and a
Insider that the government's announcement didn't create any immediate change on the island.

"Domestic travellers can no longer come to Phuket, but since the domestic flights from the red



Foreign tourist in Phuket before Covid-19 outbreak

zone have been canceled for vaccines, and are tested four a week or so and even before that only fully vaccinated locals were allowed in Phuket, there hasn't been any noticeable change," Ford said.

"Sandboxers are fully vaccinated, mostly with mRNA national travellers."

times," Ford added. "The worry shouldn't be about international travellers passing Covid-19 to the locals; the worry should be about the locals passing Covid-19 to the inter-

The updated restrictions come as Covid-19 cases in Thailand soar: On July 28, the country recorded a daily record of 16,533 cases, Johns Hopkins University (JHU) data shows. It also continues to lag in vaccinations: Only 5.6%

of the country's population is fully vaccinated. In Phuket, meanwhile. the story is starkly different: More than 60% of the island's population had been vaccinated by mid-July, Bloomberg reported.

The US announced on July 29 that it would be sending 2.5 million vaccine doses to Thailand and Cambodia, with 1.5 million Pfizer doses set to arrive in Thailand on Friday. But the country is already facing down a health crisis, with hospitals on the brink of collapse and Covid-19 patients being moved to sleeper trains to get them out of Bangkok.

Earlier this month, Insider spoke to long-time Phuket residents and locals about their reactions to their island reopening to tourism. They expressed split sentiments: While some were proud of Phuket for being the first part of Thailand to reopen to tourists, others feared for their futures should another wave of Covid-19 break out.

"If there is another outbreak, what are we going to do? Shut down again? Then what's next," said Pimchanok KhetARan, a 29-year-old sales executive who has lived in Phuket for seven years. To date, Thailand has recorded 543,000 Covid-19 cases and 4,397 deaths, per JHU

VINDICTIVE

'I tracked down my Twitter troll, told him I was onto him and he deleted his account within a week'

When it comes to online bulpopular advice. But some women choose to fight back.

English tennis tournament, always held in London? That's what 21-year-old British woman Georgia Ford wanted to know, so she decided to pose the question to the Twitterverse. Her comment was re-tweeted more than 7 000 times by complete strangers, most of whom mocked her and made scathing remarks about her intel-

Georgia's question was rather stupid (because the competition is named after the London district it's held in). They let her know with unkind comments, such as "Not the sharpest tool in the toolbox, I see!" and "Wow, that Georgia Ford tweet is possibly the dumbest thing I've ever heard". The barrage of abuse reached a cruel level. So much so that Georgia deleted her Twitter account and had not rejoined the social network at the time of writing, despite a campaign by Twitter users to get her

It's not just happening on Twitter. Holly, 23, a public relations professional, copped numerous insults after appearing in a promotional video for a famous make-up brand on YouTube. "After it went live, I went from being excited to horrified," she recalls. "Comments hadn't been disabled, and people were writing things like, 'She's so ugly', 'She looks like a witch' and 'I bet she f%#*s like an animal'. I wanted to retaliate but didn't want to exacerbate it, so I just sat with my laptop open and a box of tissues.' It hurts when it gets personal.

Forums, particularly, can be a breeding ground for vitriol, as Kimberly, 26, blogger at theplasticdiaries.com, found out. "I did a review on my beauty blog

comparing two very popular salon-only nail treatments," she says. "As with all my reviews, I lying, "don't feed the trolls" is explained my experience with the two treatments and what I liked and disliked about both of Is Wimbledon, the prestigious them. My post was mentioned on a professional nail forum, and nearly every member took offence. Not only did I receive harsh comments on my blog about my opinions, but I also received very personal attacks on my looks, writing skills and professionalism."

The girl who called out her cyberbully

While Georgia decided to quit Many Twitter users thought Twitter and Holly and Kimberly both chose to "not feed the trolls" by ignoring the comments, others took a stand against their online bullies. That's what Australian blogger Trae Flett (wheresmyglow. com) did when she tracked down a man who had started abusing her on Twitter and progressed to emailing her expletive-laden messages from what he thought was an untraceable account.

"It started after we were both sent the same spam link on Twitter, which he was stupid enough to click on, and it infected his computer," she explains. "This guy mistakenly believed it was me who had sent it, and he began tweeting comments at me such as, 'Does anyone give a f%#* about you' and called me a 'vacuous bimbo."

"After a bit of detective work, I managed to trace his account, which gave me his real name, phone number and personal email address. I replied to his anonymous email and CCd his real email address, letting him know his Twitter tirade would be the subject of a blog post that a few thousand people would see." Standing up to her online abuser had the desired effect - her troll's toxic communications were replaced with total silence. "My email went unanswered, and he deleted his Twitter account within



Twitter logo displaying on a smartphone.



SUNDAY 18 April Uwanja wa Mazoez HABARI 6:40 Kumekucha 8:00 Al jazeera

Watoto Wetu Isidingo Movie rpt: Nzowa

Tamasha la Michezo Mwangaza 16:30 ITV Top 10 Kipindi cha kikristo

18:00 Jiji Letu Mapishi

18:30 Matukio ya wiki Igizo: Mtego

20:00 Kipindi maalum: Biko Kipindi Maalum: Reflexology Mizengwe

21:35 Mjue Zaidi Bongo Movie: Laana Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin

MONDAY 19 April

Isidingo

9:00

9:30

Uwanja wa Mazoezi 5:30 6:00 HABARI 6:40 Kumekucha 7:30 HABARI 8:00 Kumekucha Michezo 8:55 Habari za saa

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9:55 Habari za saa Watoto wetu Habari za saa 11:00 ITV Top 10 rpt Habari za saa Al Jazeera News 12:30 Mtego rpt Habari za saa

Mjue Zaidi Art and Lifestyle rpt Habari za saa Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin

Habari za saa 15:00 Meza huru Watoto Wetu The Base Jiii Letu Aibu yako rpt

Mapishi

18:45 Kesho leo 19:00 Afya ya Jamii 19:30 Isidingo 20:00 Habari 21:05 Dakika 45

Telenovela: (Piel Salvaje)

Wild Skin Habari 23:30 The Base 00:30 Al Jazeera DWTV

TUESDAY 20 April Uwania wa Mazoez 5:30 6:00 HABARI

6:40 Kumekucha 7:30 HABARI 8:00 Kumekucha Michezo

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Habari za saa Watoto wetu rpt Jungu kuu rpt Habari za saa The Base rpt Habari za saa

Al jazeera Afya ya jamii DWTV: Kesho leo rpt Shika Bamba rpt

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Watoto wetu

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Jarida la wanawake rpt 12:55 Habari za saa Dakika 45 rpt Habari za saa Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin

15:00 Meza huru 16:30 Watoto Wetu 17:00 The Base 18:15 Mapishi ljue Sheria

Kipindi Maalum: TMDA 19:00 Isidingo 20:00 Habari Kipindi Maalum: Tanesco 21:30 Kipindi Maalum

The Base Al Jazeera DWTV

THURSDAY 22 April Uwanja wa Mazoezi HABARI Kumekucha HABARI Kumekucha Michezo Habari za saa

Isidingo 9:55 Habari za saa Shamba lulu rpt 10:30 Habari za saa The Base rpt 11:00 Habari za saa

12:00 Al jazeera ljue sheria rpt 12:30 Habari za saa 12:55 Kipindi Maalum rpt: TMDA 13:30 Kipindi Maalum rpt: Tanzania

13:55 Habari za saa Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin Habari za saa

15:00 Meza huru Watoto Wetu The Base 18:15 Mapishi rpt Jagina 19:00 Usafiri wako

19:30 Isidingo 20:00 Malumbano ya hoja Habari The Base

DWTV FRIDAY 23 April

Al Jazeera

00:30

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13:30 Chetu ni chetu rpt Habari za saa Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Meza Huru Watoto Wetu

The Base (DJ Show) 18:00 Jiji Letu Mjue Zaidi rpt 19:00

Shamba lulu 20:00

Habari The Base Al Jazeera DWTV

SATURDAY 24 April

6:00 HABARI Kumekucha 7:00 Habari 8:00 Al Jazeera

Shika Bamba 5 Mjue Zaidi rpt Korean drama rpt: Jumong

Wild Skin Igizo rpt: Mizengwe Igizo: Mtego Shamsham za Pwani 18:00

Korean drama: Jumong Jungu Kuu Shika Bamba 20:00 Habari Art and lifestyle

ITV TOP 10 21:30 Isidingo rpt 00:30 DWTV

SUNDAY 25 April Uwanja wa Mazoezi

6:00 HABARI Kumekucha 7:00 Habari 8:00 Al jazeera Watoto Wetu 09:00 Isidingo

Movie rpt: Laana Tamasha la Michezo 15:30 Mwangaza 16:30 ITV Top 10 17:30 Kipindi cha kikristo

18:15 18:30 Matukio ya wiki 19:30 Igizo: Mtego 20:00 Kipindi maalum: Biko 21:00 Kipindi Maalum: Reflexology

21:15 Mizengwe 21:35 Mjue Zaid Bongo Movie: Who's Back Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje)

CAPITAL

Sat 17 April 08:00 Al jazeera

Turning the Spotlight rpt 09:30 10:00 Culinary delight rpt 10:30

Out n'about rpt 11:00 11:30 Sports Gazette rpt

12:00 Shamba Lulu rpt 12:30 Eco@Africa rpt 13:00B usiness edition rpt 13:30 Korean Drama rpt: The slave

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23:00 Series rpt: Beats of Love Al Jazeera

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Series: Beats of Love The Monday Agenda Capital Prime News

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Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio) Telenovela rpt: Lover her to Club 101 (via Capital Radio)

16:00 Series rpt: Beats of Love 16:30 Capchat rpt

17:30 Meza huru

19:00 Innovation 19:30 Jagina rpt 20:00 Series: Beats of Love

WORLD

Burundi capitulates on jabs, leaving one holdout in Africa

GENEVA

BURUNDI will allow the World Bank to arrange for COVID-19 vaccines to be delivered in the country, leaving Eritrea as the sole nation on the continent resisting the

"Anyone who wants will be vaccinated," Health Minister Thaddée Ndikumana said late Wednesday, without disclosing details of the arrangement with the World Bank.

The small east Africa nation has registered only 6,715 cases and nine deaths, according to the World Health Organization. Infections have increased in the north near the border with Rwanda, according to its health authorities.

Other than Horn of Africa nation Eritrea, Tanzania was the other vaccine denier but changed its policy after President Samia Hassan came to power. The nation received a US donation of 1.01 million Johnson & Johnson doses this week, months after other African nations started inoculating their populations.

England's decision to keep quarantine measures for travelers coming from France and not for those coming from other European Union countries is discriminatory and not based on science, a



Syringes filled with doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine at a vaccination site in Naha, Okinawa Prefecture, Japan June 12,2021. (PHOTO / BLOOMBERG)

French minister said on Thursday.

England said on Thursday it would allow fully vaccinated visitors from the EU and United States to arrive without needing to quarantine from next week, but that it would review rules for travelers from France only at the end of next week.

"It's excessive, and it's frankly incomprehensible on health grounds ... It's not based on science and discriminatory towards the French," French Europe Minister Clement Beaune said on LCI TV. He said France was not planning tit-for-tat measures "for now".

Meanwhile, a new French law extending the use of the health pass to a wider range of public places will enter into force on Aug 9 to help the country battle with the according to data compiled by Johns fourth COVID-19 wave, the French govern-

ment's spokesperson Gabriel Attal said on Wednesday.

Under the law, only people who have completed their vaccination, tested negative or recently recovered from COVID-19 will be allowed to enter restaurants and cafes, and go to shopping centers, gyms and even hospitals except for emergencies. To date, 50.5 percent of the French population, or 34 million people, have been fully vaccinated.

Global tally

Coronavirus cases worldwide exceeded 195.86 million while the global death toll topped 4.18 million, Hopkins University.

Saharan Africa accounts for 21

percent of the global increase

Yemen, Zimbabwe and Con-

go are projected to have the

highest prevalence of hunger,

with more than 80 percent of

the population in each of the

countries unable to get enough

The primary driver of ris-

ing food insecurity is the

persistent drop in income in

the countries compared with

pre-pandemic levels, accord-

ing to the report. The authors

in undernourished people.

DPRK leader asks military to prepare for tackling provocation

YONGYANG

KIM JONG-UN, top leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), has instructed the DPRK military to complete preparations for coping



with "any military provocation of enemies," the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) reported yesterday.

"Commanders and political officers should focus all efforts on completing preparations for actively and offensively coping with any military provocation of enemies," Kim said when chairing a workshop for military commanders and political cadres in Pyongyang on July 24-27.

Kim called on all the commanders and political commissars of the Korean People's Army (KPA) to "make redoubled efforts than ever before" to seriously review their overall work, and find ways to overcome shortcomings and deviations and exchange good experiences, according to KCNA.

During the four-day workshop, the DPRK leader accused "hostile forces" of intensifying "frantic and persistent war drills for aggression," calling on the DPRK military troops to devote their lives to protecting the people and their proper-

Attending the workshop were military commanders and political commissars of all the services of the KPA and officials of the KPA General Political Bureau, the KPA General Staff and the Ministry of National Defence.

Pakistan: Murder of diplomat's daughter sparks outrage over femicides

ISLAMABAD

A GRISLY murder in the heart of Islamabad involving families from the privileged elite of Pakistani society has dominated headlines for the past week, stirring national outrage over femicides in the South Asian nation.

Noor Mukadam, 27, the daughter of a former Pakistani diplomat, was found beheaded in a posh neighborhood of the capital on July 20. Police have charged Zahir Jaffer, a US national and scion of one of Pakistan's wealthiest families,

Investigators say the two were friends, and Jaffer lured Mukadam, the daughter of Pakistan's former envoy to South Korea, to his home, held her there for two days, and then brutally murdered her.

Hundreds of women are killed in Pakistan annually, and thousands more are victims of brutal violence, but few cases get sustained media attention, and only a small fraction of perpetrators are ever punished.

This killing though, which touched a segment of society that is often thought to be immune to that systemic injustice, has sparked a public outcry unlike any other recent

"The status of the families involved, especially the family of Zahir Jaffer, and of course Noor's father being a former ambassador, and this happening within the elite circles of Islamabad...all of that combined definitely has brought more attention to this case," commented Nida Kirmani, Associate Professor of Sociology at the Lahore University of Management Sciences.

Mukadam's murder has become the most keenly reported femicide in recent history. Social media erupted with furious disgust, and there have been protests and vigils in major cities, as well as among the Pakistani diaspora as far away as Canada and the United States.

Facing public anger, the Jaffer family took out full page advertisements in newspapers distancing themselves from the murder and calling for justice.

Life for women in Pakistan's rural areas is markedly different from that in urban centres, particularly Islamabad, where chic cafes and shopping areas cater to the city's mix of wealthy intelligentsia, government officials, diplomats, expatriates, and foreign journalists.

For many women in the country's capital, even that semblance of freedom and safety has been shattered.

"I have daughters, too, and I worry day and night if this happens to my own daughter who will stand with me?," Amna Salman Butt, told Reuters at a vigil for Mukadam in Islamabad this week that drew hundreds. "When someone mistreats us will we have to come up with hashtags too?," she said, referring to the #JusticeForNoor hashtag that has dominated Twitter in Pakistan.

"Every woman I have spoken to after Noor's case speaks about them feeling a heightened sense of fear, from the men around them," said Benazir Shah, a Lahore-based journalist. She said some complain of not being able to sleep at night.

While the daily twists and turns of the trial unfold in the national media gaze, rights groups in Pakistan say the government should pass a landmark bill meant to tackle domestic violence in order to assuage some anger.

The bill streamlines the process for obtaining restraining orders, and defines violence broadly, to include "emotional, psychological and verbal abuse."

Agencies

Another 291m people won't have enough to eat this year

BY BLOOMBERG

GLOBAL hunger will surge by about a third this year, driven by lingering income losses from the pandemic, according to the US Department of Agri-

The department's annual assessment of food security in 76 middle- and low-income nations that are past or current recipients of US food aid estimates an additional 291 million people in those countries won't have enough to eat

That comes on top of a huge spike in hunger last year as the pandemic unleashed economic distress.

The United Nations earlier this month estimated global food insecurity in 2020 had already hit the highest level in 15 years as income loss made healthy diets out of reach for about a 10th of the global pop-

Things are projected to get worse in 2021 as commodity inflation and disrupted supply chains sent world food prices to the highest in almost a decade, particularly bad news for poorer countries dependent on food imports.

The large-scale human suffering that's driven by hunger is reaching new depths of bleakness. A study published in Nature Food journal this month projected the exacerbated undernutrition among mothers and children in low-and middle-income countries will cost the world US\$30 billion in future productivity losses.

Rising hunger for hundreds of millions of people, primarily in Asia and Africa, also raises the risk of political instability.

Overall, 1.2 billion people in the 76 countries covered in the



Volunteers fill cartons with food rations in the Lebanese capital Beirut on May 29, 2020, part of a food relief campaign to help families in need across Lebanon during the coronavirus pandemic. AFP

USDA report-representing 31 the USDA expects to fall into percent of their population--will be food-insecure this year. Prior to the pandemic, the USDA estimated 761 million people, or less than 20 percent of that population, fell into the category in those countries.

Most of the additional people

food insecurity this year are in Asia, which accounts for 72 percent of the increase. Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, and Indonesia will see particularly large jumps in the number of people without enough food, according to the report. Sub-

cautioned that the projections didn't consider the potential impact of climate change,

armed conflict or political or economic instability. The department classifies

someone food-insecure if they are unable to maintain a diet of at least 2,100 calories a day, considered a minimal level to stay active and healthy.

Thousands protest in Guatemala demanding president's exit

GUATEMALA CITY

THOUSANDS of Guatemalans took to the streets in protest on Thursday, lighting fires and blocking roads across the Central American country, to demand the resignation of President Alejandro Giammattei after the firing of a wellknown anti-corruption pros-

The protests have gained momentum since Guatemala's Attorney General Maria Porras last week removed anti-graft fighter Juan Francisco Sandoval as head of the Special Prosecutor's Office Against Impunity (FECI), a move that drew condemnation from Washington, read more

Sandoval, who fled Guatemala last weekend, said he was fired after the attorney general prevented him from trying to investigate corruption cases with links to Giammattei. The president has denied being in-

THE muggy heat swaddling Tokyo may be a forerunner of Olympic life to

come, experts say, urging a rethink to

make the world's oldest sporting spec-

The Olympics kicked off in the Japa-

nese capital last week after a year-long

delay due to the pandemic, with orga-

nizers banning spectators from ven-

ues and enforcing a slew of measures

While worries over COVID-19 have

overshadowed other concerns, Ja-

pan's heat and humidity - where

temperatures can exceed 35 degrees

Celsius (95°F) - also show how future

Games will need to grapple with ex-

"Tokyo 2020 will serve as a model

for future hotter Olympics and other

tremes as climate change bites.

to keep the coronavirus at bay.

tacular fit for a fast-warming planet.

volved in corruption.

In an interview with a local television channel last weekend, Porras said she always acted with transparency. "(Sandoval) exercised selective justice since he tried to prosecute people of opposite ideology,"

In Guatemala City, a crowd of thousands of people marched from the presidential palace to the attorney general's office holding signs that said "Giammattei, Resign.'

Demonstrators set fire to tires and threw paint over police deployed to protect government buildings.

"Today we are in front of the presidential palace but a president does not live here: a traitor does," said Samuel Pérez, an opposition lawmaker who joined protesters.

By 5pm local time (2100 GMT) the protester numbers began to dwindle, while the remaining demonstrators

were peacefully camped out in front of the National Palace of Culture, an imposing museum building that also houses some of the offices of the president.

The demonstrations in Guatemala City were part of a national strike called by indigenous leaders, social groups and student organizations to demand the resignations of Giammattei and Porras.

The latest protests highlight growing internal frustrations in Guatemala over corruption and the dismantling of judicial independence. In 2015, waves of such anti-corruption demonstrations brought about the downfall of then-president Otto Perez Molina.

On Thursday, across the impoverished nation of 17 million people, protesters blocked traffic at major intersections and marched with banners calling for the departure of the president, elected two years ago.

"We are here to tell the president that we do not recognize him as president because he no longer represents the interests of our country," said Martín Toc, an indigenous leader from Totonicapán, in western Guatemala.

Since he fled, Sandoval has told various media outlets that the president was linked to an incident last year, where 122 million quetzals, equivalent to over \$15 million, were found stuffed in suitcases in the house of a former infrastructure minister.

Sandoval also said he was investigating how unidentified businessmen from Russia had allegedly delivered bags of cash to the president in a meeting at his house, an event, he said, which was in some way linked to the Sputnik V coronavirus vaccine.

Giammattei this week strongly denied all the claims, and added that the allegations involving the businessmen were "false comments bordering on slander and defamation."

The United States, which strongly condemned Sandoval's dismissal, said on Tuesday it was pausing some cooperation with Guatemala's attorney general, as it tries to apply pressure on Central American governments to end impunity. read more

US President Joe Biden's administration has made the fight against corruption a central plank of its strategy towards the region as it aims to address the root causes of illegal migration to the United States, which has increased this year.

In a statement shared on Twitter, Giammettei said on Thursday that the US decision to suspend support to the attorney general was "counterproductive" in the fight against organized crime and corrup-**Agencies**

Tipton, a professor of human and applied physiology, said the heat was not only diminishing the elite competitors' performance but also posed grave health risks.

"People who follow sport should appreciate what climate change is doing to their sport, entertainment and spectacle. You just won't have people performing at the same level, in endurance events for example," he added.

Makoto Yokohari, an advisor to the Tokyo Olympics, said high-tech measures, such as the heat-blocking pavements, could only have "limited" effects and it would be better to postpone.

Agencies

In fast-warming world, Tokyo is barometer for future Olympics

summer sporting competitions," said Yuri Hosokawa, an expert on sport and heat risks at Japan's Waseda Uni-

"Leading up to the Games, many athletes around the world have trained under humid heat to acclimatise their body to the environmental stress they will experience in Tokyo," she told the Thomson Reuters Foun-

Tokyo's mean annual temperature has risen by 2.86C since 1900, about three times as fast as the world average of 0.96C, says the British Associa-

tion for Sustainable Sport. Hosokawa said some new heat mitigation measures, such as on-site medical treatment for serious heat stroke, instigated for Tokyo, could help shape how best to compete in oppressive

Forget running fast or jumping high just watching many outdoor sports is now a feat as climate change brings intense rain and heatwaves, spawning hospitalisations and canned event.

The Tokyo Games, from July 23 to Aug. 8, coincide with the year's hottest temperatures in Japan.

Just last Friday, a Russian archer fainted in the heat during a qualifying Olympic round.

On Wednesday, tennis world No. 2

Daniil Medvedev said a player "can die" in the heat that is stifling Tokyo. The sports' governing body later agreed to delay match start times in response to similar complaints by other players.

'Heat on the agenda'

Hoping to beat the heat, organisers have deployed a host of tools - from mist-spraying stations to cooling vests - as well as handing out salt tablets and ice cream to weary volun-

The city, known as an innovation hub, has also deployed tech to help mitigate man-made change: be it

roads that reflect heat or pavements that absorb water to stay cool, while moving the marathon and race-walk events to the cooler north. But climate researchers urged the

Olympics authorities to think way further out and change the shape of future summer Games, either by shifting events to cooler seasons, building in more breaks or changing running orders for the fierce weather.

"They have to start putting heat on the agenda. They're going to have to start thinking about the best time of the year and the best locations to have these events," said Mike Tipton from Britain's University of Ports-



US indeed the one being 'irresponsible' and 'dangerous' on origin tracing

By Zhong Sheng

HE US, saying China's stance on the next stage of the COVID-19 global origintracing issue was "irresponsible" and "dangerous," revealed its indifference to common sense and arrogance for science. What's behind such accusation is its intention to hide its own failure in pandemic control and to escape the blame for hindering the global efforts to fight COVID-19.

At a press conference held on July 22, China said the second-phase study shall be an extension of the first-phase one. It shall be guided by relevant resolutions of the World Health Assembly and conducted based on extensive consultations among WHO member states. What was done in the first stage of origin tracing, especially by those that have reached a clear conclusion, should not be repeated.

China's stance reflected a responsible attitude to advance the origin tracing work with scientific principles, and mirrored the consensus broadly reached by the international society.

Who's being "irresponsible" and "dangerous" on origin tracing? The international society has a fair judgement. For some time, some people in the US have made origin tracing a political issue and done everything to frame other countries with unreasonable suspicions. However, they are quite silent when it comes to how and when the novel coronavirus started spreading in their own country. "Transparency" and "responsibility" are pet phrases of Washington when it demands investigation into other countries, but it stands dumb as the international society raises doubts against itself. Such a sharp contrast comes from the White House's conventional

double standard on international affairs, and

makes people think what on earth it is hiding? The international society has every reason to request origin-tracing investigation into the US.

According to American media, the National Institutes of Health of the US has turned up evidence of coronavirus infections in five US states as early as December 2019. As many as 171 people in Florida might have been infected with COVID-19 before officials said the virus was in the state.

The mayor of Belleville, New Jersey, was tested positive for COVID-19 in November 2019, over two months earlier than the first confirmed case reported in the US. In July 2019, multiple states in the US were stricken by the e-cigarette or vaping use-associated lung injury, or EVALI, which shows extremely similar symptoms with those of COVID-19.

Donated blood check-ups in nine US states found that 106 blood samples, ranging from December 13, 2019 to January 17, 2020, tested positive for coronavirus antibodies. And what's on this list also includes Fort Detrick lab and the over 200 bio labs of the US overseas repeatedly questioned by the public.

Obviously, the US owes an explanation to all the people in the world and the international

The origin tracing work concerns global public health security, as well as whether the mankind will be able to cope with impacts from similar epidemics in a more effective manner. If Washington really wants an answer to the scientific issue and cares about global public health security, why does it always keep silent on its own problems and refuse to respond to the international society?

We are well-founded to doubt that origin tracing is nothing but a disguise of the US under which it plans to achieve other goals not in the sphere of science. It fully reveals the hegemonic pursuit of the country that drives it to do whatever it wants.

To deceive the world, some American politicians even resort to "origin-tracing terrorism." It is reported that multiple scientists committed to origin tracing with scientific principles have encountered political pressure, online abuse and even threats of harm just because they made impartial remarks on origin tracing. A Western scientist who had joined relevant studies told the media that it is an organized political campaign. Such immoral practice must be opposed by the international science community and

Jeremy Farrar, director of Wellcome Trust. a charitable foundation in the UK, stressed that origin tracing of COVID-19 can rely only on solid scientific evidence, and there is no place for "unsubstantiated rumor, or conspiracy theories often fueled for political purposes."

Origin tracing of the novel coronavirus needs investigation into multiple countries and regions around the world.

Practices done for the sake of private interests, running against the scientific spirit and out of political manipulation will only lead to severe impacts on global anti-pandemic cooperation and intense dissatisfaction and opposition from the international society.

What's urgent for the US is to right its wrongs and respond to international concerns, rather than making groundless and irresponsible remarks to shift blames.

US is irresponsible to the world

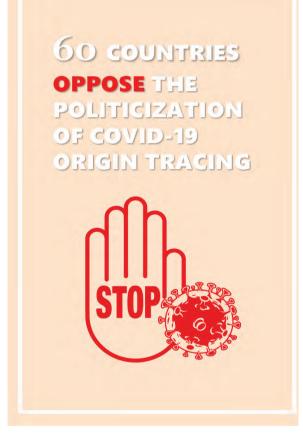
The US has recently enhanced its efforts to manipulate the origin tracing of COVID-19 via political means. It seemingly cares about the origin tracing work, but actually has done nothing conducive to it or global solidarity.

The US, enjoying the world's most developed and maturest medical technologies, not only failed to control the pandemic at home and caused nearly 35 million infections and 611,000 deaths, but also made the virus flow outbound.

US personnel overseas attached little importance on the health of local communities and disrespected local -quarantine regulations, which made the virus spread faster.

In early July 2020, governor of Japan's Okinawa Prefecture confirmed on a press conference that tens of American military personnel at a US military base in the prefecture were infected with COVID-19, but the US side refused to take quarantine measures and allowed batches of soldiers to leave the base.

On May 31, 2021, a large number of US military personnel on vacation in South Korea went out of a military base and gathered at the Haeundae beach, Busan. They refused to wear masks, which triggered strong dissatisfaction among local residents.





Nine questions regarding COVID-19 the US should answer

US close Fort Detrick?

In July 2019, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued an order to halt research at Fort Detrick. At almost the same time, a respiratory disease of unknown cause was reported at a retiree community about one hour's drive from the research base, and several thousand cases of pneumonia with symptoms extremely similar to those of the COVID-19 pneumonia were reported in several states in the US.

What is the relationship between Fort Detrick and the pneumonia of unknown cause? Why does the CDC still refuse to reveal the reason behind the closure of the base on the grounds of "national security"? What's the hidden secret behind this?

Question 2: What did the US do at its more than 200 biological labs scattered around the world?

The US has more than 200 military biological laboratories in 25 countries and regions including Ukraine and Afghanistan. A USA Today investigation showed that since 2003, hundreds of accidental human contact with fatal microorganisms have occurred in biological laboratories, and the diseases later developed into pandemics in the local communities. In 2020, Ukrainian lawmak-

Question 1: Why did the ers issued a statement saying that after 15 US military biological laboratories were opened in Ukraine, a variety of infectious diseases broke out in the country.

A Harvard epidemiologist said publicly that if 10 American biological laboratories conduct related experiments for 10 years, there is a 20 percent probability that laboratory staff will be infected with the virus and spread it to others.

What exactly did the more than 200 overseas biological laboratories do? Why does the US refuse to accept an international investigation? The US is the only country in the world that refuses to ratify the Biological Weapons Convention protocol, which includes a verification regime. What is it afraid of?

Question 3: The US Department of Health and Human Services ran a scenario last year that was similar to the COVID-19 outbreak. Is this just a coincidence?

From January to August 2019, the US Department of Health and Human Services ran a scenario called "Crimson Contagion" that simulated a fictional outbreak involving a group of tourists visiting China. They then became infected and flew to various countries, including

In October 2019, a high-

named Event 201 was hosted by a couple of US organizations. The drill simulated a scenario in which a fictional virus that caused more severe symptoms than SARS and transmitted via the respiratory route like the common flu resulted in a pandemic. Given the fact that the simulated virus was so much like COVID-19, was this just a coincidence, or had the US prepared a script for the show?

Question 4: Among the reported influenza deaths in the US, can the US clarify how many had actually been infected with COV-ID-19?

Between Dec 13, 2019 and Jan 17, 2020, researchers from the CDC tested more than 7,000 blood samples collected from 9 states in the US, 106 of which contained antibodies to the novel coro-

At the beginning of 2020, the US National Institutes of Health (NIH) collected 24,000 blood samples from multiple locations across the country, and at least 9 of them contained novel coronavirus antibodies. This proved that as early as December 2019, the novel coronavirus had already spread in the US at a low rate.

Robert Redfield, the former director of the CDC, admitted that some in the

level pandemic exercise US who were previously thought to have died from the flu, may have been infected with COVID-19.

> When did the novel coronavirus first break out in the US? Among the reported influenza deaths in the US, how many cases were infected with COVID-19?

Question 5: Who from the Wuhan Institute of Virology of the Chinese Academy of Sciences went to hospital in November 2019, as the US media reported?

On May 23, 2021,the Wall Street Journal cited a US intelligence report saying that in November 2019, three researchers from the Wuhan Institute of Virology with the Chinese Academy of Sciences sought hospital care due to illnesses.

The report said that their symptoms were "consistent with COVID-19", which further proved that the novel coronavirus was "leaked from the lab". However, when China asked the US side to disclose the names of the three researchers, the US refused to do so. Since the US claimed that the source of the information was reliable, why hasn't it announced the names of the three people?

Question 6: The US claimed that it started developing a vaccine against COVID-19 on Jan 11, 2020. How did it get the virus

strains?

Former US President Donald Trump said that the US started developing a vaccine against COVID-19 on Jan 11, 2020. On March 16, 2020, the NIH announced that the first human testing of Moderna Inc.'s experimental vaccine against COVID-19 had al-

ready begun. **Experts** immediately raised questions about the speed of the vaccine development, saying that it would not be possible unless the US had obtained the virus strains from very early on. In February 2021, a US news website Gateway Pundit published a non-disclosure agreement reached between Moderna Inc. and the US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), which revealed that in December 2019, a vaccine co-developed by the two parties was transferred to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. So how did the US start the development of the vaccine so soon? When and how did they get the virus strains?

Question 7: Why are US experts not allowed to discuss COVID-19 in public?

The White House began tightening controls of all coronavirus messaging from health officials and scientists in February 2020. In March 2020, the CDC stopped releasing information on the number of people getting

number of confirmed CO-VID-19 cases.

Several scientists and government health officials, including the nation's leading infectious disease expert Anthony S. Fauci, have been warned, censored, or threatened by the US administration for making sciencebased statements.

Why does the US, which claims to uphold free speech, not allow experts and scholars to discuss the novel coronavirus in public? Did the US want to hide anything or did it fear anything?

Question 8: Why did the US ignore the research results regarding the origin

of the novel coronavirus? In March this year, the World Health Organization (WHO) released a report on the global tracing of COV-ID-19 origins, following a joint research with China, which clearly stated that the virus leaking from a laboratory is "Extremely Unlikely".

On July 5, 24 medical experts published an article in The Lancet, saying that there is currently no scientific evidence to support the claim that COVID-19 was "leaked from a Chinese laboratory".

On July 7, scientists from the US, the U.K., Australia and other countries published a preprinted paper on the open scientific data platform Zenodo, stating that there is

tested for COVID-19 and the currently no evidence that any early COVID-19 cases are related with the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

Against this background, why does the US still insist on hyping the claim that "the virus originated from a Chinese laboratory" and on launching another round of virus origin tracing? Who is politicizing the source of the virus?

Question 9: The US has made further efforts to investigate the origin of COVID-19, but why did it ask its intelligence agencies to do

In May, the White House ordered the US intelligence agencies to redouble their efforts to investigate the origin of COVID-19, and asked for a report in 90 days. According to the New York Times, US politicians, including former US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, had imposed pressure on the intelligence departments, urging them to find evidence for the claim that "the novel coronavirus was leaked from a laboratory in China".

Recently, researchers with the Hudson Institute suggested they put up a reward of 10 to 15 million US dollars to entice researchers with the Wuhan Institute of Virology to "tell the truth". Why did the US involve intelligence departments in tracing the origin of the virus, which is a scientific issue? If the report comes out, how much of it will be reliable?



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Simba SC head coach targets reaching milestone in CAF **Champions League**

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC head coach Didier Gomes da Rosa has said he is considering helping his squad perform well internationally after the club set a memorable record in this season's domestic competitions and the CAF Champions League.

Da Rosa said in the domestic competitions they have won the Premier League and Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) for the second time in a row.

The French tactician pointed out he is eager to make sure they do better internationally.

"We want to be better next season, especially in international competitions, when we finish this season we want to go further in the next season and I believe we will do that," he said.

To ensure that, Gomes has given his players a 10-day break which started from Monday and after that, they will return to camp for preparations for next season, which will include CAF Champions League preliminary stage slated for September.

The tactician disclosed: "We don't have much time to prepare, as you know September is the start of the Champions League. We need to start fitness and strength training early so that the players can be fit.'

Gomes said that clinching two titles in local competitions this season shows the quality of his squad in Tanzania.

"It is clear that Simba is a strong team here in Tanzania and this is a great gift for our fans, we have been better," he said.

Da Rosa revealed: "Next season we will be even better here and give joy to our fans who have been with us all

Simba SC is, after completing a 10day break, to return to camp and leave for Egypt on August 8 to set up camp until August 28.

While in Egypt, the Mainland champions will play friendly matches for fitness as part of preparations for the new Premier League season.

Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) has also has stated Simba SC being awarded the ASFC's silverware without cash prize totaling 50m/during the presentation ceremony at Lake Tanganyika Stadium in Kigoma.

Wallace Karia, TFF president, noted the issue of prize is under the federation's Director of Competition, Salum Madadi, or TFF secretary general, Wilfred Kidao.

"The issue is being handled by the tournament director and the federation's secretary, they are the people who have to schedule it," the official stated.

"It is too early for us to talk about this, but they have already won the trophy and at any time they will be presented with a cash prize of 50m/-, which is given to the ASFC champion," TFF Competition Director, Madadi, noted.

However, he did not explain why Simba SC did not receive a copy of the check, in conjunction with the ASFC top honour, unlike the 2020 competition's presentation ceremony at Nelson Mandela Stadium in Sumbawanga, Rukwa.

Mwanza gospel artist now introduces track

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

MWANZA's gospel artist, Happy Samwel, has introduced a track titled 'Ninalinda Moyo', with the artist also coming up with the song's video.

Happy noted she already has plenty of tracks in the genre, which are though only recorded in audio.

The artiste disclosed the new track is the first to as well have a video.

"I'm a devoted Christian and I love God, I have introduced the new song and I will continue doing gospel music to worship God," the musician noted.

The musician urged gospel music lovers to listen to her new song and support her via purchasing the song, so she can continue working effectively in evangelism.

Happy noted: "There are a lot of problems facing people but I believe my song will bless so many people in our society and see to it they worship

The artist called on gospel music followers in all regions to visit Youtube, search her song, watch it and share with their fellows.

The musician pointed out: "People who go through problems might get solace from the song, but I as well advise them that they should not lose hope, as they can as well sing and preach the word of God if they can opt

With coach Nabi exercising influential advice, Yanga will have improved focus in new season

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

EPORTS filtering in the media and especially in soccer pun-⊾dit talk shows suggest that Yanga's head coach Nasreddine Nabi is about to prevail on how the club leadership approaches the issue of dropping current squad members and recruiting new play-

While pundit expectations and their sentiments for that matter - as the Premier League season was coming to a close was that the old format would be exercised but now it appears there is a shift in direc-

There will no longer be the wholesale departures and entrances into the squad and, instead, the current effort at team building will be main-

Some shall be questioning if there is a need for a 'team building' ethos in a side that is not just established as a club but has never abandoned upper or top levels of the local Premier League.

Its self-esteem may have been dented in international competitions - where it was never established since the far off days of contesting for higher rounds of the Africa club championship with Asante Kotoko of Ghana, or Nigeria's Enugu Rangers at a different moment.

Those days paled away eons ago, are unknown to current generations of fans - outside pundits going through recordings of the past in their exercise of wisdom, etc.

Still, there is a permanent element of team building even in the highest-ranked sides, as individual players and their skills or psychological make-up constitute essential elements that coaches must take into account to solve. when settling for a squad at the start of the season.



Yanga head coach Nasreddine Mohamed Nabi

to a particular player when the coach doesn't think he is worth it, or to overall techniques and results that they promise.

That is why coaches may succeed at first and lose out later when effectiveness fades out with the usual techniques if applied with a different bunch of players, adversaries find loopholes, etc.

That is why recruitment often poses problems for clubs and how it is managed isn't just a technical issue with the coach. immediate assistants, and stakeholders in the club but a wider psychological issue, as to what sort of problems they are trying

So long as a club has confilogical gaps in how a team is out, and when there is no result built, and at times there is a vis- or it is thinning out, then the

first replace.

That is why it is helpful to start at that point to see where Yanga has reached or attained with their new head coach, and how he now looks at squad issues.

As things stand, it is evident that Nabi has passed the sternest test for a city rivals' head coach, namely the side performs against the traditional rivals at the other end of the street.

He won the first encounter and narrowly lost the second, with 10 men on the pitch, and even if there is controversy about tactics that the side employed in the second match, if they were methodical or temperamental, etc.

Winning one game and nardence in the coach, the issue is rowly losing another is digni-They seek to fill not just tech- the recruitment of players who fied, especially when team nical but quite often psycho- fit in with the plans he brings strength more or less trumps the Jangwani Street side, which has had considerable difficulties ible tremor, either on loyalties coach is an official the club must battling Premier League sides,

unlike their archrivals.

What the pundits are saying is that Nabi has cautioned the club leadership against the wholesale release of players and wholesale recruitment of others, expressing confidence in the current squad, and wishing for recruitment of up to six key players.

In a different environment that would even appear ambitious, but for Yanga it overly looks like a break with the past, as lack of confidence in players has reigned for several years, where many are left aside at the end of the season and many others come in.

The cycle repeats itself at the end of the following season, which illustrates that there is an ailment in the club that goes beyond the quality of players picked, as they tend to lose spirit, concentration as the season proceeds, an aging outfit.

Some of these tendencies were plentiful just recently, but Nabi seems to say 'I have seen it before.'

While fearing that one may overstep the mark, it can be said that the head coach has seen an eye to the tourbillion that was not being pinpointed by others, for instance instead of seeing several players lacking in the discipline (what in arithmetic is the highest common denominator) the coach may have seen the cause of malaise among players (a least common denominator).

If that malaise is put to rest then the lack of discipline rapidly evaporates as players move a cycle of lassitude to optimism, which generates energy that may have previously lacked.

Without going too far, the fact that the side held on with Simba in the absence of their star Angolan player who left, and then held with 10 men for long periods,

Simba SC defender Kameta cherishes landing selection for starting lineup

By Correspondent Nassi Nchimbi

SIMBA SC right-back, David Kameta, alias 'Duchu', has said that although he did not have much of a chance to play in front of the outfit's first-choice fullback Shomari Kapombe this season, he has learned a lot that, according to him, is the key to performing well next sea-

Kameta said he is aware of Kapombe's potential, admitting that Kapombe has surpassed his experience of playing in the Mainland Premier League.

According to the defender, he moreover found Kapombe playing for Simba, when the former joined the squad, Kapombe's presence has made Kameta's pursuit of regular playing time intriguing.

"When I was at Lipuli FC in Iringa it was my first season playing in the Premier League, that's why I say Kapombe is my elder brother, but I didn't want to end there, I learned a lot that will bear fruit in the future," he said.



David Kameta

"I practice with the senior players who are starting the first team, so it was a good experience from time to time for me to continue to learn a lot from them, combined with my skills I believe I

will elevate my game in the future," he said.

Besides that, he said he believes he did well in the matches he played and the coach was sharpening his performance. Kameta stated he be-

lieves he will be a reliable player at the club.

"Thanks to coach Didier Gomes, he was encouraging me after the match, telling me he sees something in me, I just have to work hard to

keep myself fit," he said. The 19-year-old due to lack of playing time may ioin a newly-promoted top-flight side, Mbeya Kwanza FC, on loan.

Mbeya Kwanza FC which will be participating in the Premier League next season for the first time will benefit from the defender's registration on a loan agree-

Reports suggest that Kameta will leave Simba SC following the challenge of missing out on a place in the first team, due to the prowess of Kapombe who played a large percentage of the club's games in the 2020/21 season.

It is also reported that Simba SC is planning to sign Kinondoni Municipal Council FC rightback Israel Mwenda.

The decision forces Simba to opt for a loan deal for Kameta to serve Mbeya Kwanza FC.

However, if Kameta moves to Mbeya Kwanza FC he will be guaranteed to play regularly unlike now at Simba SC.

Kameta was signed by Simba SC from Lipuli FC at the start of the 2020/21 season.

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Tanzania U-23 football team wins 2021 CECAFA U-23 Challenge Cup

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By Guardian Reporter

ANZANIA's tional U-23 football squad has won this season's Council for East and Central Africa Football Associations (CE-CAFA) U-23 Challenge Cup tournament's top honour, commanding 6-5 victory over Burundi U-23 team in the shootout of the showpiece's final at the Bahir Dar Stadium in Ethiopia yesterday.

Tanzania U-23 team's spotkicks, taken by Sospeter Bajana, Israel Patrick, Lusajo Mwaikenda, Abdulwahid Mohamed, Lucas Kikoti, and Rajab Athuman, all went in.

Burundi's U-23 team netted five penalties taken by Issa Hakizimana, Erick Mbirizi, Iean Mohamed, Franck Nduwimana, and Nshimilimana.

A spot-kick by Hakizimana went over the crossbar and left Burundi U-23 squad settling for the showpiece's runners-up slot.

It was an end-to-end clash during the regular 90 min-



Tanzania's U-23 football squad's players celebrate when the side posted a goal against South Sudan U-23 squad in this season's CECAFA U-23 Challenge Cup semi-final match played at the Bahir Dar Stadium in Ethiopia on Wednesday. Tanzania's U-23 squad won 1-0. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CECAFA

utes, in which the teams' defenders were forced to be disciplined to see to it their teams do not concede.

The opening period ended with neither of the teams finding the back of the net.

Tanzania's U-23 team was under pressure on the 81st minute, as keeper Metacha Mnata went for a great save.

The shot-stopper punched away a Burundi U-23 team forward's dangerous goal-bound header and Tanzania's U-23 squad's defenders reacted swiftly,

repelling the attack. One of Tanzania's U-23 squad's defenders had earlier committed a defensive to costing the team, as he slipped and lost possession

One of Burundi's U-23 squad's midfielders collected the ball and picked his teammate with a pass, Tanzania's U-23 squad's other players, though, managed to keep their opponents in

almost 30 meters out.

check. Tanzania's U-23 squad was presented with an opportunity to go 1-0 up on the 85th minute after a well-taken corner kick found a striker inside the Burundi U-23 team's squad's box, he could not fully exploit the opportunity given he was tightly

mistake, which came close marked.

U-23 Burundi's side missed a sitter with three minutes left given an attacker could not connect a good, low cross from the right, with Mnata failing to get his hands on the ball.

Tanzania U-23 team once again pushed for an opening goal with a minute to go, after one of their strikers unleashed a fierce shot, Burundi U-23 squad's keeper stood firm between his posts, punching the shot away.

Burundi U-23 squad's backline was forced to put a solid showing during the added-on time to repel several attempts that Tanzania's U-23 team's players had made.

It was still 0-0 at the end of the regular 90 minutes and penalties had to settle the game.

The two teams qualified for the final stage without losing a match in the group

Tanzania's U-23 squad sailed through t the tournament's final, posting a 1-0 victory over South Sudan in the first of the last four stage's duels at the stadium on Wednesday.

Burundi's U-23 team booked a place in the competition's final after cruising to a 4-2 victory over Kenya's U-23 side in the penalty shootout of the second semi-final, which took place at the venue.

The showpiece, which kicked off on July 17, had brought together nine teams including the guest side Democratic Republic of Congo U-23 squad.

Uganda U-23 squad came up against Tanzania U-23 squad and guest side, Democratic Republic of Congo U-23 squad, in Pool A.

Hosts, the Ethiopia U-23 team, which has been preparing for over a month, locked horns with the Burundi U-23 team and Eritrea U-23 team in Pool B.

Djibouti U-23 team, South Sudan U-23 team, and Kenya U-23 team battled in Pool C.

The 2021 CECAFA U-23 Challenge Cup is the 41st edition of the annual regional tournament.

COSAFA Women's Champions League raises standards among clubs

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THE TOTALenergies CAF Women's Champions League/ COSAFA Qualifier from August 26 to September 4 is an exciting new entry into the calendar for the region and will raise the standard of club football in more ways than one.

The draw on Thursday saw South African champions, Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies, seeded in Group A, where they will take on Lesotho Defence Force, Double Action Ladies from Botswana, and Eswatini's Manzini Wanderers.

Zambian side Green Buffaloes are the seeds in the three-team Group B and have been drawn alongside Black Rhinos Queens of Zimbabwe and TURA Magic from Namibia.

The top two teams in each pool advance to the semi-finals.

But aside from the action on the pitch, COSAFA has also been raising the bar by introducing club licensing that means teams have to meet a minimum standard. It forced the Mozambican club, Costa do Sol, to have to pull out.

"Quite a few of the participants here are the ladies' section of the men's teams, so the club as a whole will have knowledge of the club licensing regulations," COSAFA General Secretary, Sue Destombes, told The COSAFA Show.

"Being a first time for women's clubs, the regulations have been lowered because we do have to give ladies stand-alone teams time to get them-

Destombes says the regulations have been approved by the Confederation of African Football to raise the standards of the women's game.

"Every club should have access to their stadium, not necessarily to own it, but have access for train-

"This year CAF has been very lenient with the coaching licenses to allow the clubs to catch up, so the head coach this year must have a CAF A, B, or C license. By next year that will change."

"The assistant coaches this year have no requirements, but that will also change next year. So, it is forcing clubs who have ladies' sections to get their house in order across the sporting, technical and administrative criteria. It is good, it protects the stature of the competition."

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Simba SC completes transformation as Dewji hands over 20bn/-

By Correspondent Nassir . Nchimbi

SIMBA SC's Directors' Board Chairman, Mohamed Dewii, vesterday handed over 20bn/- investment for the outfit.

The initiative targets to complete the transformation process at Simba, which is in the final stag-

Dewji made it clear that he has been working with Simba SC officials and fans in search of success, with the team clinching the Mainland Premier League title four times in a row as well as lifting the Federation Cup twice.

Speaking to journalists in Dar es Salaam vesterday, Dewji said: "Today I put that 20bn/-, which is 49% stake, in front of the club's sponsors and the club chairman."

He also made it clear that the change was completed after receiving a document from the Fair Competition Commission (FCC) allowing for the completion of the process.



Simba SC's Directors' Board Chairman, Mohamed Dewji, speaks to reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the investment he has put in the club. Looking on (L) is the outfit's Chairman, Murtaza Mangungu. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

Dewii noted: "So far I have paid Simba SC more than 21bn/-, apart from the extra money for the preparation of the season, registration, and other things I offer."

After 20bn/- in Simba SC's account, Dewji, who is

also the club's investor, has therefore shown his great thirst for seeing to it the club wins the CAF Champions League.

Dewji explained that

in the four years he depositing has been with Simba so far he has achieved enough domestic suc-

cess and now they want the CAF Champions League. "I want to win the

CAF Champions League and that will happen if we make a big investment as current football needs money to move forward," Dewji revealed.

want to see to it their budget is either four or five times bigger than the current one to compete with CAF Champions League winners, Egypt's Al Ahly. He said they have a big

Dewji disclosed they

plan including the team owning eight stadiums.

Dewji issued the statement when he was speaking to journalists in the city yesterday. "I am not satisfied un-

til Simba SC wins the CAF Champions league," he said.

Dewji noted: "I want this institution to be run with discipline so that we can achieve success. No one is bigger than Simba SC."

He said he is a modest person, which means the club will not allow anyone else to be above it.

Dewii stated registration of players for Simba SC is a secret and they apologize to their members about it.

According to him, Simba is competing with the biggest African teams to sign players, so they have to keep their registration secret until they complete it.

"Once we find those players we will tell our fans, we apologize for that," Dewji noted.

Dewji further stated at the moment he is not ready to see Simba being compared to other Tanzanian teams in sponsorship as it has outgrown them for the most part.

Dewji disclosed: "At this moment we are very big, if you look at the 15 best teams in Africa you will find us, something that is different from other teams in Tanzania so we can not be the same."

"At the moment we need a big investment to match our club, so, we can't be the same as our peers."

"It's not that we don't need sponsors, no! What we want now is for a person or a company to come up with criteria that match Simba SC brand, if they want to invest in us," he said.

Fexibles by David Chikoko

