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Membe resumes campaign rallies

By Guardian Reporter

ACT-Wazalendo presidential candidate Bernard Membe said yesterday that he will resume rallies this week for the last leg of campaigning, focusing on promoting the party's 2020-2025 election manifesto.

Th opposition party resumes its presidential campaign after a month-long hiatus, having conducted a mere six rallies since it launched its presidential election campaigns at Mpilipili grounds in Lindi early last month.

That was well after the date set by the National Electoral Commission (NEC), which provided for August 16 as the start of campaigning for the presidency, the legislature and local government seats, until October 27.

Addressing journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Membe who was accompanied by his

running mate, Prof Omary Faki Hamad, said that he is only waiting for the new timetable approval from NEC.

"We are hopeful that NEC will timely approve our new campaign timetable; we want to conduct effective campaigns in the last hours," he stated, without saying how many rallies he expects to hold.

Membe noted that a cornerstone of his policies is to strengthen Tanzania's cooperation with the international community and regional business blocs.

The welfare of farmers will also be improved with efforts directed on boosting the cultivation of strategic crops like coffee, cashewnuts, cotton, sunflower and tea, he elaborated.

"My government will ensure farmers benefit from their sweat, with crop prices determined by



President John Magufuli, who is seeking re-election in the upcoming General Election on the ruling CCM ticket, waves to the crowds while heading for the venue of a campaign rally in Bagamoyo District yesterday. Photo: State House

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NEC issues terms for voting without cards

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE National Electoral Commission (NEC) has allowed people who have lost their voting cards to vote under certain conditions.

A statement issued by the Commission via its internet website said such voters can use alternative identity cards like the national identity card, passport or driving licence.

However, NEC has stressed the voter will only cast his vote at the centre he was registered to vote, and his name being the same as the one given in the voters' roll.

Speaking to leaders of political parties in Dar es Salaam back in August, NEC Chairman Judge (Retd) Semistocles Kaijage, said 29,188,347 people are expected to cast their votes on October 28, accommodated at

80,155 polling centres. Apart from the Union president, 390 members of Parliament and 5,350 councillors will also be elected.

Election campaigns opened on August 29 and wind up next Tuesday, October 27, with the 15 parties nominating candidates for the Union presidency. Observers see the contest as largely a two-horse race with incumbent Dr John Magufuli for CCM and key challenger Tundu Lissu of Chadema.

Other notable candidates include Prof Ibrahim Lipumba (CUF) and Queen Sendiga of ADC who have been seen to conduct campaigns in various regions countrywide.

The latest campaign timetable issued by NEC for October 17-27 shows regions where various parties will stage their final rallies.

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Govt seeking IFAD fishing ships grant

By Henry Mwangonde

CCM presidential candidate Dr John Magufuli yesterday promised to purchase eight fishing ships if re-elected, aimed at modernizing the industry, equip fishermen with technology to harvest more and improve their lives.

Addressing a rally at Mwanakalenge grounds in Bagamoyo, Coast region, he said that talks had reached a good stage with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to obtain a grant for the purpose, noting also that four of the ships will be stationed in Zanzibar.

"We are determined to improve the lives of fishermen, that is why we have put in place various initiatives aimed at facilitating this because we

have their welfare at heart," he declared.

The government similarly plans to revive the Tanzania Fisheries Corporation (TAFICO), detailed to set up fish processing industries in Bagamoyo and elsewhere, he said.

Dr Magufuli said the government has already repossessed properties worth 118bn/- which belonged to TAFICO and were grabbed by corrupt individuals.

Back in May, the government enacted the Deep Sea (Fisheries Management and Development) Act, 2020 envisaging the setting up of the Deep Sea Fishing Authority.

The law was aimed at sorting out challenges in the fishing sector, including illegal, unreported

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Finance and Planning deputy minister Dr Ashatu Kijaji (C, foreground) in jovial mood shortly after cutting a ribbon in Dar es Salaam yesterday to re-inaugurate Kilimanjaro Co-operative Bank Limited after it received a 7bn/- injection in capital from CRDB Bank Plc. Others (from-L, foreground) include Bank of Tanzania deputy governor Dr Bernard Kibese, CRDB Bank Plc board chairman Dr Ally Laay and KCBL board chairman Dr Gervas Machimu (R). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Treasury hails CRDB Bank

It is infusing KCB with 7bn/- capital boost

By Guardian Reporter, Moshi

CRDB Bank Plc has earned praise from the Treasury and leaders of Kilimanjaro Region for its decision to revive the defunct Kilimanjaro Cooperative Bank Ltd (KCBL) by injecting a 7bn/- capital boost.

This input will go a long way in supporting the development of smallholder farmers through cooperative societies in the region, top officials said at a ceremony here yesterday.

The Deputy Minister for Finance and Planning, Dr Ashatu Kijaji expressed these sentiments when officiating at the launching of KCBL services, noting that a strong regional cooperative bank is an important vehicle to serve farmers with financial products and services.

She said that cooperatives are an integral part of the country's Vision 2025 and President John Magufuli's plans for sustainable development on the basis of rapid industrialization.

Expressing satisfaction with the CRDB Bank leadership's decision to revive the vital cooperatives bank, she said the Ministry of Finance considers cooperatives as vital to central

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Bernard Membe (L), the Alliance for Change and Transparency (ACT-Wazalendo) candidate for the Tanzanian Presidency in the upcoming (October 28/29) General Election, addresses editors from various media houses in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the run-up to Polling Day. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

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market demand. The government will only be providing indicative prices," he affirmed.

On health care, the candidate said that ACT Wazalendo will consider subsidies for individual health insurance. Health care centres will be constructed at each villages or ward with a population of over 1,000 people, he said.

"My government will scrap lending interest for loan beneficiaries at higher learning institutions, and put efforts to ensure employment for graduates," he told reporters.

He however cautioned religious leaders from publicly supporting

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presidential candidates, and instead focus on promoting peace, love and unity among Tanzanians.

"Clerics might have their preferences but they shouldn't support them publicly," intoning that this may touch off disaffection as followers belong to different political inclinations.

On Zanzibar elections, he said he had advised the Zanzibar Electoral Commission (ZEC) to revise the voting timetable by cancelling pre-poll voting scheduled for October 27 on grounds that it is irrelevant.

Allowing early voting erodes

confidence in the poll, he said, citing a widely held assessment that most Zanzibaris are not comfortable with that arrangement.

"Pre-poll voting on October 27 is irrelevant as the same voters will then vote for the Union president and members of Parliament the following day," he emphasized.

He recalled that early votes resulted in election chaos in Zimbabwe during the 2013 general elections, noting that at that time he led a mission of international observers there, as foreign minister.

There are estimated 7,000 voters expected to take part in the pre-polls on October 27th, mostly members of the armed forces, while ZEC has allocated the period from October 28 to 31st for vote counting and announcing of results.

ACT Wazalendo has about 160 aspirants vying for parliamentary seats and over 1,000 candidates in the councillorship run.

About 29m people are registered to vote in the polls, from 23m voters registered in 2015, on the basis of data by the commission.

Ministry in new drive to improve seed production

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE Ministry of Agriculture is implementing a 10-year's strategy to improve seed production with a major focus to enable the country reaching local seed adequacy as well as reaping economic fortunes from potential external seed markets.

The robust initiative, however, seeks to ensure for abundant supply of improved and hybrid seed varieties to local farmers.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Hussein Bashe said Tanzania was standing a possible opportunity to fetch lucrative profits from external seed markets, hence a need to strengthen local seed production capacity.

According to him, the undergoing major strategy, among others, incorporate serious investments in the side of seed researches, inventions, multiplication as well as quality control.

"To start with, we're currently striving to capacitate performance of the Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute (TARI), Agriculture Seed Agency (ASA) and the Tanzania Official Seed Certification Institute (TOSCI)," he said.

He observed the target was also to see the country embark on more seed researches in order to invent and produce improved seed varieties for key food and cash crops, but by reflecting and meeting required international standards in order to allow exportation.

He noted, seed availability in the country was now at 80 percent, but insisted that there was still an uphill task ahead to meet demand for the expanded seed demand, at local and international levels.

Apart from hailing good performance

so far being engineered by TARI, TOSCI and ASA, he said the parent ministry was in talks with the National Service seeking for more seed researches as well as establishment of vast seed production farms.

"We're very determined to see the State-owned seed agency (ASA), TOSCI and TARI are equipped with high technological and enough facilities to allow professional researches as well as vast seeds multiplication," he stated.

Minister for Agriculture, Japhet Hasunga said that the current demand for seed in Tanzania stand at 186,500 tonnes in a year, but the amount that is being produced is only 71,000 tonnes, which means there is a great deficit.

Out of the produced seeds (71,000 tonnes), seeds for food crops are 59,368MT, whereby 3500MT is for cotton, and the remaining 21368MT is for food crops.

Being on similar efforts, last week, ministry of agriculture launched a modern internal control seed quality laboratory at ASA's headquarters in Morogoro Region, purposefully for enabling the agency to attain professional monitoring of seeds produced in its farms.

ASA's chief executive officer, Dr Sophia Kashenge said the state-owned agency has successfully managed to advance seed production from 1,220 tonnes during 2017/18 to at least 2,300 tonnes in 2018/19.

TOSCI's director general, Dr Patrick Ngwediagi, said the institute has been accredited by the Seed Testing Association (ISTA) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Seed Certification Schemes as a reliable source of seed varieties, the key development which green lighted the country to start export seeds overseas.

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and unregulated fishing in the country's territorial waters, as well as facilitating proper conservation of fisheries.

Earlier, Dr Magufuli who is seeking re-election hinted on plans to start paying allowances and promoting civil servants in the early days of his second term. Most of these plans are at advanced stages, he said.

"We reached a middle income status before the scheduled time, now we see this is an opportune moment to congratulate our employees who have done a tremendous job in the last five years," he affirmed.

Dr Magufuli took time to explain developments in the last five years in the Coast region and countrywide, saying a lot was coming.

He expressed satisfaction with the way Coast Region had responded to the industrialisation agenda, as it had the biggest number of new factories, at 1,236 by current data.

Restoring the lost glory of Bagamoyo

as a UNESCO heritage site was a major initiative now on the cards, he said.

"We will continue linking Bagamoyo with the rest of the country especially through construction of roads and other important infrastructures such as health centres and water facilities," he added.



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Works, Transport and Communications minister Isaack Kamwelwe (C, arms raised, with scissors) pictured shortly after inaugurating MV Ukara II at Bwisya village in Ukerewe District, Mwanza Region, yesterday. The vessel (background) takes over MV Nyerere, which was involved in a September 2018 accident in which 227 people died. To the minister's right is Mwanza regional commissioner John Mongella. Photo: Correspondent Neema Emmanuel

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often where they had launched their campaigns.

In the schedule Dr Magufuli and Lissu are to finalise their campaigns in the central and northern zones respectively.

Dr Magufuli yesterday started his final campaign stretch in Coast Region, heading to Tanga, Kilimanjaro, Arusha and Manyara and hold his final rally in Dodoma, where he had kicked off his campaign drive.

Lissu has conducted six rallies in Manyara, Arusha and Kilimanjaro regions and today he will continue

with rallies in Tanga Region, then move to Pemba South and Zanzibar West regions, plus Lindi, Mtwara, Ruvuma, Shinyanga, Dodoma and Singida. He is slated to hold his last rally in Dar es Salaam where he kicked off his rallies.

The schedule also shows ADC, CUF, CHAUMMA and UMD holding their last campaign rallies in Dar es Salaam while AAFP and DP will be in Songwe Region.

Other parties staging their final campaign rallies include ACT-Wazalendo (Lindi), ADA TADEA Simiyu, Demokrasia Makini (Iringa), NCCR-Mageuzi (Mara), NRA (Kigoma), SAU (Mara) and UPDP (Mbeya).

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bank projections for the country's economy.

CRDB Chief Financial Officer and acting CEO, Fredrick Nshakanabo urged farmers and leaders of cooperative unions to trust the new KCBL as it's now revived and under strong management backed by adequate capital.

He said CRDB works in partnership with the government to ensure that development goals are attained in all

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aspects of the economy. "Our pledge to the government is through our slogan, 'We are ready at all times,'" he specified, pledging that CRDB will continue bailing out through equity various cooperative banks, citing Tandahimba Community Bank, another beneficiary of a large capital boost.

Kilimanjaro Regional Commissioner Dr Anna Mghwira said KCBL did not

collapse because of market competition but mismanagement, commending CRDB Bank for providing the top four management officials in the wake of injecting equity in the bank.

"The process to revive this bank was not easy but thanks to the Bank of Tanzania and the Treasury, CRDB Bank has come to the rescue and we hope it will stay stronger for good," the RC

underlined.

She also applauded BoT Deputy Governor Dr Bernard Kibesse and the central bank management as a whole for the support, whereupon the officers that CRDB will second to KCBL were listed, namely the head of finance, the head of credit, the head of business development and head of internal audit.



Arumeru district commissioner Jerry Murro has a word with representatives of 37 women's groups yesterday before presenting them with loan issuance confirmation letters also involving youths and people with disabilities. Photo: Correspondent Getrude Mpezya

Public advised to wear proper sunglasses

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE public has been advised to wear sunglasses to protect the eyes from sun rays and other gadgets which have adverse effects on the eyes.

However, the public has been cautioned that the sunglasses should be those purchased at the eye and sight centres as they are protective eyewear designed primarily to prevent bright sunlight and high-energy visible light from damaging or discomforting the eyes.

"Wearing sunglasses should not be looked at as an issue of fashion but protective eye wear but they should be only purchased at the eye and sight centres" said Dr Grace Maghembe director, directorate of curative services at the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children.

She advised the public to shy from buying sunglasses from the street vendors since they must have lenses for different purposes thus getting them from the approved centres is key.

Moreover, Dr Maghembe used the occasion to advise the public to go on regular eye check up and early treatment in

case of symptoms in a bid to tame blindness and visual impairment.

She said the government has given special attention to eye health care whereas all regional referral hospitals and diabetic clinics have specialists as it wants to eliminate the main causes of avoidable blindness and visual impairment thus a society free of blindness and visual impairment.

Dr Maghembe said so far, the country has 600,000 people with blindness and over 2.4-million others with visual impairment diseases thus they have come up with programmes to facilitate the planning, development and implementation of sustainable national eye care programmes.

Dr Maghembe said the government has increased a number of eye clinic centres from 75 per cent in 2007 to 93.9 per cent this year.

She added that regular checkup can reduce the number of people who cannot see properly because by availing them with glasses and surgery when need do ultimately prevent or addressable vision impairment.

"Poor or lost eyesight can leave major and long-lasting effects on all aspects of

life, including daily personal activities, interacting with the community, school and work and the daily routine, thus regular checkup at least once a year is a good thing," she insisted.

Inability to see properly can have several factors, such as diseases like diabetes and trachoma, trauma of the eyes, or conditions such as refractive error, cataracts, age-related macular degeneration or glaucoma.

Earlier, Tanzania Ophthalmology Society president, Dr Frank Sandi said they strive for professionalism in their service delivery since an eye is very sensitive thus the care and treatment has to be of high standards.

He said they want every region to have an eye specialist as they conduct mentorship programmes to junior doctors by linking them with experience ones so that they do their job with the needed perfection.

Dr Sandi said currently 450 out of one million eye patients undergo surgery a year in the country but the standard benchmark is 2,000 surgeries per one million people whereas with the government improved health care strategies, the target will be attained.

ATOGS and RentCo Africa sign an MoU to offer financial support to local contractors

By Getrude Mbagi

THE Association of Tanzania Oil and Gas Service Providers (ATOGS) yesterday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with RentCo Africa to provide financial and assets support to local contractors and companies to enable them participate well in strategic projects.

The agreement will support companies and business communities wanting to enter into various mega projects including logistics, infrastructure, construction, security, facility management and oil and gas projects.

Speaking during the stakeholders' workshop held in Dar es Salaam, ATOGS chairman Abdulsamad Abdulrahim Abdulsamad hailed the move as it will help investors not to think of spending millions of money to buy new equipment as they will be accessing them by borrowing the required equipment/assets at low costs.

He noted that for many years local companies have been decrying over low access to funds, a situation which has also affected participation of the companies in the country's mega projects.

He said that majority of investors in the country have been facing challenges to access quality equipment or material goods which would enable them to participate well in major projects.

"We have a lot of mega projects in the country, but the participation of locals has remained low, this is contributed by several challenges including the access to finance, so this MoU is going to address them. Our aim is to see more Tanzanians participating in mega strategic projects," he said.

According to him, with the agreement, RentCo will support local companies with equipment needed to implement any project which include construction equipment, security and others.

He further urged key implementing companies of various mega-projects to uphold openness and transparency in tenders and basic information for

Tanzanians to be well informed on the projects.

According to him, transparency and information were among the major powerful tools to enable more Tanzanians secure jobs in the projects.

He said that under the local content provisions in the Petroleum Act 2015, Tanzanians have an advantage in acquiring local contracts.

He further added: "Local suppliers and business community have demonstrated capacity and redness to deliver most of the series and projects both technical and non-technical that will be required in various projects ranging from the construction, engineering, procurement services, logistics and indirect series, security series, catering and emergence series. All they need is affordable finance and access to leasing options," he said.

For her part, Regina Mwangi, director of RentCo Tanzania said the firm is there to support investors with various assets needed to implement projects.

"So if an investor wants to participate in certain projects and doesn't have supporting equipment, has nothing to worry because RentCo is there to support him/her, we will enter into an agreement to enable the investor obtain and use the equipment and then return it back to us," he said.

Focus Mrosso, senior manager at CRDB Bank said that doors are open for anyone who seeks financial support to implement various projects.

He said that the bank has for years been supporting locals to enable them implement their projects smoothly for the country's development.

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VP Samia calls for close links between financial institutions and private sector

By Guardian Reporter

VICE President Samia Suluhu Hassan has called on the financial institutions in the country to work closely with private sector stakeholders in order to help the sector strengthen its capital so that it could be stronger enough to compete against its foreign counterpart.

Samia made the call over the weekend while addressing various private sector stakeholders who attended a special meeting organised

by the Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) in Dar es Salaam to congratulate President John Magufuli on his efforts to improve the sector over the last five years.

"Despite the existing policies that guide the private sector, the government still believes that efficiency in the provision of financial services in the country is still an important pillar in achieving the prosperity of the private sector. I urge our banks to help us in this," said VP Samia.

Speaking at the event, TPSF

board chairperson Angelina Ngalula commended President Magufuli for the resilience he has shown in the past five years in supporting the sector and commended the financial institutions in the country for their partnership with the private sector in raising capital.

"Some of these institutions have not only been providing loans but also assisting us in achieving our goals through giving us financial advisory," she said, congratulating the institutions among them, NBC Bank which was one of the main sponsors of the event.

For his part, National Bank of Commerce (NBC) managing director Theobald Sabi said the bank was more committed to partnering with the private sector and the government to push for the development of the sector while outlining some of the strategies and services the bank provides to private sector stakeholders.

He said the prosperity of the private sector in the country depends on the efficiency of financial services that are in line with the actual needs of the stakeholders.

"That is why NBC Bank has been very close to the private sector stakeholders not only in providing financial services but also cooperating with them in a number of activities because we believe through the partnerships we can better understand their needs," said Mr Sabi.

He also mentioned some of the bank's services and approaches in assisting private sector stakeholders that include organization of commercial clinics for SMEs through partnerships between the bank and TANTRADE as well as providing loans and training to entrepreneurs.

"We have also been closer to the agricultural sector stakeholders through our new NBC Shambani product. We have also been providing unsecured loans to distributors and suppliers of large companies," He said.

He commended the government for the efforts it has shown over the past five years, especially in formulating policies that have enabled the banking sector in the country to be more resilient despite the economic challenges posed by the effects of corona disease.



People alleged to be affected by food poisoning are attended to at the Nyarugusu refugee health centre in Kigoma Region yesterday. Photo courtesy of Police



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Kinondoni district commissioner Daniel Chongolo presents a certificate of excellence to Latifa Gumbo, who emerged the year's best Form Four student at Dar es Salaam's Atlas Secondary School, at a graduation ceremony held at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

36,000 primary, secondary school, teachers equipped with digital skills

By Correspondent James Kandoya

A TOTAL of 36,000 primary and secondary school's teachers have benefited from digital skills enabling them to reach more students at a time.

A Tutor at the Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH) Doreen Michael said the aim of the programme is to enable teachers to make students more competent.

She said the training of the teachers to use digital skills was part of the Africa Code Week marked every year to raise awareness of Information Communication Technology (ICT) for a critical mass of participants.

Furthermore, the programme will give teachers an alternative way on how to teach many students at a time in different places.

"Our goal is to reach over 3 million teachers to ensure that the digital skills are scaled up to other parts of the country," she said.

For her part, Africa Code Week Ambassador Josephine Sepuku said that the future plan was to ensure more teachers were engaged in the digital skills.

She said the Africa Code Week is implemented in between 34 to 50 countries in Africa

Michael Magabo, a teacher at St Florence in Dar es Salaam said the knowledge will enable him to teach students practically.

"We as teachers, are needed to focus on practical based skills to increase

student's awareness," he said.

Zelley's Foundation Managing Director Zileedi Amir, said the digital skills will enable her to reach more students through a programme aimed to offer practical skills.

"We empower youth and their teachers across the African continent with 21st century skills".

Africa Code Week is an initiative that teaches digital literacy and coding skills to young people, working closely with private, public and non-profit partners across Africa.

Last year, about 400 teachers and 10,000 students across the country took part, building on the almost 2,500 students who have benefited from the programme.

The Africa Code week empowers young women and men in ICT technology and ICT related skills, enabling them to engage better in a digitally connected society.

The project uses a 'train-the-trainer' model, which has supported trainers in the country since the initiative was launched.

With its innovative focus on education and particularly education for girls, Africa Code Week dovetails perfectly with Ireland's International Development Policy, A Better World and our Mission Strategy in Tanzania.

"We empower youth and their teachers across the African continent with 21st century skills".

'Ministry happy with Mbalizi water project'

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE Water ministry is satisfied with the implementation of the Shongo water project serving residents of Mbalizi town in Mbeya Region that had now been completed.

The implementation followed President John Magufuli's directives in April last year during his visit to the region after receiving complaints from town residents.

A team of Water Ministry officials accompanied by officials from Mbeya

Water Supply and Sanitation Authority (Mbeya-WSSA) and those from Rural and Urban Water and Sanitation Authority (RUWASA) visited the project at the weekend.

Water Ministry head of ICT Joash Nyitambe, who leads the team said they decided to visit the project to ascertain whether it was completed as reported and whether the funds provided was appropriately spent.

Nyitambe said the project was among the country's important projects due to its high cost and aimed

to serve residents of Mbalizi town and its environs. "The project is going on well, and the town's residents also say they are satisfied with the services being provided, and the rate have also gone down different to what it was previously," he said, and called on the residents to protect the project's infrastructures.

Ndele Mengo, Mbeya-WSSA director said before the completion of the project, Mbalizi town was among areas with acute water shortages.

He said residents used to buy a

20-litre bucket of water at between 300/- to 500/-, adding that the project also created employment for various people.

Mengo said they were now uprooting the old pipelines and replace them with new ones to avoid pipe bursts and leakages.

Veronica Wiliadi, Mbalizi water consumer, thanked the government for implementing the project, saying even in areas where people avoided to live in the areas due to acute water shortage were now back to their homes.

UN Resident Coordinator calls for more coordinated efforts to invest in nutrition

By Guardian Reporter

THE United Nations (UN) Resident Coordinator Zlatan Miliši has called for more coordinated efforts to invest in nutrition citing it as a key accelerator for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the country.

Miliši made the remarks recently during the commemoration of the World Food Day which was held at national level in Njombe Region.

According to him, investing in nutrition has enormous socio-economic benefits in development emphasizing that high-level political commitment is a main driver of nutrition improvement.

"The efforts should not merely be a matter of increasing access to food. But it is equally important to ensure that the food we eat is nutritious," he said.

Miliši noted that as per the government's National Multisectoral Nutrition Action Plan Mid-Term Review, Tanzania is heavily affected by the triple burden of malnutrition, with 1/3 of children stunted, 1/3 of women affected by anaemia, and 1/3 of women overweight or obese.

He however said that Tanzania has the potential to turn that around because it is globally recognized for its strong system for multi-sectoral nutrition governance.

The official assured that the United Nations will continue to work closely with the government and communities to improve maternal, infant and young child nutrition.

According to him, the UN is committed to providing quality nutrition and health services, and promoting optimal breastfeeding and adequate and safe complementary feeding for children.

He further said that this year's World Food Day also marks the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)'s 75th Anniversary. "The UN in Tanzania joins our colleagues at FAO all over the world to celebrate 75 years of building a world without hunger. I congratulate the organization's remarkable efforts to achieve food security and wish them success in ensuring regular access to enough, high-quality food for all."

He also commended the World Food Programme (WFP) for winning the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize where he appreciated and commended WFP's efforts to combat hunger, for improving conditions for peace in conflict-affected areas and for acting as a driving force to prevent the use of hunger as a weapon of war and conflict.

Miliši further said that for the past week, a range of activities were held in recognition of the World Food Day, starting from panel discussion and field visits in Dodoma, Iringa and Njombe, to various exhibitions around us here in Njombe.

He further added that the United Nations in close cooperation with the government and stakeholders takes great pride in empowering farmers in many ways.

"We work at the grassroots level by training farmers on reducing post-harvest losses and supplying them with farming inputs, such as seeds, fertilizers and harvesting equipment. The UN also supports communities by providing machines to process their harvest, constructing storage warehouses and connecting farmers with local and international markets, as well as lending institutions," he added.

He further pointed out that positive impacts are already evident with increased productivity of crops and livestock, and communities benefiting from buying and selling harvest inputs collectively.

Reports from FAO and the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Tanzania is currently producing 25 per cent more food than the amount required to sustain itself. The food security situation is expected to improve during the 2020/21 consumption year. And this cannot be done, without tireless efforts of our food heroes.

World Food Day is commemorated on October 16 every year. The theme for this year's World Food Day is 'Grow, Nourish, Sustain. Together.' This highlights the need for the Government, private sector, civil society and all actors to "make sure that our food systems grow a variety of food to nourish a growing population and sustain the planet, together".



This is but just part of the havoc the ongoing intermittent rains are causing in parts of Dar es Salaam. Correspondent Miraji Msala captured this muddy scene at the Kawe bus stand yesterday.

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

THE Tanzania Electrical, Mechanical and Electronics Services Agency (TEMESA) has brought relief to residents of Bugorola and Ukara islands in Lake Victoria after commissioning a new 4.2bn/- ferry - MV Ukara II.

The new ferry built by Mwanza based firm, Songoro Marine Transport has the capacity to carry 300 passengers and ten motor vehicles - equivalent to 300 tonnes.

Speaking to residents of the islands yesterday soon after commissioning of the vessel, the Minister for Works, Communication and Transport Isack Kamwelwe said the building of MV Ukara followed directives from President John Magufuli after the sinking of MV Nyerere on September

Govt commissions MV Ukara II

20 2018.

"The government vows to make sure that all ferries in the country are safe and reliable for passengers by regular repairs and purchase of new vessels when necessary and as budget permits," he said.

In view of this, the government, through TEMESA continues with projects for building new ferries for Chato-Nkome/Mharamba in Lake Victoria and Nyamisati-Mafia in the Indian Ocean that are near completion.

He stressed that the government will continue strengthen operations of the ferry to avoid mishaps, a responsibility

given to TASAC which has been instructed to station supervising officials at all areas served by the ferries.

For his part, the Ministry's Permanent secretary (Works Division) Elius Mwakalinga said construction of MV Ukara II begun in February 2019 but was delayed due to late arrival of vital components from foreign because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

"The building of the ferry has cost 4.2bn/- while foreign firms had asked for 22bn/-, hence you can see how patriotic this local contractor is," said the PS.

"In the Fiscal year 2019/20 the government provided 12.24bn/- for various ferry and berth projects implemented by TEMESA," he said.

Earlier, giving the MV Ukara II construction report TEMESA Chief Executive Officer Japhet Maselle said the vessel is 42 metres long and 10 metres wide and is fitted with two DOOSAN INFRACORE engines with 360 HP.

He said the ferry is operated by three steering systems - hydraulic, electro-hydraulic and emergency.

Completion of MV Ukara II brings the number of government ferries in the country to 31.

TPSF commends govt on transport, energy, other programmes

By Guardian Reporter

STAKEHOLDERS from the country's private sector have praised the construction of various infrastructure including the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) and the giant hydro power project saying they will assist in creating opportunities for investors, especially in the industrial sector.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam over the weekend at a forum organised by the Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) aimed to congratulate the Phase V Government for its big contribution in strengthening the private sector, TPSF chairperson Angeline Ngalalu said infrastructures are among big achievements for the country's economic growth.

"For the past five years, the government has accomplished a lot for the country's economy, as investors we believe that we will grab every opportunity that comes up for investment in accordance with the environment created by the government," she said.

She said the construction of the modern railway and other infrastructures including the 2,115MW

Mwalimu Nyerere Power hydropower project will increase employment opportunities for the Tanzania's youth and contribute to the GDP.

Ngalalu said the SGR will enhance freight volume to be moved from the present 5 million tonnes a year to 14 million tonnes a year when the project is completed, the situation she said will spur the economy and business growth.

She appealed to the government's continual cooperation with TPSF as it did in the last five years in order to build up a strong economy for the benefit of all Tanzanians.

A representative from small traders (Vibindo), Gaston Kikui said to them the five years of President Magufuli were fruitful.

"President John Magufuli has done a lot especially for us by introducing the small traders' identity cards (IDs) system which have removed many inconveniences from us including frequent arrests and being forced out of business areas, we now feel free," he said.

Motorcycle Drivers Association Chairman Michael Haule said through their groups they have procured low cost health insurance.



A Mbeya Secondary School student waters a school flower garden yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Nebart Msokwa

KCB BANK

PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 (AMOUNTS IN MILLION TSHS.)			
	Current Quarter 30-Sep-2020	Previous Quarter 30-Jun-2020	
A ASSETS			
1 Cash	19,548	19,521	
2 Balances with Bank of Tanzania	41,909	35,937	
3 Investments in Governments Securities	120,122	106,018	
4 Balances with other Banks/Financial Institutions	31,826	21,001	
5 Cheques and items for Clearing	-	-	
6 Interbranch Floats/Items	-	-	
7 Bills Negotiated	-	-	
8 Customers' liabilities for acceptance	-	-	
9 Interbank Loans Receivables	23,212	31,797	
10 Investments in Other Securities	-	-	
11 Loans, Advances and Overdrafts (Net of Allowances for Probable Losses)	432,292	423,001	
12 Other Assets	21,839	19,875	
13 Equity Investments	-	-	
14 Underwriting Accounts	-	-	
15 Property, Plant and Equipment	6,372	6,518	
16 Right of Use of Assets	10,353	10,765	
17 TOTAL ASSETS	707,473	674,433	
B LIABILITIES			
18 Deposits from other Banks and Financial Institutions	144,362	99,006	
19 Customer Deposits	421,884	431,671	
20 Cash Letters of Credit	76	104	
21 Special Deposit	-	-	
22 Payment orders/transfer payable	-	-	
23 Bankers' Cheques and Drafts Issued	42	32	
24 Accrued Taxes and Expenses Payable	6,645	6,584	
25 Acceptances Outstanding	-	-	
26 Interbranch Float Items	-	-	
27 Unearned Income and Other Deferred Charges	3,300	3,098	
28 Other Liabilities	4,193	4,072	
29 Lease Liabilities	11,327	11,585	
30 Borrowings	17,165	20,913	
31 TOTAL LIABILITIES	608,994	577,045	
C NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)			
C CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
33 Paid-up Share Capital	62,670	62,670	
34 Capital Reserves	-	-	
35 Retained Earnings	28,765	28,765	
36 Profit/(Loss) Account	4,186	4,529	
37 Other Capital Accounts	2,858	1,404	
38 Minority Interest	-	-	
39 TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	98,479	97,368	
40 Contingent Liabilities	92,586	92,586	
41 Non Performing Loans and Overdrafts	35,576	43,727	
42 Allowance for Probable Losses	19,291	19,970	
43 Other Non Performing Assets	469	446	
D PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:			
(i) Shareholders Funds to Total Assets	13.92%	14.44%	
(ii) Non Performing Loans to Total Gross Loans	7.88%	9.87%	
(iii) Gross Loans and Advances to Total Deposits	79.74%	83.46%	
(iv) Loans and Advances to Total Assets	61.10%	62.72%	
(v) Earning Assets to Total Assets	81.36%	83.15%	
(vi) Deposits Growth	6.70%	7.32%	
(vii) Assets Growth	4.90%	5.90%	

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 (AMOUNTS IN MILLION OF TSHS.)				
	Current Quarter 30-Sep-20	Comparative Quarter 30-Sep-19	Current Year Cumulative 30-Sep-20	Comparative Year Cumulative 30-Sep-19
1 Interest Income	17,434	15,502	50,096	45,209
2 Interest Expense	5,925	5,593	17,997	16,232
3 Net Interest Income	11,509	9,909	32,099	28,977
4 Bad Debts Written Off	-	-	-	-
5 Impairment Losses on Loans and Advances	6,135	863	11,444	2,962
6 Non-Interest Income	4,984	5,632	13,634	16,460
6.1 Foreign Currency Dealing and Translation gains/(Loss)	2,598	1,974	5,527	6,735
6.2 Fees and Commissions	2,357	3,250	7,435	8,523
6.3 Dividend Income	29	408	672	1,202
6.4 Other Operating Income	4,012	4,229	12,368	12,914
7 Non-Interest Expense	8,675	8,624	25,903	26,058
7.1 Salaries and Benefits	4,663	4,395	13,535	13,144
7.2 Fees and Commission	1,683	6,054	8,386	16,417
7.3 Other Operating Expenses	2,027	3,007	4,200	4,957
8 Operating Income/(Loss)	1,863	6,054	8,386	16,417
9 Income Tax Provision	(1,864)	3,047	4,198	10,360
10 Net Income/(Loss) After Income Tax	1,455	(825)	5,068	(291)
11 Other Comprehensive Income (Itemize) (Net of Tax)	1,455	(825)	5,068	(291)
12 Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	1,111	2,222	9,254	10,069
13 Number of Employees	276	276	276	276
14 Basic Earnings Per Share	121	19	9	22
15 Number of Branches	14	14	14	14
PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:				
(i) Return on Average Total Assets	-0.20%	2.00%	0.83%	2.27%
(ii) Return on Average Shareholders' Funds	-1.46%	14.93%	5.92%	16.93%
(iii) Non Interest Expenses to Gross Income	52.60%	55.49%	56.64%	57.35%
(iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	8.43%	7.78%	7.84%	7.58%

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 (AMOUNTS IN MILLION OF TSHS.)				
	Current Quarter 30-Sep-2020	Previous Quarter 30-Jun-2020	Current Year Cumulative 30-Sep-2020	Comparative Year (Previous Year) Cumulative 30-Sep-2019
I. Cash Flow From Operating Activities				
Net income/(loss)	1,483	882	8,386	16,417
Adjustment for non-cash items				
Impairment charge on loans and advances	6,135	4,200	11,444	2,961
Depreciation & Amortisation	571	553	1,660	1,569
Profit on disposal of items of property and equipment	-	-	12	-
Net change in Loans and Advances	(115,426)	(110,203)	(41,470)	(28,482)
Gain/(loss) on Sale of Assets	-	-	-	-
Net change in Deposits	35,541	36,212	61,714	(4,887)
Net change in Short Term Negotiable Securities	(14,104)	13,281	(5,989)	13,254
Net change in Statutory Minimum Reserve	(214)	2,615	1,515	711
Net change in Other Liabilities	136	(371)	367	(686)
Net change in Other Assets	(2,222)	(1,740)	(2,007)	8,328
Tax Paid	(1,478)	(1,884)	(4,834)	(4,865)
Others	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided/(used) by operating activities	10,425	43,545	30,798	14,117
II. Cash flow from investing activities:				
Dividend received	-	-	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets	(448)	(669)	(1,367)	(1,801)
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	(12)	(27)
Purchase of non-dealing securities	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of non-dealing securities	-	-	-	-
Others (T/Bonds, Bills & Repos)	(448)	(669)	(1,379)	(1,828)
III. Cash flow from financing activities:				
Repayment of long-term debt	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from issuance of share capital	-	-	-	-
Payment of cash dividends	-	-	-	-
Net change in other borrowings	(3,748)	256	(7,367)	(7,467)
Others	(3,748)	256	(7,367)	(7,467)
IV. Cash and Cash equivalents:				
Net increase/(decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	4,429	43,132	22,052	4,822
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Quarter	83,797	40,665	68,174	55,079
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the Quarter	90,226	83,797	90,226	59,901

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 (AMOUNTS IN MILLION OF TSHS.)							
	Share Capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	Regulatory Reserve	General Provision Reserve	Available for sale reserve	Total
Current Quarter							
Balance as at the beginning of the Quarter	62,670	-	33,294	-	-	1,404	97,368
Profit for the year	-	-	(344)	-	-	-	(344)
Change in fair value of government securities at FVOCI (Net of Tax)	-	-	-	-	-	1,455	1,455
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Release in Deferred tax on IFRS 9 day 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	-	1,162	-	-	1,162
General Provision Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at the end of the current period	62,670	-	32,950	-	-	2,859	98,479
Previous Quarter							
Balance as at the beginning of the Quarter	62,670	-	31,596	1,162	-	457	95,885
Profit for the year	-	-	536	-	-	-	536
Change in fair value of government securities at FVOCI (Net of Tax)	-	-	-	-	-	947	947
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Release in Deferred tax on IFRS 9 day 1	-	-	-	1,162	-	-	(839)
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at the end of the previous period	62,670	-	33,294	-	-	1,404	97,368

SELECTED EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

In preparation of the quarterly financial statements, consistent accounting policies have been used as those applicable to the previous year audited financial statements (if there were changes during the quarter, the changes be explained as per IAS 34 & IAS 8)

Name and Title	Signature	Date
COSMAS T. KIMARIO MANAGING DIRECTOR		16/10/2020
WILLIS MBATIA HEAD OF FINANCE		16/10/2020
MARGRETH GEORGE HEAD OF INTERNAL AUDIT		16/10/2020

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the faithful representation of the above statements. We declare that the statements have been examined by us and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, have been prepared in conformance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2006 and they present a true and fair view.

Name	Signature	Date
MR. JOHN ULANGA - BOARD CHAIRMAN		16/10/2020
MS. FATUMA CHILLO - BOARD MEMBER		16/10/2020

Candidate pledges free sanitary pads for schoolgirls if he gets councillorship

By Guardian Correspondent, Babati

CHADEMA Councillorship candidate for Maisaka Ward in Babati District, Manyara Region, Edson Kimbary, has pledged to purchase sanitary pads for girl students who have attained puberty age as well as giving his four months' salary for purchase of equipment for fighting disasters.

Kimbary gave the pledge at the weekend at his party's campaign rally in the ward.

He said: "The price of a sanitary pad is 1,000/- in Dar es Salaam, I have many stakeholders that I know and we shall work together to ensure girl students get the pads."

He said he will form a disaster committee for the ward and if he would be elected to be its councillor he would offer his four months' salary for the purchase of tents that he will name "Thank you councillor".

Kimbary said the tents will not be used for tragedies and weddings and their hire would not be charged, only that they should be returned in good condition.

He said the tents were not those costing 20,000/-, but high quality ones costing up to 120,000/-.

He also promised to establish a development fund and plans to fund-raise 1,000 from each household every month to be called "NGUVU YA BUKU" that will do away with the multitudes of contributions.

He said he has already located an investor who promised to offer 1m/- every month in order to reduce contributions off the people.

In regard to infrastructures he said he would ensure to get at least two kms of tarmac roads in the ward.

Other pledged he made include loans for women, youths and people with disabilities and to ensure every resident gets a plot of land for farming.

"The price of a sanitary pad is 1,000/- in Dar es Salaam, I have many stakeholders that I know and we shall work together to ensure girl students get the pads."

Ensure you grab opportunities in regional communities, youth told

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

YOUNG Tanzanians have been called upon to grab existing opportunities in various regional communities of which the country is a member.

Dr Mwyni Talib Haji, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation made the call here yesterday when opening a training seminar on education to the community for Dodoma and Viwandani Secondary Schools students concerning the ministry's activities.

Dr Haji said the youth should grab these opportunities for their own benefit including the East African Community Common market.

He also said Tanzania is a member of various regional organisations including the East African Community and the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

He said his Ministry has the responsibility to safeguard national interests and to ensure as a nation it benefits from the membership of these communities.

Dr Haji also said the training will be sustainable for all schools in Tanzania in order to build up students' understanding on the ministry's responsibilities and opportunities therein.

The Ministry's Director of Information, Emmanuel Buhohela, said the aim of the training seminar was to enable the youth understand the ministry's activities.

Rahma Husseni, a Viwandani Secondary School student, one of the training seminar participant said the training will help her understand the ministry's work and various opportunities it offers.

Huduma karibu yako

Fanya miamala ya kibenki kwa urahisi kupitia mawakala walio karibu yako.



Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development surveyors check a map showing streets in Dodoma city's Block 'D' Swaswa area when making door-to-door visits on land tax payment sensitisation and education yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Zubeda Mtemi

Focus on areas short of public transport, LATRA calls on commuter bus operators

By Blandina Semwaiko, TUDARCO

THE Land Transport Regulatory Authority (LATRA) has urged commuter bus operators to allocate their vehicles in routes where there is high demand of transport services.

Drivers' certification officer at LATRA, Evalist Kasanga made the call in Dar es Salaam yesterday in an interview with this reporter when he was responding to question as why some routes have many commuter buses compared to other routes such as Mbezi-Goba-Makumbusho. "We're aware that there are some routes that have transport challenges particularly during peak hours—morning and evening, but the authority has no power to force operators in certain routes," he said.

According to him, LATRA is there to provide permits to any bus operator who wants to change routes to areas where there is a severe shortage of buses.

"As LATRA, we're not responsible to interfere with decision of owners on which route they want their buses to go, because the owners decide where to locate their buses based on the number of passengers found in that particular area, so it is better for the operators to consider areas with high demand of transport services," he said.

Kasanga also described the efforts made by the

authority to ensure that all passengers within the city of Dar es Salaam have access to transport during the Covid-19 pandemic period.

"We issued permits to some operators to enable them to change the routes of their buses to areas where there was shortage of buses. We did this to ensure that residents access the services smoothly but also to take precaution and prevent the spread of Covid-19."

Kasanga welcomed bus owners to obtain permits that will allow their vehicles to temporarily change routes to areas where they see there is high demand of public transport services.

LATRA was formed a few years ago from the Surface and Marine Transport Regulatory Authority (SUMATRA). It is tasked with regulating the land transport sector whereby some of its important functions include issuance, renewal and cancellation of permits or licenses as well as registration of crew and certification of drivers.

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KPO on voters' education drive ahead of polling day - October 28

By Correspondent Amri Lugungulo, Kisarawe

KISARAWA Paralegals Organisation (KPO) has embarked on voters education project aimed at empowering people and officials in the district with election related issues ahead of October 28 General Election.

Supported by Legal Services Facility (LSF), the project is expected to benefit thousands of people in 17 wards across Kisarawe District, Coast Region.

KPO director, Zainabu Jimonge named wards that are to benefit from the project as Kibuta, Kurui, Kiluvya, Kazimzumbwi, Mafizi, Marui, Marumbo, Maneromango, Msanga, Mzenga, Masaki, Msimbu, Chole, Vikumburu, Vihingo, Boga and Kisarawe.

Among the beneficiaries in the project include youth, women, elders and people with disabilities, according to Zainabu.

She said the project would educate the public by using radio programmes, workshop, newspapers, public meetings, public address and fliers.

She requested members of the public to cooperate with KPO to enable it meet the target.

Speaking at the meeting to introduce the project over the weekend, Assistant Returning Officer, Deo Mswanzugwako called on the stakeholders to provide education by adhering to the rule and procedures of the general election scheduled to be held on October 28 this year in the country.

He commended KPO for initiating such a project in the district to enable the voters to get their rights.

Kisarawe has fifth largest population (101,593 people) in the region, with a huge growing rural population of 84,174 people or 11.4 percent of the total regional population, according to the 2012 census.

Kisarawe District is one of Tanzania's underdeveloped districts in the Coast Region.

Agro-bank fully determined to help small farmers, states MD

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) has expressed its commitment to ensure the country is food sufficient as well as in supporting smallholder farmers.

Bank's managing director Japhet Justine made the commitment when delivering his message on the just-ended World Food Day, which at national level was held in Njombe Region.

He said: "Our role is to contribute to Sustainable Development Goal 1 which emphasises on ending poverty and goal no 2—to make hunger story of the past."

"We value every individual in the food value chain in Tanzania. We aim at enabling and supporting the vision of the late father of the nation, Julius Nyerere," he said, noting that agriculture is a number one priority for advancing people's development.

He added: "The bank's role in supporting agricultural production is geared towards increasing the productivity of farmers and facilitating the creation of better functioning markets for crops and livestock products. We support producer's access to funds for purchase of farm inputs, machinery like tractors and combined harvesters, and linkage to agro-processors and other off-takers."

The bank has a special product targeting to attract investments in modern post-harvest management technologies in maize whereby a total of 8 silos and maize milling projects in various regions have been supported thus far.

It has extended 238bn/- to the sector with the staples of maize and paddy receiving 11.6bn/- and 4.6bn/- respectively.

While maize is predominantly grown in Ruvuma, Songwe, Manyara, Njombe, Iringa and Rukwa, paddy is largely grown in Shinyanga, Mbeya, Morogoro, Mwanza and Tanga.

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2019 Tariff

SERVICES	TZS	USD/EURO	KES	GBP
STATEMENTS				
Monthly Statement	free	free	free	free
Duplicated Statements(per page)	1500 per page	1.30pp	78pp	0.70pp
Interim Statement(per page)	1500 per page	1.30pp	78pp	0.70pp
ATM VISA DEBIT CARD				
ATM Card Issuance (for the first time)	free	free	n/a	n/a
ATM withdrawal from KCB ATMs (per transaction)	800	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
ATM withdrawal from Non-KCB ATMs (Tanzania)	2500	1.3	n/a	n/a
ATM withdrawal from Non-KCB ATMs (International)	6500 per each 400,000 limit	3.3	equivalent	equivalent
ATM mini statements	550	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
Daily Limit	1000000	equivalent	50000	equivalent
Minimum withdrawals	5000	equivalent	n/a	n/a
ATM Card Replacement (lost/destroyed cards)	15000	13	n/a	n/a
Blocking/unblocking ATM cards	free	free	free	free
Card Renewal	15000	13	n/a	n/a
STANDING ORDER				
Within KCB	2500	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
Outward to other banks	5000	3	n/a	n/a
Setup/Amend Standing Order	6500	7	500	4
Unpaid Standing Order (penalty)	10000	10	500	10
CHEQUES				
Unpaid Cheque (insufficient funds) - Outward	15000	13	n/a	n/a
Unpaid Cheque (insufficient) - inward	65000	52	n/a	n/a
Unpaid Cheques - technical	15000	15	n/a	n/a
USD unpaid cheque	52	52	n/a	n/a
Counter Leaves	13000	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
Bankers Cheque	26000	26	n/a	n/a
Stop payment-per set up	25000	25	1300	13
New cheque book retail	600 per leaf	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
TT's INTERNATIONAL				
Outward	50USD(TZS equivalent)	50 USD (Euro equivalent)	equivalent	equivalent
Inward TT	13USD (TZS equivalent)	13 USD (Euro equivalent)	equivalent	equivalent
Intercompany transfers (KCB to KCB Regional Transfers)	40USD (TZS equivalent)	40 USD (Euro equivalent)	equivalent	equivalent
Recall of funds/Cancellation of TT	10USD (TZS equivalent)	10 USD (Euro equivalent)	equivalent	equivalent
Amendment of TT (Customer induced)	10USD (TZS equivalent)	10 USD (Euro equivalent)	equivalent	equivalent
TRANSFERS LOCAL				
KCB to KCB	1500	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
EFT (KCB Tanzania to any local bank)	3500	3	n/a	n/a
TISS (local TT)	10000	13	n/a	n/a
East African Payments (EAPS)	10000	n/a	870	n/a
MINIMUM A/C OPENING BALANCE				
Current Account-Company(SME&CORPORATE)	100000	100	5000	13
Current-Personal	50000	100	5000	65
Mapato Account	10000	10	500	10
KCB Junior Account	10000	10	500	10
KCB Student Account	10000	10	500	10
KCB Simba Savers	50000	50	n/a	n/a
A/C CLOSURE				
Closing account	35000 before 6 months, free after 6 months	39	2200	26
OTHER SERVICES				
Search of old documents	15000	13	900	10.5
Forex Cash Deposits (smaller denominations below US \$ 50)	n/a	8% for denominations that are less than 50 USD	n/a	8% for denominations that are less than 50 USD
Dormant Account Activation	free	free	free	free
ACCOUNT MAINTAINANCE FEES				
Counter Withdrawals (excluding: Simba, Cub, Community & Student accounts)	<10million 1500 >10 million 0.1% max 20000	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%
Ledger Fees - Current Accounts (excluding community and salary)	personal current account 10,000, business 20,000, corporate account 30,000	personal current 10USD/Business 16USD/Corporate 20USD	700	personal current 10GBP/Business 16GBP/Corporate 20GBP
Ledger Fees - Savings Accounts (excluding Simba, Cub, salary & Student Accounts)	1200	7	176	7
THIRD PARTY ENCASHMENT				
Annual setup fee (SME's and Corporate) to be paid in by the account holder	65000	65	4400	33
withdrawal fee to be paid by the beneficiary	6500	13	450	7
SALARY PROCESSING				
Salary processing	2600	equivalent	130	equivalent
CERTIFICATE OF BALANCE				
Balance of Account (Flat fee per certificate)	39000	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
Auditors Confirmation (flat fee per certificate)	30000	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
Reference Letters	30000	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
TRADE FINANCE				
IMPORT LETTER OF CREDIT				
LC ISSUANCE/extension/ increase amount			1.3% Per Quarter	
Normal Amendment			130 USD	
Release Commission/lc document processing			20 USD	
RETIREMENT			0.30% minimum 100 maximum 200	
CANCELLATION			260 USD	
EXPORT LETTER OF CREDIT				
ADVISING			200 USD	
NEGOTIATION			0.60% minimum 200 maximum 300	
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MOBILE BANKING CHARGES				
Balance enquiry			300	
Mini statement			300	
Invite Friend			Free	
Cheque book			300	
Stop cheque			300	
Stop card			300	
Change Pin			Free	
Full statement			500	
Transaction alert (debit)			50	
AIRTIME RECHARGE				
Own phone number			Free	
Other phone number			Free	
BILL PAYMENTS				
TANESCO (LUKU)			1.1 % of the transacted amount	
DAWASCO			1300	
DSTV			Free	
STARTIMES			Free	
ZUKU			Free	
SMILE			Free	
UHURU			Free	
AZAM			Free	
SASATEL			Free	
SEND MONEY TO E-WALLET				
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Tigo Pesa			300,000-100,001=2,500,	
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Hallopesa			1,000,000-500,001=5000	
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FUNDS TRANSFER				
Own accounts			500	
KCB accounts			700	
INTERCOMPANY TRANSACTION CHARGES				
Inter-company cash withdrawals charges, applicable in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi			Up to 60 USD charge 4 USD	
			Up to 250 USD charge 7.50 USD	
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			Between 1251 - 6250 USD charge 26 USD	
			Between 251 - 1250 USD charge 13 USD	
			Above 6250 USD charge 1.20% of daily cumulative withdrawals	
Inter-company cash deposit charges, applicable in Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi			Up to 250 USD charge 3 USD	
			Between 251 - 1250 USD charge 7 USD	
			Between 1251 - 6250 USD charge 13 USD	
			Above 6250 USD charge 0.60% of daily cumulative deposits	
Inter-company transaction charges on cash withdrawals and deposits applicable to Sudan branches			Intercompany cash withdrawals 1.20% of the amount withdrawn	
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Enhancing Africa's national statistical systems is crucial

ENHANCING Africa's national statistical system is crucial because our continent badly needs timely, accessible and reliable data. Reliable data is key to our progress as a continent because it can support Africa's policies for economic diversification and industrialisation.

World Statistics Day is an international day to celebrate statistics. Created by the United Nations Statistical Commission, it was first celebrated on 20 October 2010. The day is celebrated every five years.

As of 2010, 103 countries celebrate a national Statistics Day, including 51 African countries that jointly celebrate African Statistics Day annually on 18 November.

Statistics is the discipline that concerns the collection, organisation, analysis, interpretation and presentation of data. In applying statistics to a scientific, industrial, or social problem, it is conventional to begin with a statistical population or a statistical model to be studied. Populations can be diverse groups of people or objects such as all people living in a country or every atom composing a crystal. Statistics deals with every aspect of data, including the planning of data collection in terms of the design of surveys and experiments.

When census data cannot be collected, statisticians collect data by developing specific experiment designs and survey samples. Representative sampling assures that inferences and conclusions can reasonably extend from the sample to the population as a whole. An experimental study involves taking measurements of the system under study, manipulating the system, and then taking additional measurements using the same procedure to determine if the manipulation has modified the values of the measurements. In contrast, an observational study does not involve experimental manipulation.

Two main statistical methods are used in data analysis: descriptive statistics, which summarise data from a sample using indexes such as the mean or standard deviation, and inferential statistics, which draw conclusions from data that are subject to random variation such as observational errors, sampling variation. Descriptive statistics are most often concerned with two sets of properties of a distribution (sample or population): central tendency (or location) seeks to characterise the distribution's central or typical value, while dispersion (or variability) characterises the extent to which members of the distribution depart from its center and each other. Inferences on mathematical statistics are made under the framework of probability theory, which deals with the analysis of random phenomena.

A standard statistical procedure involves the collection of data leading to test of the relationship between two statistical data sets, or a data set and synthetic data drawn from an idealized model. A hypothesis is proposed for the statistical relationship between the two data sets, and this is compared as an alternative to an idealised null hypothesis of no relationship between two data sets. Rejecting or disproving the null hypothesis is done using statistical tests that quantify the sense in which the null can be proven false, given the data that are used in the test. Working from a null hypothesis, two basic forms of error are recognised: Type I errors (null hypothesis is falsely rejected giving a false positive) and Type II errors (null hypothesis fails to be rejected and an actual relationship between populations is missed giving a false negative). Multiple problems have come to be associated with this framework: ranging from obtaining a sufficient sample size to specifying an adequate null hypothesis.

Unlocking Africa's agricultural mechanisation potential a must

MECHANISED agriculture is the process of using agricultural machinery to mechanise the work of agriculture, greatly increasing farm worker productivity. In modern times, powered machinery has replaced many farm jobs formerly carried out by manual labour or by working animals such as oxen, horses and mules.

The entire history of agriculture contains many examples of the use of tools, such as the hoe and the plough. The ongoing integration of machines since the Industrial Revolution however has allowed farming to become much less labour-intensive.

Current mechanised agriculture includes the use of tractors, trucks, combine harvesters, countless types of farm implements, aeroplanes and helicopters (for aerial application), and other vehicles. Precision agriculture even uses computers in conjunction with satellite imagery and satellite navigation (GPS guidance) to increase yields.

Mechanisation was one of the large factors responsible for urbanisation and industrial economies. Besides improving production efficiency, mechanisation encourages large scale production and sometimes can improve the quality of farm produce. On the other hand, it can displace unskilled farm labour and can cause environmental degradation (such as pollution, deforestation, and soil erosion), especially if it is applied shortsightedly rather than holistically.

Major stakeholders in agricultural mechanization have called for the adoption of a value chain approach to mechanization as one of the best options towards attaining high productivity in agriculture on Africa.

Speaking during a webinar organised by Africa Agricultural Technology Foundation (AATF), the stakeholders that included experts in agricultural

mechanization, agribusiness, digital agriculture, and representatives of global agencies like the World Bank, African Union, the National Agriculture Research Organisation (NARO) of Uganda, and private sector players agreed that smallholder farmers are key players in the value-chain system that can engender growth and sustainability of Africa's agricultural productivity.

Setting the stage, George Marechera, Business Development Manager at AATF, said mechanization provides an opportunity for smallholder farmers to evolve from subsistence to business. He, however, added that this can only happen where mechanization is adopted along the agricultural value chain.

According to Marechera, mechanization brings about increased production and reduces high labor costs to enhance efficient production at low cost and facilitate competitive pricing, promote efficient use of input, and enhance productivity.

Since the beginning of agriculture threshing was done by hand with a flail, requiring a great deal of labour. The threshing machine, which was invented in 1794 but not widely used for several more decades, simplified the operation and allowed the use of animal power. Before the invention of the grain cradle an able bodied labourer could reap about one quarter acre of wheat in a day using a sickle. Later innovations included raking and binding machines.

In the 1880s the reaper and threshing machine were combined into the combine harvester. These machines required large teams of horses or mules to pull. Steam power was applied to threshing machines in the late 19th century. There were steam engines that moved around on wheels under their own power for supplying temporary power to stationary threshing machines. These were called road engines.

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By Cameron Duodu

IN many countries, certain political issues that are isolated and almost universally supported, because they are in the "national interest".

Right now, anti-terrorism measures, for instance, are widely supported throughout the world by all parties that believe in the rule of law, because they are in the "national interest."

You see, terrorist activity can kill anyone, irrespective of what is in his or her head - by way of political inclination - and that's why the fight against such activity receives so much support.

I am convinced that Ghana is now in a situation in which, if we don't really sit up, define our national interest and fight tooth and nail to safeguard it, we shall destroy the country that Providence so kindly endowed to us.

We are so blessed that, in years past, our country was so viable economically, that some of our parents were able to hire nationals of our neighbouring countries to come and work for us. Without them, Ghana would never have become, at one stage, the world's leading producer of cocoa.

Some of these foreign workers intermarried with our people. Some of us went to school with boyhood friends who bore names like Amusa, Tafah, Raimi and Agbonyor.

I was so distressed when I learnt some of these friends were being forced to leave Ghana in 1969 that I went to the office of the Prime Minister, Dr K A Busia and protested to him on their behalf. I published the interview with Dr Busia in the Daily Graphic of 17 January 1970.

If our country was so attractive that it could entice people to live and create communities here, then it had something which other countries did not have, didn't it? It appears that we have lost our discerning ability and no longer appreciate our blessed status, even though we travel around the world more frequently than before.

So we are deliberating destroying the country - through galamsey.

Saving Ghana from galamsey is supremely in the "national interest" and that's why it was with sadness that I realised that the 2020 presidential candidate of the main opposition National Democratic Congress (NDC), Mr John Dramani Mahama, had decided to make a party political issue of it.

One report quoted him as having stated that he would "not hound" people engaged in galamsey but would "organize them and regularize their activities under guardian laws."

This is almost word for word, a repetition of what Mr Mahama said in 2014, when he was President:

QUOTE: President Mahama ... condemned the use of brutal force against operators of illegal mining.

Where is Ghana going?



He said... at Dunkwa-on-Offin, in the Central Region, that he is not happy when the police and military chase out young illegal miners, who are into the business to make a living. UNQUOTE

I wrote at the time that I was shocked by the [then] President's comments because "the President was clearly speaking from both sides of his mouth at the same time. ... On the one hand, the President was left disappointed with the extent of damage done to the environment by galamsey activities." But on the other hand, the President condemned the use of 'brutal force' against [the galamsey] operators. UNQUOTE

Since 2014, the damage galamsey has done to our rivers and farmlands has multiplied exponentially. Yet in a speech he made in Kumasi whilst introducing his running mate, Prof. Jane Naana Opoku Agyemang, to the Asantehene, Otumfuor Osei Tutu II, he is reported to have said that this time, if he wins the December presidential elections, he will not abuse illegal miners with soldiers again, but will organize all such miners into cooperatives.

QUOTE: "Nana, we will monitor and ensure that small-scale mining is done well to save the environment, while opening the gate for a lot of job opportunities for our youth in the mining sector;" (the former President said in Twi. He added) "... We don't have to abuse people with soldiers because they want to fend for their families. We only need laws to regulate that kind of mining in the country, because when we do that well, it will create wealth for

our youth." UNQUOTE

The question is, where has Mr Mahama been in the past two years? Was he not in this country when the NPP Government placed a ban on small-scale mining? Did he not notice that the NPP Government later lifted the ban and introduced the issue of licences to small-scale miners to mine concessions granted to them?

Is Mr Mahama really not aware that the Government, at its own expense, took small-scale miners in groups to the University of Mining at Tarkwa, to train them on mining techniques that do not ravage our water-bodies and farms?

Have Mr Mahama's sector specialists really no knowledge of the efforts the Government is making to monitor the activities of licensed small-scale miners with drones; to install trackers on all licensed excavators so that if they veer from legitimate activities, such as building roads, into galamsey, the owners could be caught and brought to book? Does Mr Mahama think that the steps specified by the Government in its GALAMSTOP programme are inadequate? If so, why is that happening and how can those measures be improved?

It is true that we are in election campaign mode, but it is also true that we are in a dire emergency that will not wait for us to have elections before we can tackle it. Galamsey is marching inexorably forward and will force us to import our very drinking water if we use the excuse of "party-politicking" to play with the issue.

We need ONE PLAN, which all

political parties can agree upon RIGHT NOW and support - "in the national interest". Otherwise the galamsey operators will unite, pass through our divided lines and finish the country for us.

Make no mistake - the current efforts of the Government are being undermined by a ruthless cabal including some of the very officials charged with implementing the programme to stop galamsey.

"As for the galamsey it is not only the youth who are doing it, MCEs, DCEs, Ministers are involved... Even some of you (chiefs) are involved. Indeed, the activity generates lots of money... no matter what galamsey money is evil so let us all come together to reduce it," President Akufo-Addo said recently.

By speaking thus, the President could be said by his own NPP side to have "laid himself and the NPP open to criticism for having exposed NPP officials engaged in galamsey. Indeed, the opposition could also jump in and criticise him for being unable to discipline those he says are "involved in galamsey."

But that's what happens when a President does not shirk his responsibility of speaking out - in the national interest. It's an example of quality leadership, and it is up to all other leaders in the country - be they political party leaders; religious or social leaders or, indeed, youth leaders (its, the youth, after all, who will inherit the country) to rally round and make sure that we all, without exception, supports the efforts against galamsey. It is a national duty.

National Service partners with TARI on yet another major green strategic project

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu, recently in Chita

CHIEF of Defence Forces General Venance Mabeyo has laid the foundation stone at 837 KJ, Chita National Service for major strategic green projects namely irrigation scheme and agro-processing factory, all aimed at enabling the TPDF wing to graduate from subsistence to commercial.

837 KJ, Chita National Service is located at the foothills of the Eastern Arc Mountains, some 100kms from Ifakara Town Council, Kilombero district, Morogoro region.

The aim of the projects is to ensure the National Service becomes food self sufficient and captures local and international markets especially in the neighboring countries of East Africa.

Addressing spirited soldiers and commanders at the National Service Camp after laying the foundation stone, General Mabeyo said that it was high time the TPDF wing reformed its mandate by engaging in commercial agriculture so that it could effectively and efficiently contribute to the food security in the country and spur the national economy.

Citing an example of 837 KJ Chita National Service, he said the Camp has a total of 37,000ha potential arable land suitable for growing different crops. The land could effectively be used to produce different crops such as cereal grains, and horticultural crops. "We have huge market from the neighboring countries such as Kenya, Rwanda and Zimbabwe. The National Service could now start venturing into huge agricultural projects and agro-processing to increase profit but also secure these markets, he said

So far the 837 Chita National Service Camp has earmarked 2,500 out of 12,000 acres planned earlier on, for the major green projects.

"I understand that Chita National Service had planned to carry out this project on a 12,000 acres of land but after discussion with me especially on resources and facilities needed, I suggested to pilot 2,500 acres first to see the results before venturing into huge project. They agreed and so far the project is good, he said.

He also directed the National Service to do a little bit of research to establish other food and cash crops that could be grown in the area, develop good relationship with other institutions such as TARI, UDSM, SUA for better results.

I urge other commanding officers to emulate Chita for the good work and ensure construction of warehouses in your respective Camps. If you venture into agro-processing, you will be able to make more profit and create markets and jobs for the surrounding communities," he said.

Commenting on industrial economy being advocated by President John Pombe Magufuli, General Mabeyo said that more than 65 percent of industrial raw materials are sourced from agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock adding that it is another advantage for the National Service to create jobs.

"I urge you to invest in other crops as well especially edible oil such as sunflower to meet internal requirement and produce surplus for commercials. I am impressed with the irrigation project. I will support you with 200m/- from the General Military Fund to speed up the irrigation project," he said.

According to available statistics Tanzanians consume 570,000 metric tonnes of edible oil out of these about 365,000 metric tonnes which cost 443bn/-annually are imported. This should not be the case because Tanzania has potential vast land to produce all types of vegetable edible oil that are needed in this country.

General Mabeyo commanded the good work being done by the Chief of National Service Major General Charles Mbuge for his deliberate and concerted efforts to transform the national service saying his efforts and initiatives have put the TPDF wing on the map. He urged the youth serving in the national service to make sure that they continue with the role of defense and security of the nation.

Head of the National Service Major General Charles Mbuge expressed his gratitude saying the National service has been benefiting a lot from his several initiatives including the project.

"We have continuously been benefiting from your moral and material support including huge support extended to this project which is your own initiative. I can assure you this project will be swiftly implemented and completed within the time frame," he said.

Chairman of the strategic committee on agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries development Colonel Hassan Mabena said the department has put in place comprehensive plans and strategies to ensure effective and efficient production of food and cash crops such as Paddy, maize, beans and horticulture through the irrigation project.

Colonel Mabena who is also the head of Administration-National Service said the department is implementing the project in collaboration with other government institutions such as Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI), SUA, and the National Irrigation Commission value at of 4bn/-

For his part, Director General of Tanzania Agricultural Institute (TARI) said his institute is committed and determined to work with Military Institution to provide technical support that include research and production of improved seeds.

"That's why we TARI have a member in this strategic committee on agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries development. We are in to ensure we work with the National Service and other main stakeholders to provide technical support. Our partnership with Military Institutions started right from the establishment of TARI. For example, we are currently working with 821 KJ Bulumbora JKT in Kigoma to address the shortage of edible oil in the country by producing improved seeds of oil palm variety TENERA, he said. TENERA is improved seeds of oil palm variety being new variety after crossing two local varieties namely DURA and PISIFERA which are female and male respectively. Unlike Dura which produce only 16 tonnes per hectare, TENERA produces five times tones of oil palm per hectare. It is the only improved oil palm variety considered as an improved commercial variety that could swiftly offset shortage of edible oil in military institutions.

He said TARI was established by the Parliamentary Act No.10 of 2016 to enhance the strengthening of agricultural research system in Tanzania. TARI as a semi-autonomous body under the Ministry of Agriculture is responsible for all agricultural research activities.

Dr Mkamilo commended efforts being done by the Chief of defense forces General Venance Mabeyo and the chief of National Service Major General Charles Mbuge for the cordial relationship and close cooperation between the Institutions. He said his institution is ready to provide more technical support wherever and anytime.

"Our goal is to contribute to increased agricultural productivity through development and deployment of improved agricultural knowledge and technologies by adopting innovation systems



Chief of Defence Forces General Venance Mabeyo (R) makes a point to the National Service commanders shortly after laying the foundation stone of the agro-processing factory. Looking on (L) is TARI director general Dr Geoffrey Mkamilo. Photo by Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

approach. TARI has main centres and units across the country which are involved in research and production of various crops such as TARI Katrin centre in Ifakara, TARI-Naliendele centre for Cashew nuts, TARI-Dakawa centre for paddy that has unique aroma, and many others.

About the project

Already topographical survey has been conducted and completed for 2,500 acres out of 12,000 acres planned earlier on for the 4bn/- Irrigation project. Designing of different irrigation infrastructures has already completed. Construction of head works across Mkaja, Ngonyo and Lendi rivers is underway and about to be completed. Other works include the construction of the 1716 meters long major parent canals and aqueducts are also underway. Also in the lit of construction are the 20,610-meters long main canals, the 5,644-meters long secondary canals, a total of 142 tertiary canals with 56,750 meters long are also being constructed. The National Service is also constructing the 15,400-meters long main drains, the 4,020 secondary drains, and the 34,960 meters long tertiary drains. The work involves construction of the 30.2kms road network across the irrigation project. Flood protection bunds and turnouts are also being constructed, division boxes, culvert and land leveling.

The National Service was established on 10th July 1963 emanating from the ideas of the Father of the Nation, the late President Julius K Nyerere with the mission to equip Tanzania youth with the requisite knowledge, skills and culture values which will enable them to contribute positively to the social-economic development as well as to the Defense and security of the Nation. The objective being to build national Unity and carry out economic activity.



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Upgrading of health services much needed to address quality gaps

By Correspondent James Kandoya, Pemba

IMPROVEMENT of healthcare services is a pre-requisite to enhance the effectiveness of health centres to offer quality services.

In Zanzibar for instance, various quality improvement initiatives are implemented in health centres such as training of assessors and assessment to health centres to improve its quality performance.

Fat-hiya Mohamed, a resident of Wete District in North Pemba Region is proud to be among four assessors trained to conduct quality assessment in health centres within the Zanzibar archipelago.

She got training from the PharmAccess International -Tanzania (PAI) on how to conduct quality improvement assessment in health centres within the island.

After the training, Mohamed assessed four health centres - Primary Health Care Unit Plus (PHCU+) and levelled them according to standards procedures.

These are Mzambarauni and Kangagani all in Wete district in North Pemba Region, Weshi in Chakechake District, the capital of Pemba Central region and Wingwi in Micheweni district in the North Pemba Region.

The project -Safecare further equipped with additional knowledge of storing data using mobile phones and therefore discouraged paper work.

Elaborating more, she says some health centres have already started working out on challenges that sometimes did not even need funds to be implemented.

"Indeed, the training enabled us as assessors to identify gaps and know standards procedures needed for a health Centre to observe while delivering quality healthcare as recommended.

In the neighbouring Chakechake district, Pemba South region Idrissa Mohamed says the training enables him to assess the quality delivered in the health centre using standards procedures.

Trained as assessor, Ally adds that he has now been trainer to other staff on how to follow standards procedures when delivering healthcare's services.

"Indeed, I have acquired a huge knowledge from the training. This should continue and be sustainable to improve the quality of healthcare services delivered by our health centres," he says.

The centres assessed were -Wamba, Kengeja, Michenzani, and Bogoa all in Mkoani district and Makangale centre in Micheweni district, North Pemba Region of Tanzania.

Ally has a special message "I call on the PharmAccess



Assessors and representatives of health centres assessed for quality improvement in Pemba show their certificates after a recent awarding ceremony. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

International- Tanzania (PAI) to further support us to take these challenges and turn them into opportunities."

Both Mohamed and Ally are now trainers to other staff on how to observe standards procedures when delivering healthcare's services.

Moreover, the health centres were also assessed and levelled depending on their health performance ranging from level 1 to 5.

According to standards, it covers the full range of medical to non-medical aspects of care; from PHCU as well as large district hospitals.

The In charge of Maternity at Junguni Health Centre (PHCU+), Genenea Omary, says that after assessment the Centre performs according to standards procedures hence improves quality delivery.

Located in Wete District, North Pemba Region, Junguni centre is among 20 health centres assessed for quality improvement and

awarded a certificate. It serves between 100 -150 people per day.

She says that the centres serve 30-35 children coming for vaccines while pregnant mothers range between 20-25 per day and postnatal services 20-25 people per day.

"We are working out on the gaps identified in order to offer quality healthcare services as recommended.

Khadija Omary Ally, In Charge at Mzambarauni Takau Centre (PHCU+) says that the training enabled her to identify errors.

"As a health centre, we have so far started working on the gaps to improve the quality of delivery of healthcare services," she says.

Since 2019, PAI has been consulting the Zanzibar's Ministry of Health (MOH) to support the ministry's efforts in health financing and quality improvement.

Through the Safecare Project, PAI reviewed and analyzed the current state of healthcare in Zanzibar, including the quality and perfor-

mance of various providers.

It also trained the use of digital tools to improve quality and training to assessors. Digitalization plays a large role in the process where the facilities will start collecting more data on healthcare performance.

Once a Health centre assessed is awarded a certificate to show its level of performances according to the facility's performance, ranging from level -I (very modest quality) to level -V (high quality).

The Safecare Project Director at PharmAccess International -Tanzania Dr Peter Risha notes that among the key implementations was training of ministry health's assessors and facilities.

Also supporting health centres and facilities to use digital tools to improve quality as a very important step to be reconsidered.

With safecare, healthcare providers gain insight in identified gaps and challenges and plan a stepwise approach towards higher

quality.

According to him, the phase II of the training assessment will follow all procedures including aligning and integrating the process with the ongoing ministry of health digitization strategy.

The project further expands the enrolment of facilities in Infection Prevention Control (IPC) self-assessment.

"Best human practice management is one of the big gaps noted in many facilities during the baseline assessment. Therefore, continuing to build their capacity is very important," he recommends.

"Information on how to address quality gaps in technical, financial support, and innovative quality improvement platforms help facilities progress along a quality improvement trajectory in achievable and measurable steps," he adds.

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Africa's COVID-19 response sees progress

SINCE the first reported case of COVID-19 in Africa in mid-February, African countries have made significant strides in combating the virus, bolstering key response measures such as diagnosis, prevention, treatment, workforce training as well as supply of critical medical supplies and equipment.

In February, only two laboratories in the World Health Organization (WHO) African region could diagnose a

COVID-19 case. Currently 750 laboratories across the region can test for the virus. The increased diagnostic capacity has seen more than 10 million tests carried out over the past eight months. Crucially, testing has been decentralized in many countries.

However, to boost case detection - based on studies related to excess morbidity of influenza-like illnesses due to COVID-19 - WHO has set a

threshold of 10 tests per 10 000 people per week. Over the past month, 12 countries surpassed the mark.

COVID-19 exposed gaps in clinical care for patients in the early stages of the pandemic. A WHO assessment of countries in the African Region found that there were 0.26 functional mechanical ventilators per 100 000 people - almost 30 times lower than in some Western European countries.

By August, the number of ventilators had increased to 0.96 per 100 000 people. In April, there were about 13 000 beds for COVID-19 patients and by August these had increased to over 43 000.

Raising awareness of communities about COVID-19 remains a key pillar in promoting safety and preventing the spread of the virus. WHO and partners have mobilized more than 345 000 community

health workers in the region, while local leaders and influencers are also being trained in 45 countries.

With the global supply chain strained by increased competition and logistical hurdles during the lockdown period, African countries have been able to procure items through the United Nations portal which has seen over 48 million items of personal protective equipment shipped to countries and

27 million more are in the pipeline.

In June, assessments WHO conducted of more than 1200 health facilities found that many health care workers were lacking skills in infection prevention and control, and how to keep themselves and their patients safe from the virus. WHO worked with many partners to provide training in infection prevention and control to more than 150 000

health workers.

Even as countries have made progress in tackling the pandemic, key areas of the response such as testing, treatment, health worker capacity in providing critical care, as well as infection prevention can still be strengthened.

Over the past three months, Africa has recorded a decline in new COVID-19 cases. However, countries need to remain vigilant, maintaining crucial public health measures to avert a potential explosion of cases.

CRB tells members: Work hard while using modern technologies to compete with foreign contractors

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

FOR many years local contractors have been complaining about foreign companies' dominance in construction industry, saying that they're not considered enough when it comes to big construction projects.

Lack of enough capital and facilities to implement big construction sites is cited as one of the obstacles for them to compete with foreign companies.

But to tackle this, the government has been always sensitizing about the importance of joint ventures among local contractors something which will help them acquire enough capital and facilities to implement big projects.

To enable local contractors compete with foreign companies, Contractors Registration Board (CRB), has been always there to support them with different business skills and knowledge on how they can grow and compete with their fellows from outside the country.

CRB is of the view that local contractors must work hard to ensure they have all modern facilities and technology that will enable them compete with international companies.

Speaking recently at a three-day training of business management skills for local contractors organized by CRB for northern zones contractors, board registrar Rhoben Nkori said that in order for them to survive in the industry they must be creative and work diligently to attract more clients.

The training brought on board 96 contractors from Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Manyara, Tanga, Dodoma, Singida and Mwanza and it's

a continuation of training by CRB to equip local contractors to improve their standards and develop their companies.

Among the topic covered were business skills, entrepreneurship and business life cycle, marketing matters, business plans, strategizing and business model.

Nkori told local contractors that without improvement, creativity and joint ventures when implementing construction sites local contractors will remain observer while foreign companies secure big construction tenders.

He said construction is a business like any other business so contractors must value their profession by observing standards they have signed in their contract with their customers.

The moderator of the recent training, Prof Prosper Ngowi, said there are a lot to be done for local contractors to compete with the international companies adding that complaints would not help anyone.

Ngowi informed them that competence and completion of work within agreed time is something to consider every day in order to attract more clients and many contractors fails because they don't complete within agreed time.

According to Prof Ngowi, the competition within construction industry is increasing day to day so he urged local practitioners to improve their standards and be innovative in their daily activities if they want to remain in the market.

"To be local contractor is not a criterion to get tender anywhere, but the only way to compete with foreign companies in tenders' competition is to improve their standards



Contractors Registration Board registrar Rhoben Nkori (3rd-L) is interviewed in Arusha recently shortly after opening three-day training on business management skills for northern zone contractors. Others are board deputy registrar research and development David Jere, CRB northern zone manager Sauda Njila and training coordinator Neema Fuime. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

when implementing construction sites they get from government and private institutions," he told the gathering.

"We must speak the truth in order to change and improve our companies because no one will come and give you construction sites only because you are local contractor, your competence and good records is the only thing that will lift you up," he added.

the expert advised contractors to prepare working plan at least of five years so that someone can understand easily where the company is heading something which will help the successor of the company if anything happen to the owner.

Market, he said is an important component for any company to survive so he advised them to set some amount for advertisement by producing some calendars, banners, caps, emblems and other products that have the company profile and communications.

"When you attend meeting like this take opportunity to advertise yourself and network with others, you must carry something to advertise your company because don't underestimate the power of networking because if you don't advertise no one will know where you are and what you are doing," he said

About marketing their companies, Ngowi advised them to use

social media properly to advertise their activities because that is where they can find news clients.

He said local contractors have been complaining about the lack of enough capital to enable them implement big projects but if they go for joint ventures they can do wonders and compete with the internationals.

Ngowi revealed what is the impediment for local companies to go for joint ventures as selfishness among them because some of them who tried to join ended in court everyone complaining to have the right to own big shares.

"If you join hands you can compete with foreign big companies but what I see here is selfishness

among us when it comes to who is to get what after the completion of the projects. If you get profit you are supposed to meet in a nice hotel and enjoy what you got but some of you have been ending in court, that is very bad," he said

He mentioned other impediments for local companies to grow as poor management because many big companies when they want to offer construction tenders for a certain company one of the things they need to know is if there are good management and board of directors.

"Some of us run a company in a one man show model and we put fake board of directors, you can find that father, mother, children and uncles are in the board of directors something that cannot work. With this system of management some companies, especially foreign companies can't offer you a tender because they need everything to be straight," he narrated

"Even to some our banks when you apply for a loan they would ask your chairperson of your board to sign so if you don't have a chairperson you will fail to get a loans so we need to keep everything open and straight to enable our companies grow and not entertaining a one man show model," he said He said for the company to run smoothly everything must go on even if the director or his deputy is not there for any reason to avoid one man show model.

"You are here today but I hope everything in your company is going on smoothly or you have closed your office so that you can attend the three days training? If someone needs his check must wait you to return back? No! this is not good way to run a company, everything should move on while you are not present," he said.

He advised local contractors to equip their subordinates so that they can fill the gaps when they are not present to complete projects within agreed time and at the same quality.

Nipe Fagio releases World Cleanup Day report, 75 per cent of waste audited is locally produced

By Guardian Correspondent

ON September 19, this year, Tanzania joined the international community to mark the World Cleanup Day. The day is part of Let's Do It Tanzania, a national campaign led by Nipe Fagio, a non-governmental organization that works with communities, the private sector and the government to achieve sustainable development in the waste management sector.

When releasing the 2020 World Cleanup Day report in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Nipe Fagio Executive Director, Ana Le Rocha, thanked all the local organizations, community members, and all the participants that collaborated with Nipe Fagio to make this year's World Cleanup Day a success.

"As we are releasing this year's World Cleanup Day report, we first would like to thank all the local organizations, community members and individuals who joined hands with us and made this event a success," Ana said.

She noted that over 250 local organizations and 4,621 individuals participated in the cleanup activities across the country.

Ana reiterated that this year cleanups were organized in 25 locations and 13 regions of the country. In 19 out of 25 cleanup sites, Waste Audits and Brand Audits (WABA) were conducted to collect data on waste composition and brand contribution to plastic pollution.

"It's a disappointing fact that after conducting the Waste and Brand Audit, we saw once again that 75 percent of the waste collected is locally generated by Tanzanian companies and industries, especially plastic beverage bottles, plastic bottles caps, plastic sachets and even some plastic bags," Ana noted.

"It is also a great opportunity as we can, as a country, address this issue and come up with an effective solution by working together, private sector, government and civil society."

Ana explained that while being important players for economic growth, these companies must owe their responsibility when it comes to plastic pollution and therefore, she still hopes to find a mutually beneficial solution in which industries can produce without harming the environment and single-use plastics can be replaced with sustainable delivery systems.

To make this year's World Cleanup Day even more exciting, Nipe Fagio launched a campaign called 'Plastiki Yako Mazingira Yetu', which means 'Your Plastic Our Environ-

ment', on a move to bring people and organizations together to support restrictions to single-use plastic production and consumption in the country.

"We recognize and support the outstanding effort that the Tanzanian government has made developing and implementing the plastic bag ban and we are very proud of living in a country that has taken tangible action to address plastic pollution."

"Therefore, the introduction of the Plas-

tiki Yako Mazingira Yetu campaign will help in pushing for single-use plastic to be replaced with sustainable product delivery systems to ensure that people, profit, and planet are in balance," Ana said.

She noted that as of October 10th, nearly 70 organizations had submitted their logos and more than 100 individuals had signed the form to support the Plastiki Yako Mazingira Yetu campaign.

"As we are still pushing for more support,

I urge for those organizations who have not submitted their logos to do so through the link <http://bit.ly/nflogoplastikiyakomazingirayetu> and/or sign the Google form through <http://bit.ly/nfsignplastikiyakomazingirayetu>," she added.

Single-use plastic, with special emphasis on plastic bags, sachets, and coloured PET bottles, create an increased hazard to the communities and the environment of Tanzania. The indiscriminate production of

single-use plastic to wrap fast-consuming goods contributes to flooding, the climate emergency, and the strong presence of microplastics in our rivers and ocean.

Research says that 80% of the plastic that enters the oceans come from rivers and waterways and it has been proved that all samples of salt tested worldwide contain microplastics, meaning that human beings are now consuming microplastics, a hazardous substance, regularly.



Nipe Fagio youth ambassadors Marco Dotto (L) and Ali Hamisi (R) grade waste for a Waste and Brand Audit (WABA) report during World Cleanup Day, this year celebrated on September 19 at Coco Beach in Dar es Salaam. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

In 2016, Trump won these Rust Belt counties on the economy. In 2020, he might lose them over coronavirus

CORTLAND, Ohio/BANGOR, Penn.

TANYA Wojciak, a lifelong Republican and suburban mom from northeast Ohio, is the kind of battleground state voter President Donald Trump can't afford to lose - but already has.

She is angry at Trump's handling of the novel coronavirus crisis that has killed more than 219,000 Americans, the largest death toll of any country. She lost a friend to COVID-19 in April.

Wojciak, 39, said Trump's spotty use of masks and repeated attempts to downplay the seriousness of the coronavirus - even after being hospitalized for it himself - is "not presidential at all." She said she regrets voting for him four years ago. A hand-painted Biden sign now graces her front lawn in Cortland.

Some 340 miles (547 km) east, in Bangor, Pennsylvania, Leo Bongiorno says he, too, is voting for Biden after sitting out the 2016 contest.

Customers at Bongiorno's brewery and eatery, Bangor Trust Brewing, remained scarce even after Pennsylvania began to ease its bar-and-restaurant restrictions in June. Daily COVID-19 infections in the state reached their highest totals since mid-April this month, and Bongiorno says many of his regulars are too nervous to go to bars.

The federal relief loan he received was less than he would have made collecting unemployment checks, and the brewery's monthly bills dwarf sales. He said the country needs a president who understands what small businesses need to survive a pandemic - and that isn't Trump. "At this point we're just sitting here waiting for the creditors to come collect," Bongiorno said.

Rust Belt battleground states including Ohio and Pennsylvania handed Trump the White House in 2016, and they will again help decide the Nov. 3 election. Four years ago, Trump's message of economic revitalization won votes from many white, working-class voters who had cast ballots for Democrat Barack Obama in 2012.

Many of those voters remain loyal to the president. Still, support for Trump is slipping in these states this year, and the pandemic is a big reason why. Polling data show the 2020 race is increasingly becoming a referendum on the president's handling of COVID-19.

Reuters/Ipsos polling, conducted Oct. 9-13, showed 50% of likely voters nationwide feel Biden would be better at managing the pandemic response, compared to 37% for Trump.

Opinion polling in the battleground states of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan and Wisconsin shows that voters there, too, think Biden is the better candidate to lead on the coronavirus.

Recent polls by Reuters/Ipsos and others show Biden tied with Trump in Ohio and leading in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin, albeit by narrower margins than Biden's double-digit lead nationally.

Republican National Committee spokeswoman Mandi Merritt said Trump has taken "swift and decisive action on the coronavirus every step of the way."

"While Democrats continue to play politics with the coronavirus and a vaccine, President Trump continues to lead the country on a path to recovery," Merritt said in a statement to Reuters.

TUG OF WAR

Voter Wojciak lives in Trumbull County, Ohio; brewery owner Bongiorno resides in Northampton County, Pennsylvania. A Republican presidential



Donald Trump

candidate had not carried either county in decades until Trump prevailed there in 2016.

Many residents liked Trump's protectionist trade philosophy, strong defense of gun rights and hard-line stance on immigration. They helped Trump win Trumbull by about 6 percentage points, and Northampton by about 4 percentage points.

Now some have had enough. In September, likely voters in Pennsylvania's 7th congressional district, which includes Northampton County, said they would vote for Biden over Trump 51% to 44%, according to a Muhlenberg College/Morning Call poll. A New York Times/Siena College poll conducted Oct. 2-6 showed likely voters favoring Biden 49% to 43% over Trump in Ohio's industrial north, a region that includes Trumbull County.

COVID-19 appears to be a factor. Reuters interviews with more than 50 voters across Trumbull and Northampton counties revealed deep-seated frustration with Trump over his downplaying of the disease, and his failure to wear masks consistently and to encourage all Americans to do likewise.

Northampton County has seen more than 300 COVID-19 deaths, or about 100 per 100,000 residents - well above the national average of about 66 COVID-19 deaths per 100,000 people. At least 76 of the county's fatalities occurred at a single nursing home in Upper Nazareth Township, a community of around 7,000 inhabitants.

Life in Northampton looks almost normal at first glance, with restaurants offering outdoor dining and schoolyards ringing with the crack of baseball bats. But workers here are still feeling the pain of furloughs and lost paychecks; the county's August unemployment rate was 10.2%, up from 4.9% a year earlier.

Located in eastern Pennsylvania on the New Jersey border, the county has defied the typical Rust Belt narrative. Recent decades have brought industrial losses, including the 2003 dissolution

of Bethlehem Steel, once the world's largest steelmaker. Still Northampton has managed to attract other industries, including medical device manufacturing plants. An influx of warehouses brought additional new jobs, and the county is also home to Lehigh University in Bethlehem and Lafayette College in Easton.

Today, the county is a tug of war between competing political bases. Urban centers Easton and Bethlehem lean left. The so-called Slate Belt to the north - a mix of farms and factories surrounding quaint town centers - is Trump country. Driving its meandering roads early this month, a Reuters reporter counted 77 Trump campaign signs, to just 24 for Biden.

Ohio's Trumbull County is another once-mighty manufacturing hub that has seen factory jobs flee in the past 30 years. It's an area Trump claimed in 2016 with promises of economic revival. Employment in the county, part of the so-called "Steel Valley" that hugs the Ohio-Pennsylvania border, suffered after closures of factories run by General Electric Co, General Motors Co and others. Along quiet streets in communities across the county, some single-family homes, once the pride of the middle-class, blue-collar workforce, are now in disrepair.

Today, the local economy is in limbo, suffering from the forces of globalization, the opioid epidemic - and now the coronavirus. More than 130 people in Trumbull County have died from COVID-19, or about 68 per 100,000 residents.

The August unemployment rate was 11.4%, up from 6.3% in the same month last year. Strict social distancing guidelines from Republican Governor Mike DeWine have limited customers in the county's stores, restaurants and hotels.

A former light-bulb plant on the outskirts of Warren, the Trumbull County seat, sits vacant and derelict, its hundreds of rectangular glass windows cracked and shattered by passers-by hurling rocks at the building.

TRUMP 'TOTALLY BOMBED'

Locals in these communities debate who's to blame for the pandemic. Few give Trump a free pass, but his failures are not as damning to some as to others.

In Cortland's Iron House bar, a crowded watering hole filled with Trump and Biden supporters alike - few of them wearing masks - furniture salesman Bill Bevec said the president lost

his vote when he understated the deadly nature of the virus last winter. In taped conversations with journalist Bob Woodward released last month, Trump acknowledged that he had played down the danger despite having evidence to the contrary in order not to panic the American public.

"Don't you think we had a right to know how bad the disease was?" said Bevec, 66, who voted for the president in 2016. "Four years ago, I was Trump's biggest cheerleader. But I think he totally bombed on coronavirus."

Trump has repeatedly defended his handling of the crisis. Courtney Parella, the Trump campaign's deputy national press secretary, said the president has faced the pandemic "head on." She cited his restrictions on travel from China, and claimed the administration produced a COVID-19 vaccine "in record time," though no vaccine has yet been approved for use in the United States.

"President Trump is continuing to fight to save American lives, and he will not stop until we've beaten the coronavirus and Americans feel safe again," Parella said in a statement.

The Biden campaign has its eye on older voters like Bevec who polls show are frightened of the virus, but who either voted for Trump or sat out in 2016, campaign officials told Reuters. Trump won the 55-plus age group by 13 percentage points in 2016, according to exit polls.

Biden appears to have made major inroads among older voters. The two candidates now split American voters aged 55 years and older almost evenly: 47% say they will vote for Biden, while 46% back Trump, according to Reuters/Ipsos national surveys in September and October. [nLN2GZ05X]

American Bridge 21st Century, a Super PAC that supports Democratic candidates, has spent \$40 million on ads in swing districts in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin, specifically targeting white, working-class voters and seniors who supported Trump in 2016.

For some former Democrats in Ohio and Pennsylvania, though, Trump's missteps on coronavirus are not proving a turn-off.

Roshaun Kerdzaliev, who twice voted for Obama before flipping to Trump in 2016, manages Jaid's Lounge, his family's sports bar in Wind Gap, Pennsylvania. Kerdzaliev, standing alongside rows of taped-off bar stools, said sales have fallen more than a third thanks to the pandemic.

He said Trump could have done more to prepare the country for COVID-19. But now that the damage is done, he said, Trump is the better leader to fix it.

"If I want someone who I think is actually going to rebuild the economy after all this, that's Trump," said Kerdzaliev, 40.

Shonna Bland, owner of Cortland's Top Notch Diner, has plastered a 20-foot "TRUMP" banner on the side of her building and taped a not-so-subtle note to patrons on the door: "We will NOT force any mask/facial coverings at our establishment!!!!!!" Bland, 45, said she voted for Obama in 2008 and 2012, then defected to Trump in 2016. She plans to vote for him again.

"People with pre-existing conditions maybe should stay home, but the rest of us should be free to go about our lives, and Trump gets that," Bland said.

Trump loyalists like Bland and Kerdzaliev mean battleground states such as Ohio and Pennsylvania are still within Trump's reach.

Still, by some measures, the pandemic has made the election Biden's to lose. In northeast Ohio, Wojciak, the disgruntled Republican, said she now plans to vote for Democrats for the rest of her life. She's encouraging her teenage son Max Matlack to vote Democratic, too.

Matlack, 18, has been avoiding most public spaces since the spring out of fear that his asthma puts him at risk for serious illness if he contracts the coronavirus. He cast his vote for Biden on Oct. 12 in a former bank that the Trumbull County Board of Elections has turned into a socially distanced polling place.

"He's better than what we have now," Matlack said.

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Africa urges world leaders to invest more in IFAD to end rural hunger and poverty

ROME

TEN African Heads of State have issued a strong call to other world leaders to increase their funding to the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) or risk jeopardis-

ing global Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) targets for eradicating poverty and hunger, particularly in Africa.

"We share IFAD's vision of vibrant rural communities where people live free from poverty and hunger," wrote the leaders

of Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, the Gambia, Kenya, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo in letters to their counterparts in Europe, North America, the Middle East, Asia and Oceania.

They added: "Investing in building the resilience of rural people is now more important than ever in order to secure food supplies, safeguard rural livelihoods, ensure that progress made over the years is not lost and prevent more rural people from falling into poverty and hunger."

Right now, Africa is addressing conflict, changing weather patterns, pests and the socioeconomic impacts of Covid-19. Hunger levels on the continent are twice the world average.

IFAD is the only multilateral development organisation solely dedicated to eradicating rural poverty and hunger.

In the letters, the African leaders called for a significant increase in contributions to IFAD's Twelfth Replenishment (IFAD12) - a year-long consultative process during which Member States come together to agree on strategic directions and mobilise funds for IFAD to provide as concessional loans and grants to developing countries.

"This support from the African Heads of State is a testimony to the real impact IFAD is having on the lives and livelihoods of rural people in these countries," said Marie Haga, IFAD's Associate Vice President for External Relations and Governance.

She added: "Their support demonstrates the importance of investing in rural areas to achieve national food security, environmental sustainability and economic development which has a monumental impact on global stability and resilience." About 75 per cent of the world's poorest people live in rural areas and depend on agriculture and related activities for their livelihoods.

In the letters, the African leaders highlight the immense potential of African agriculture and the strong evidence that investing in agriculture is one of the most effective ways of reducing poverty.

IFAD is determined to deliver an overall programme of work of US\$10 billion for the IFAD12 period (2022-2024), with over half of investments allocated to Africa.

This would help more than 140 million small-scale producers increase their production and raise their incomes through better market access and resilience, contributing to creating jobs and improving food security and nutrition for those most at risk of being left behind.

"A successful replenishment has the potential to unlock billions of dollars in financing to transform rural economies and food systems around the world, as well as enable IFAD to double its impact by 2030 and contribute to ending poverty and hunger," wrote the leaders.

As the Covid-19 pandemic sweeps across the world, the poor and the vulnerable are those who suffer most - among them rural women, young people and small-scale farmers.

Faced with the socio-economic repercussions of the pandemic and the impact of prolonged drought and locust infestation, the African leaders called for the collective reaffirmation of the world's commitment to end hunger.

IFAD invests in rural people, empowering them to reduce poverty, increase food security, improve nutrition and strengthen resilience.

Since 1978, it has provided US\$22.4 billion in grants and low-interest loans to projects that have reached an estimated 512 million people.

IFAD is an international financial institution and a United Nations specialised agency based in Rome - the United Nations food and agriculture hub.

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WORD-FIT

In this puzzle you have no clues, only a list of words that all fit into the grid. The Guardian have given you a head start

5 Letters: OWL, HAY, TAN, ARK,
4 Letters: REST, SAME, RAKE, AYAH, IRAQ, EAST, Q-TIP, SAGA, TIME, AFRO,
5 Letters: READY, SCOPE, SNAKE, FROST,
6 Letters: ATHENS, LAYER, PAMPAS, SAHARA, RAKISH, ATTACH, TANAPA, MASHER, MASTER
7 Letters: CASHIER,

CROSSWORD

CLUES: Across
1. a person who cultivates a land
5. hire a land
6. a piece of land surrounded by water
9. an oil tanker
10. any person
13. interfere
15. a group with a strong common interest
17. Estates on which crops are grown
19. literary form of over
20. fall behind
21. indicates that a voice is silent
22. single
23. institute a legal proceedings for redress

Down:
1. the sixth day of the week
2. a mass meeting
3. reveal something
4. to inquire
7. an unimportant person
8. passed away
11. Muscat is the Capital city
12. the rubbing and kneading of muscles and joints
14. identify the existence of
15. free from dirt
16. great size
17. a game of Eastern origin
18. cereal plants

SOLUTIONS

WORD-FIT: OWL, HAY, TAN, ARK, REST, SAME, RAKE, AYAH, IRAQ, EAST, Q-TIP, SAGA, TIME, AFRO, READY, SCOPE, SNAKE, FROST, ATHENS, LAYER, PAMPAS, SAHARA, RAKISH, ATTACH, TANAPA, MASHER, MASTER, CASHIER

CROSSWORD: 1. FARMER, 2. MEETING, 3. REVEAL, 4. INQUIRE, 5. HIRE, 6. ISLAND, 7. UNIMPORTANT, 8. PASSED AWAY, 9. TANKER, 10. ANYONE, 11. MUSCAT, 12. MASSAGE, 13. INTERFERE, 14. IDENTIFY, 15. CLEAN, 16. GREAT, 17. GO, 18. WHEAT, 19. OVER, 20. BEHIND, 21. SILENT, 22. SINGLE, 23. SUIT



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Absa Tanzania teams up with insurance companies to offer Bancassurance

By Francis Kajubi

THE public can now buy an insurance cover or get financing to get one through Absa Bank Tanzania Limited which has teamed up with several insurance companies including Alliance Life and Insurance, Britam Insurance Sanlam General, among others.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam during the launch of its Bancassurance services, Absa Bank Tanzania's Managing Director, Abdi Mohamed said that the 'Absa Bima' is offers all insurance cover services under one roof.

"We are targeting to offer bancassurance services in all 15 branches across the country by the end of this

year. The insurance solutions span across motor insurance, home insurance, business insurance, health insurance, travel insurance and life insurance," said Mohammed who added the to begin with only four branches will offer the product.

He said 'Absa Bima' will provide its customers with top notch insurance solutions spanning across motor insurance, home insurance, business insurance, medical insurance, travel insurance and life assurance all under one roof.

Seconding his boss, Head of Retail Banking, Oscar Mwamfwagasi explained that Absa Tanzania has been licensed by Tanzania Insurance Regulatory Authority to represent 10 insurance companies which



Absa Bank Tanzania Limited's managing director, Abdi Mohamed (2nd-R) addresses journalists at the launch of its Bancassurance services dubbed 'Absa Bima' in Dar es Salaam earlier this week. He is with other senior officials of the bank. Photo courtesy of Absa Tanzania.

also include Sanlam Life, Jubilee Life, Metropolitan Life, AAR Insurance and Phoenix as an agent.

"Absa is in a mission to improve the general wellbeing of its customers while providing insurance services in a convenient manner. Our customers no longer need to deal with multiple parties for their insurance and banking needs because they can get everything all under one roof," he said.

Mwamfwagasi further noted that the arrangement will also help mobilize customers to get insurance cover for life and property. "The main aim of the Bancassurance product is to help bring possibilities to life and make customers realize their ambitions, which we at Absa call this Africanacity," he added.

The bank's Head of Bancassurance Services, Sandeep Chavda said Absa Tanzania has formed partnership with insurance companies for life, general and

medical cover to cover both individual and corporate clients.

"There are more benefits of getting your insurance through 'Absa Bima,' which includes timely renewal and follow up, avoiding fund transfer charges if one has to pay directly to insurers, easy application process, premium financing and more, all these are made easy by leveraging on the existing banking systems," Chavda said.

Absa Bank Tanzania Limited is a leading commercial bank in the local market that currently has a network of 15 branches and 62 ATMs.

The local bank is a subsidiary of South African based Absa Group Limited which is listed at Johannesburg Stock Exchange and is one of Africa's largest diversified financial services groups.

The bank is present in 12 African countries with approximately 40,000 employees.

Iata working with WHO on testing to replace quarantine

HONG KONG

THE International Air Transport Association (Iata) is working to set up a testing system that will replace compulsory quarantine to help revive the airline industry that's been decimated by the coronavirus outbreak.

The trade body, which represents about 290 airlines globally, is working with the International Civil Aviation Organisation and the World Health Organisation to put in place scalable, affordable and fast testing systems, said Conrad Clifford, Iata's regional vice president for Asia Pacific.

"We need testing because we need to get rid of quarantines," Mr Clifford said on Monday. "What we've seen so far is if there's a 14-day quarantine, it's the same as closing your borders." Mr Clifford said Iata would "prefer to see some testing before departure and ideally, if we can find countries with similar levels of Covid risk, much like

Singapore and Hong Kong, then that takes away the need for further testing."

Singapore and Hong Kong agreed last week to open their borders to one another for the first time in almost seven months, exempting people in both cities from compulsory quarantine to help reinstate links between Asia's two premier financial hubs. Details on the arrangement, which is expected to start within weeks, haven't yet been publicly laid out. Tests should ideally cost less than \$10, Mr Clifford said.

The risk of passengers getting infected is "very low" as airlines are carrying out deeper sanitising of planes, and cut back on in-flight catering and magazines, Mr Clifford said. Based on about 44 potential cases of infection on board recorded this year, the chances of passengers getting the virus is about one in 27 million, he said.

The chance of being infected on

board is lower than that of being struck by a lightning, Mr Clifford added. "There have been a lot measures airlines have taken to absolutely drive that chance down to as close to zero as we can get it. So it's a very safe environment indeed."

While Iata forecast in June that airlines will lose a combined \$84 billion this year because of the virus, that number is set to be larger because the market hasn't opened as the industry had hoped, Mr Clifford said. The group has said that it expects travel demand won't recover to the pre-Covid levels until 2024. Last month, Iata cut its forecast for this year's traffic growth to an average decline of 66 per cent year-on-year, from a previous estimate of 63 per cent due to coronavirus-related travel restrictions. Cargo has been "a little bit of a silver lining" for the industry - partly fuelled by online purchasing - and that is set to continue for the coming years, Mr Clifford said. Airfreight is expected



Conrad Clifford, IATA's regional vice president for Asia Pacific.

to account for about 26 per cent of carriers' revenue this year, compared with 12 per cent in 2019, he said. Car-

go rates jumped after thousands of passenger planes, which carry more than half of airfreight, were ground-

ed due to the travel restrictions. That prompted airlines to convert passenger planes to haul goods.

Solar much cheaper than coal for energy generation - agency

PARIS

RENEWABLES are set to overtake coal this decade as the world's favourite fuel to generate electricity, the International Energy Agency says.

Solar photovoltaics are now cheaper than plants fired by coal and natural gas in most nations, the Paris-based researchers concludes in its annual report on global energy trends. Those cheaper costs along with government efforts to slash climate-damaging emissions will increasingly push coal off the grid and give renewables 80% of the market for new power generation by 2030, the IEA says.

The findings mark a profound shift away from fossil fuels in the world's energy supply at a time when governments everywhere are looking for ways to rein in the greenhouse gases blamed for global warming. While hydroelectric plants will continue to be the biggest source of renewable power, solar is catching up quickly because the cost of manufacturing and installing panels has come down so much.

"I see solar becoming the new king of the world's electricity markets," Fatih Birol, executive director of the IEA, says in a statement with the report on Tuesday. "Based on today's policy settings, it's on track to set new records for deployment every year after 2022."

The IEA's projections are based on what it calls the Stated Policies Scenario, which assumes Covid-19 is gradually brought under control next year and the global economy returns to levels seen before the outbreak. The scenario includes currently announced policy intentions and targets that the IEA considers to be backed up by detailed measures for the plans to be enacted.

Coal demand shrinks

It also anticipates natural gas demand slowly easing in



IEA executive director Fatih Birol.

developed nations, especially Europe, and coal dropping everywhere. About 275GW of coal-fired capacity worldwide, 13% of the 2019 total, will be shut off by 2025, mostly in the US and European Union. That will more than offset increases in coal demand in developing economies in Asia.

Coal's share of the global power supply is set to fall to 28% in 2030 from 37% in 2019. By 2040, the fuel that once was a staple of utilities will fall below 20% for the first time since the industrial

revolution, the IEA concludes. That decline could be even sharper if governments pick up the pace on decarbonisation. The assumptions require a massive investment in power grids, which need upgrades to absorb supply from more diverse sources that only work when the sun shines or the wind blows.

Investment to modernise, expand and digitise the grid will need to reach US\$460-billion in 2030, two thirds more than the cost last year. That spending will help roll out two million kilometers of new transmission lines and 14 million kilometers of distribution networks, 80% more than was added in the last 10 years, according to the IEA.

Mitumba imports drop 76pc on ban

NAIROBI

KENYAN traders shipped Sh1.22 billion second-hand clothing in the second quarter of the year when a temporary ban on the merchandise was in place, indicating the orders had already been processed.

The Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) data shows 12,081 tonnes of mitumba were imported in the April-June period, a sharp drop of 76.06 percent compared with 50,486 tonnes in a similar period a year earlier. Kenya Bureau of Standards (Kebs) imposed the importation ban late March in a bid to contain spread of the coronavirus infections, with the order affecting fresh orders only.

This was in line with one of the agency's standards that prohibits buying second-hand clothes from countries experiencing epidemics to ensure disease-causing microorganisms are not imported into Kenya. The value of mitumba imported into the country in the review period, however, represented a steep 74.5 percent fall compared with Sh4.8 billion in corresponding period in 2019.

Kebs lifted the ban mid-August after months of agitation by traders subject to a raft of safety protocols and guidelines including fumigation of the merchandise in the country of origin. Superior quality and relatively lower prices for second-hand clothes and footwear has continued to drive demand for the merchandise at the expense of locally-made clothes, fetching traders who largely operate in informal markets higher margins.

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Manyara RC urges teachers to exploit NMB financial products and services



Ally Ngingite (L), NMB's senior manager consumer lending, briefs teachers from the central zone on the financial products and services which the bank has on offer for clients. It was at a one-day forum held in Babati District, Manyara Region, last week. Photo Guardian Correspondent

By Smart Money Reporter

TEACHERS in the country have been urged to utilise fully financial products and services being provided by NMB Bank Plc to improve their businesses and livelihoods.

Manyara Regional Commissioner, Joseph Mkirikiti said last week during an NMB Teachers Day meeting held in Babati that the bank has many well tailored products and services to meet needs of the civil service last single group of employees.

In a speech read on his behalf by Babati District Commissioner, Lazaro Twange, Mkirikiti urged teachers from the central zone who attended the gathering to consider banks such

as NMB as important financial institutions that will help them develop economically.

"Most importantly is that you should have bank accounts and adopt a culture of savings some cash instead of extravagant consumption," he advised while adding that use of banks will also help the teachers avoid falling into the trap of loan sharks.

The Manyara regional commissioner also counselled teachers to refrain from keeping money at bedrooms saying such a habit is risky and prone to abuse. "You keep money at home with the possibility of spending it compared to when you keep it in the bank," Mkirikiti warned.

Addressing the teachers before welcoming the RC, NMB's Senior Consumer Manager, Ally Ngingite said the bank has always organised such gathering with teachers and other clients to brief them on various products and services that it provides.

"But through these meetings we also get feedback on what

our customers want while imparting financial management knowledge to them," Ngingite said noting that the over 200 teachers who attended the meeting provided good forum to get feedback.

He invited the group to apply for NMB's loans which cover various areas such as house construction, personal and mortgage while bancassurance has recently been added to the list to protect people and their property against risks.

Digital Africa secures €130m funding for African start-ups



Digital Africa Board VP and interim president Kizito Okechukwu.

PARIS

DIGITAL Africa has secured €130 million (approximately R2.5 billion) in funding from the French government, to support African start-ups.

Launched in 2018 by the French Development Agency, Digital Africa's mission is to promote African innovation and entrepreneurship among tech start-ups. It is a collaborative initiative designed for African entrepreneurs, and has been built through the new Africa-France relationship.

Johannesburg-based 22 On Sloane works with over 100 tech and digital start-ups and various global institutions, including Digital Africa, to offer disruptive start-ups and innovative SMEs funding opportunities, access to markets and commercialisation support.

Earlier this month, the Digital Africa team met with French minister of ICT Cédric O, to present the Digital Africa strategy, which was welcomed and supported by the minister, who voiced praise and support for the work being conducted by Digital Africa.

Board VP and interim president of Digital Africa Kizito Okechukwu was also in Paris to present the new strategy to various stakeholders. The meeting was concluded with an agreement that the funding capacity for African start-ups will be increased from €65 million to €130 million.

He concluded his visit by meeting with Remy Rioux, CEO of Agence Française de Développement (AFD), which is the custodian organisation of Digital Africa. Rioux also backed the Digital Africa initiative and looks forward to offering AFD's full support to Africa's start-ups via Digital Africa.

"Digital Africa plans to launch its new strategy towards the end of the year and will work closely with various key partners in Africa's ecosystem to ensure start-ups have the capacity to start, scale and become successful global brands," says Okechukwu.

SA-based Okechukwu is also co-chairperson of entrepreneurship body Global Entrepreneurship Network Africa and he spearheaded the development of 22 On Sloane, which bills itself as Africa's largest start-up campus.

Digital Africa focuses on skills development, knowledge communities, contributing to the emergence of a regulatory environment con-

ducive to innovation in Africa, technical assistance, project and business financing (debt and equity), as well as market access for Africa's high-impact start-ups. It has presence in various African countries, with headquarters in Paris, France.

Some of its partners and alliances include: AfriLabs, a network organisation of 202 innovation centres across 46 African countries; Digital Observer 4 Africa, a platform to identify digital projects and open datasets in Africa; and Data 4 Digital Africa, an open data infrastructure to enable entrepreneurs to test their models with open source data. Part of Digital Africa's strategy includes developing a white paper to guide the organisation over the next three years, on how to support Africa's high-impact start-ups.

Rima Le Coguic, director for Africa at the French Development Agency's AFD, says Digital Africa aims to continue deepening and expanding its activities across the continent. "Digital Africa's vision is one of an Africa where the digital transformation enables inclusive development and where technical solutions improve the quality of life, support the real economy and gradually become global references," states Le Coguic.

New currency notes put million Ethiopians into banking system

ADDIS ABABA

ETHIOPIA'S effort to stamp out counterfeiting by introducing new currency notes is pulling people who've never had a bank account into the financial system.

Over the past four weeks, almost 1 million previously unbanked Ethiopians have handed in their two-decade-old banknotes, according to the central bank. In exchange, they were given a bank account from which they can draw the new notes. The regulator is trying to deter cash hoarding that enables corruption and illegal trading to thrive, and escapes the tax net.

The rush of applications forced the nation's biggest commercial lender to assign more tellers to only handle money changing at its main branch next to its headquarters in the capital, Addis Ababa. The Commercial Bank of Ethiopia branch gained at least 1,000 customers in the past month, while many others deposited cash in accounts that had been dormant.

"On the first day of the new currency notes, you wouldn't believe what happened here – everybody came," said Nebyou Birhanu, who heads digital services at CBE. "The money is coming into the bank." Only 35% of Ethiopian adults held a bank account in 2017, lagging peers such as neighbouring Kenya, where the ratio is 82%, according to the World Bank.

The Horn of Africa nation of 100 million people is following a process that flopped in India. There steps in 2016 to ban high-denomination currency notes to try weed out cash gained through illegal means backfired as economic growth slowed and millions of daily wage earners lost their livelihoods.

While Kenya's demonetization process that started last year went smoothly, the equivalent of about \$68 million was not returned, according to the central bank. South Sudan is also contemplating demonetisation to curb illicit financial flows.

For Ethiopia, the initiative has added 31 billion birr (\$830 million) to the 990 billion birr of deposits that were in the country's 19 banks at the end of March. The central bank estimates there was 92 billion birr of unbanked cash in Ethiopia in July 2019. "We expect more people, in the rural and urban areas, to open bank accounts," National Bank of Ethiopia Governor Yinager Dessie told state television last week.

The central bank is preparing to allow non-financial institutions to offer mobile-money services, opening up banking to local phone companies. To ward off that threat, Commercial Bank of Ethiopia updated its banking app to allow customers to get credit, pay utility bills and transfer cash more easily, said Nebyou.

Dawit Belay, a 36-year-old car importer, said he supported the drive. He spoke as he withdrew cash at United Bank SC's Gandhi Branch in central Addis Ababa, where tellers were tending to the steady flow of customers. "About the new currency, I feel like it's very safe," he said. "It's good for the whole community, as everything comes inside the system. We're not going to use as much cash anymore."



National Bank of Ethiopia governor Yinager Dessie.

South Africans called on to buy local to reignite growth

PRETORIA

IF South Africa is to adopt the right localisation policy at a larger scale, about 3.2 percentage points could be added to the country's annual GDP, says President Cyril Ramaphosa.

This policy would include manufacturing 10% of goods locally, as well as supplying 2% of goods that African countries buy from outside the continent. The President said this when he released the country's recovery plan during a joint sitting of Parliament on Thursday.

South Africa currently imports goods worth around R1.1tn, excluding oil, each year. "If we were to manufacture just 10% of these goods locally, it is estimated that we could add 2 percentage points to our annual GDP."

"The rest of Africa currently imports R2.9tn worth of manufactured goods from outside the continent each year. If South Africa were to supply just 2% of those goods, it would add 1.2 percentage points to our annual GDP," he said.

The President also said that if the country is to succeed in reaching a target of R1.2tn in new investment by 2023, it could add around 2.5% to the country's annual GDP. The President said social partners have agreed to prioritise a range of consumer and industrial products for local procurement. He said together with business and labour, government will soon publish localisation targets for goods in areas like agro-processing, healthcare, basic consumer goods, industrial equipment, construction materials and transport rolling stock.

"We will enforce government policies to ensure that all public infrastructure projects use locally-made materials, including steel products, cement, bricks and other components. "We will support the efforts by organised business. We are planning to establish supplier development programmes for large companies and in key sectors."

"We welcome the commitment by trade unions to ensure their investment companies increasingly invest in companies that buy from local manufacturers." The President said social partners have also agreed to support a massive 'buy local' campaign for this festive season, with a particular call to support women-owned enterprises, small businesses and township enterprises.

"We call on every South African to contribute to our recovery effort by choosing to buy local goods and support local businesses. This is one way that each and every one of us can contribute to building a new economy," said President Ramaphosa.

The President said a central pillar of the work in the transformation of the economy is to create space for new black and women entrants, and take deliberate steps to change ownership and production patterns.

He said economic growth cannot be realised without the inclusion and active participation of women. "Among the other measures we have outlined, we will be working with women-empowered companies to progressively reach our target of directing at least 40% of procurement spend to such enterprises."

IMTU investors staying for free at NDC premises despite earning from services



Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development deputy minister Dr Angelina Mabula.

By Smart Money Reporter

ONE of Dar es Salaam's major private hospitals and medical universities is International Medical and Technological University based at Mbezi Beach in buildings owned by National Development Corporation.

Apart from meeting medical students wearing white overcoats and dangling medical appliances, there is a constant presence of patients at the hospital which charges people for its medical services as a 'not for profit' facility.

"I have been treated here for many years and their services are good and affordable," said Stanley Golota, a resident of Mbezi Beach who was found in the hospital area with his family recently. Many residents of the posh Dar es Salaam suburb area are conversant with IMTU's world class medical services thanks to being owned by Indian investors.

"Compared to other private hospitals, I feel that they are a bit lower when it comes to charges," Golota said while adding that his family is confident in the IMTU's medical team because of its the country of origin.

Until 2015 when President John Magufuli took power, the bulk of Tanzania's A-list personalities got their treatment from India which is the world's largest recipient of medical tourists thanks to lower charges compared to other countries with similar superior health industry.

IMTU investors also make money from hundreds of local and foreign medical students who are undergoing undergraduate and post graduate studies at the facility paying, just like students in other medical universities full fees as applicable.

Ironically, the Registered Trustees of Vignan Educational Foundation Bangalore who claim to be a 'not for profit' institution offering services to the public, have never paid a dime as rent since occupying the NDC facility over a decade ago.

In protest against NDC's demand to pay rent some years ago, the IMTU investors who have argued that they don't recognise the state company as their legitimate landlord, chose to go to court and argue their case.

In February 2018, High Court's Land Division Judge, Moses Mzuna ordered IMTU and Registered Trustees of Vignan Educational Foundation Bangalore to pay over 2.6bn/- as rental fees of the NDC premises from where they are currently operating.

Justice Mzuna said in his ruling, "We appreciate, much as IMTU had conferred degrees to many Tanzania's doctors who graduated from the university. However, upon being fully fledged, the plaintiff must pay rent so that even the government can benefit from collected tuition fees."

IMTU argued that they did not recognise NDC as their landlord after Saruji's collapse although the then Parastatal Sector Reforms Commission transferred Saruji's property to NDC. Vignan also argued that it signed a memorandum of

understanding with the government to be given free premises to operate from during the initial stage of the investment in late 1990s.

Recently, Deputy Minister for Lands Housing and Human Settlements Development, Dr Angelina Mabula said the court case which the Indian investors filed against NDC challenging payment of rent arrears will soon come to an end.

"Let them imagine that they are staying free because the matter is in court but they should be prepared to pay the backlog plus other charges as the court will determine," said Dr Mabula who has successfully championed a campaign to collect land rent from defaulters dating back several decades.

She said the government respect and understands separation of state powers hence willing to remain calm for as long as the judiciary has not yet given its final verdict. "How long it will take, nobody knows but we cannot intervene with the judiciary," Dr Mabula added.

NDC officials say the rent backlog had reached over 3bn/- by end last year after almost a decade of free occupation of the Mbezi Beach premise by IMTU since 2012.

Africa has highest corporation taxes around the world

By Lucy Desai

WHILE corporation tax rates are influenced by the country's definition, there's clearly a pattern with developing countries and emerging economies paying higher rates to sustain the countries.

The top five richest countries in the world's corporation tax are relatively varied, with Luxembourg standing at 27.08 percent, Norway at 22 percent, Iceland at 20 percent, Switzerland at 18 percent and Ireland at 12.5 percent. It would appear that some countries' cultures factor into how much tax they pay. For example, Scandinavian countries are proud to pay higher taxes to contribute to social welfare.

On average, Africa has the highest corporation tax rate throughout the world's continents at 28.45 percent and South America, the second highest with an average rate of 27.63 percent. However, Europe stands at the lowest rate of 20.27 percent. Does this contradict the claim that developed countries pay higher tax?

OECD explained that corporation tax plays a key part in government revenue. This is

particularly true in developing countries, despite the global trend of falling rates since the 1980s. Let's take a closer look at two continents, South America and Africa, paying the highest corporation tax rates in the world.

South America has most countries in highest corporation tax top 10. According to data analysed, Brazil and Venezuela have the highest corporation tax at 34 percent, followed closely by Colombia at 33 percent and Argentina at 30 percent, making South America the continent with the most countries in the top 10 who pay the highest corporation tax.

It is unclear whether South America, as an emerging continent, is charging higher taxes in order to raise government revenue or to benefit from businesses that are looking to expand internationally and enter new markets. According to research, South America is becoming a popular choice for business to enter, with strong trade links and an advantageous geographic location. Indeed, South America is a large continent where some countries are business friendly and others are harder to penetrate.

Africa: the continent with the highest average corporation tax

Being the poorest continent in the world, Africa unsurprisingly has the highest average corporation tax at 28.45 percent. With the highest in this data being Zambia at 35 percent and the lowest being Libya and Madagascar at 20 percent, South Africa stands roughly in the middle at 28 percent, slightly above average for Africa overall. Does this mean that South Africa is the safest bet for business?

South Africa is one of Africa's largest economies, with 54 diverse countries in terms of political stability, development, growth, and population. As South Africa has been a relatively slow growth area over the years, corporation tax dropped from 34.55 percent in 2012 to the current rate – but was this effective? GDP in South Africa has fluctuated quite dramatically since the 1960s. Business favours countries with political stability, which is something South Africa doesn't currently have. Furthermore, South Africa's government debt to GDP sits roughly in the middle of the continent's countries – is this influencing their corporate tax rate?

Top brands in Africa could lose up to \$60bn due to pandemic

JOHANNESBURG

THE top 150 most valuable African brands from inaugural Brand Finance Africa 150 2020 ranking stand to lose up to \$60bn of cumulative brand value following devastating Covid-19 pandemic.

As the Covid-19 pandemic wreaks havoc on the global economy, Africa's top 150 most valuable brands could lose up to 12% of brand value cumulatively, a drop of US\$60bn compared to the original valuation date of 1 January 2020, according to the latest Brand Finance Africa 150 2020 report.

Looking beyond Africa, the value of the 500 most valuable brands in the world, ranked in the Brand Finance Global 500 2020 league table, could fall by an estimated US\$1tn as a result of the coronavirus outbreak.

Brand Finance has assessed the impact of Covid-19 based on the effect of the outbreak on enterprise value, compared to what it was on 1 January 2020. Based on this impact on enterprise value, Brand Finance estimated the likely impact on brand value for each sector. The industries have been classified into three categories – limited impact (minimal brand value loss or potential brand value growth), moderate impact (up to 10% brand value loss), and heavy impact (up to 20% brand value loss) – based on the level of brand value loss observed for each sector in the first quarter of 2020.

Declan Ahern, valuation director, Brand Finance London, commented: "No truly Pan-African brands exist, with even the highest-performing brands in the ranking often only operating out of their home countries and therefore finding themselves a complete unknown across the continent and globally. It is no surprise that South Africa is by far the most represented economy in the ranking, with 87 brands featuring, which account for 76% of the total brand value."

Jeremy Sampson, managing director, Brand Finance Africa, commented: "There is no denying that the African market remains immature and fragmented in comparison to its global counterparts. The lack of connectedness between nations across the continent means that brands' growth is being stifled and they are unable to flourish beyond their home markets. This does pose, however, a great opportunity for African brands to develop in a market ripe for consolidation and M&A."

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MTN crowned Africa's most valuable

For the first time, Brand Finance has launched the Africa 150 ranking – a ranking of Africa's top 150 most valuable and strongest brands. South Africa's telco giant MTN has been crowned as the continent's most valuable brand, despite recording a 1% brand value loss to US\$3.3bn. Over the last year, Africa's largest mobile operator has celebrated solid profits and impressive subscriber growth, which currently stands at over 250 million across 23 countries.

As with all big telcos globally, MTN is being squeezed from all sides as OTT messaging apps like WhatsApp are impacting voice and SMS revenue, and challenger brands offer comparable data services at below-market rates, leading to fierce price competition and decreasing margins. However, Covid-19 may be an opportunity for telecoms brands to reverse their fortunes, as Brand Finance predicts a limited overall impact to the sector and even potential for growth as demand surges.

South Africa dominates

MTN is leading the way for South African dominance in the ranking. The entire top 10 are South African brands,

and a total of 87 brands feature with a cumulative brand value of US\$34.6bn, equating to 76% of the total brand value in the ranking. Vodacom (brand value down 8% to US\$2.1bn), First National Bank (down 6% to US\$1.6bn), Absa (down 3% to US\$1.5bn) and Old Mutual (up 16% to US\$1.4bn) complete the top 5. Only 19 out of the 54 African countries are represented in the Brand Finance Africa 150 2020 ranking. Behind South Africa, Nigeria's 16 brands account for 7% of the total brand value in the ranking (cumulative brand value US\$3.3bn) and Morocco's 9 brands account for 5% (cumulative brand value US\$2.2bn).

Banking, telecoms and insurance take podium

When assessing the ranking at a sector level, banking, telecoms and insurance brands are the most valuable with these brands amassing a total value of US\$12.5bn, US\$10.4bn and US\$3.8bn respectively.

South African brands once again dominate the banking sector, five of which are placed within the top 10. The highest-ranked bank outside of the nation is Morocco's Attijariwafa Bank (down 1% to US\$459m). Despite recording a slight drop in brand value, Morocco's leading bank has continued to report steady earnings in the face of mixed macroeconomic trends across the nation. The bank has been negotiating a difficult transition, however, in the Egyptian market following its acquisition of Barclays' Egypt subsidiary in 2017.

Telecoms brands MTN and Vodacom claim the first and second spot in the overall ranking. The third most valuable telecoms brand – and 12th most valuable in the ranking – is Kenya's Safaricom with a brand value of US\$970m. There are nine insurance brands in the ranking, all of which hail from South Africa. Old Mutual is Africa's most valuable insurance brand with a brand value of US\$1.4bn.

Kenya's Senator Lager is fastest growing

Senator Lager's brand value has grown an impressive 88% to US\$32m, making the beer brand the fastest growing brand in this year's ranking by some way. The beer brand was established by alcohol giant Diageo in 2012 when emerging economies posed a real opportunity for growth and developed economies were becoming saturated. Since its inception, Senator Lager has become popular amongst workers – some of whom have switched to the brand from homemade alternatives – due to its very low prices.

Brewed by East African Breweries, the brewer has benefited from a more stable business environment over the last year, as well as an increase in production capacity. Sales of Senator rose by a third over the previous year, which has helped to offset some of the difficulties that both Diageo and East African Breweries are encountering as a result of higher taxes in Kenya.

Vodacom is the continent's strongest

In addition to measuring overall brand value, Brand Finance also evaluates the relative strength of brands, based on factors such as marketing investment, customer familiarity, staff satisfaction, and corporate reputation. According to these criteria, Vodacom (down 8% to US\$2.1bn) is the strongest brand in Africa, with a Brand Strength Index (BSI) score of 89.5 out of 100 and a corresponding AAA brand strength rating.

Brand Finance's global brand monitor study showcased a clear improvement in Vodacom's brand investment metrics – place, price, products and promotion. All of which were considerably stronger than main rival MTN.

VIEW FROM THE TOP

China's economy plows on as world's only major growth engine

BEIJING

CHINA'S recovery from the coronavirus pandemic continued in the third quarter and showed signs of broadening in September as consumer spending accelerated, keeping the economy on track to be the world's only major one to grow this year.

Gross domestic product expanded 4.9% in the third quarter from a year ago, missing economists' forecast for a 5.5% expansion. Both retail sales and industrial production gained momentum in September, reassuring markets that the recovery is on track.

The numbers show China's early and

aggressive containment of the coronavirus has set the economy up for a faster rebound than any of its peers. That's a rare positive for a world economy still clawing its way out of its worst slump since the Great Depression – a revival further complicated by the resurgent virus in Europe and the U.S.

"It's an encouraging and hopeful message for the rest of the world," said Rob Subbaraman, global head of macro research at Nomura Holdings Inc. in Singapore. "If you successfully handle the health crisis, your economy can recover."

Retail sales expanded 3.3% in September from a year earlier, industrial production

grew 6.9% and investment growth accelerated to 0.8% in the nine months to the end of the quarter. Strong import growth in the third quarter may have dented the GDP number, even though it's broadly seen as a bullish sign for demand. Output expanded 0.7% in the year to date, meaning that the world's second-largest economy has now regained all the ground it lost in the early months of the year.

Markets were mixed on the news. The CSI 300 Index of stocks, which last week was within 1% of a five-year high, slipped 0.3% as of the mid-day break in Shanghai. The yuan was little changed near 6.7 per dollar, after briefly trading at its strongest in 18 months.

Underpinning the recovery has been the containment of the virus that has allowed factories to quickly reopen and capitalise on a global rush for medical equipment and work-from-home technology. That export strength was offset by a recent increase in imports, depressing the contribution of net trade to output growth.

"That should not be viewed negatively," said Liu Peiqian, China economist at Natwest Markets Plc in Singapore, because the strong import growth suggests the recovery in underlying economic growth is accelerating.

The improving picture has come with relatively restrained government borrowing

and central bank easing compared to China's peers. Instead, the government has focused on targeted support for business and the central bank on keeping liquidity flowing; today's readings suggest there's no need to change tack.

What Bloomberg's economists say "The data – on balance – suggest there is no urgency for the government to add fresh stimulus, though the window is not completely closed for a rate cut by year-end. The focus is still on targeted measures. Heading into next year, whether the tax measures are extended will shape the optimal mix of fiscal and monetary policy. In the event fiscal support is rolled back, more rate cuts are likely."

WORLD

AMERICA'S CHOICE 2020: Trump and Biden urge supporters to vote early, final debate looms

CARSON CITY / DURHAM

US President Donald Trump implored supporters in Nevada on Sunday to cast ballots early in a state he narrowly lost in 2016, while Democrat Joe Biden urged North Carolina residents to "go vote today", as the final presidential debate looms later this week.

Some 27.9 million Americans have already cast ballots either by mail or in person ahead of the Nov 3 election, according to the US Elections Project at the University of Florida. The record-shattering figure is being driven in part by concerns about crowds at polling sites on Election Day during the coronavirus pandemic.

At a rally in Carson City, Nevada, a state where voting started on Saturday, Trump told attendees: "Early voting is under way, so get out and vote."

In North Carolina, a battleground where 1.4 million, or 20 percent, of the state's registered voters had already voted as of Sunday morning, Biden asked people to cast ballots as soon as possible.

The race is neck and neck in the

state, which Trump won by 3.66 percentage points in 2016.

"We gotta keep the incredible momentum going; we can't let up," Biden told a "drive-in rally" in Durham, as attendees sitting in their cars honked in approval. "Don't wait - go vote today."

Biden also criticized Trump for saying over the weekend that the United States had "turned the corner" in the coronavirus pandemic, noting that the rate of new cases across the country had risen to the highest level in months.

"As my grandfather would say: 'This guy's gone around the bend if he thinks we've turned the corner,'" Biden said. "Things are getting worse, and he continues to lie to us about circumstances."

Despite Trump's recent recovery from his own bout with the virus, he mocked Biden in Nevada for his cautious approach toward the pandemic. There was little social distancing at the packed outdoor rally at the Carson City airport.

"Listen to the scientists!" Trump said in a mocking voice. "If I listened totally to the scientists, we would right



People wait in line to drop off their mail-in ballots for the general election on Nov. 3, at the Miami-Dade County Elections Department, Oct 14, 2020, in Doral, Florida. (AP)

now have a country that would be in a massive depression." The Biden campaign responded almost immediately. "New coronavirus cases are surging and layoffs are rising," said spokesman Andrew Bates.

The two will debate for a final time on Thursday in Nashville, Tennessee. Their second scheduled debate, set for last Thursday, was canceled when Trump pulled out of the event after organizers said it would be virtual to lessen the risk of infection.

Harris returning to trail

Biden's pick for vice-president, Senator Kamala Harris, canceled in-person events over the weekend as a precaution after an aide tested positive for COVID-19. She will return to the campaign trail on Monday with a visit to Florida to mark that state's first day of early in-person voting.

Harris tested negative for the virus on Sunday, the campaign said.

The president, who rarely goes to church but has remained popular among evangelical Christians for his opposition to abortion and for appointing conservative judges, began his day by attending a service at the International Church

of Las Vegas. Trump did not wear a mask for the indoor service.

One of the church's pastors, Denise Goulet, said to Trump from the stage that God had told her he would win the 2020 election. Trump put a handful of US\$20 bills into an offering bucket and bowed his head during a prayer.

Trump will campaign every day leading up to Thursday's debate, including stops in Arizona and North Carolina, campaign spokesman Tim Murtaugh said.

While Trump lags in opinion polls at the national level and in many battleground states, Biden campaign manager Jen O'Malley Dillon said over the weekend that the national figures were misleading because must-win states were close.

"We cannot become complacent because the very searing truth is that Donald Trump can still win this race, and every indication we have shows that this thing is going to come down to the wire," she wrote in a memo to donors.

US presidential elections are determined by electoral votes, allotted to US states and territories based largely on their populations, rather than by a tally of the popular vote nationwide.

Agencies

Nigerian governor says not hurt in protester's attack on convoy

LAGOS

GBOYEGA Oyetola, governor of Osun state in southwest Nigeria, on Sunday said he was not hurt in a Saturday attack by the #EndSARS protesters on his convoy in Osogbo, the state capital.

In a state broadcast, the governor said the "attempt on his life by assailants" during Saturday's protest against the disbanded police unit the State Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) in the state was pre-planned, as preliminary investigation revealed that the commando-style in which the assailants carried out their attack.

According to the governor (pictured), the attempt on his life could not have been planned by the youths who constitute over 60 percent of the voters who elected him into office. Oyetola, who noted that he was properly evacuated to safety during the incident, said no life was lost at the scene as no live bullet or canister of teargas was fired at "the rampaging political thugs."

According to local media reports on Sunday, Oyetola joined the #EndSARS protest in Osogbo before things went awry. While rounding off his speech promising the protesters that their demands would be looked into and that he supported their peaceful protest, some of the protesters wielded "dangerous weapons," and hurled stones at the governor's car, forcing the governor's convoy to speedily leave the scene with damages on the vehicles.

In recent days, protests marked by "EndSARS" have taken place in major cities across Nigeria, demanding justice for those reportedly killed or maimed by the SARS, a unit created by police with anti-robbery intentions. The ongoing protests, the largest in Nigeria since the country returned to democratic rule in 1999, are mainly calling on the government to reform the police force.

On Oct. 11, police authorities disbanded SARS across police commands in the country, saying that such a move was in response to what Nigerians wanted.

Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari on Monday vowed to reform the police force amid the protests, saying that the disbanding of the special crime-fighting unit was the first step to "extensive police reforms" by the government.

Xinhua

Continued fighting shrinks Afghans' hope for peace

KABUL

THE persistent militancy and violent incidents in Afghanistan amid ongoing peace talks have undermined the hope of many locals for lasting peace in the war-torn country.

"How can we hope for peace when the Taliban group amid peace talks in Doha launched motor bombs in the western Ghor's provincial capital Firoz Koah on Sunday, claiming 14 lives and wounding over 100 others?" political analyst Khan Mohammad Daneshjo told Xinhua on Monday.

"Majority of the victims are civilians including women and children. If the Taliban want peace it should stop killing Afghans to make the peace talks succeed," the analyst said. Although no group has claimed responsibility for the attack, many Afghans point finger at the Taliban outfit.

Since Sept. 12, peace talks between an Afghan government delegation and Taliban representatives have been underway in Doha to find a negotiated solution to the country's lingering crisis.

Afghans were hopeful to see reduction in violence with the start of the intra-Afghan dialogue in Doha, but contrary to their expectations, the fighting and violent incidents have increased.

In attempt to overrun major cities, the Taliban insurgents launched massive offensives on the southern Helmand provincial capital Lashkar Gah earlier this month and forced nearly 8,000 families to leave their houses for safer places.

According to Helmand's provincial police chief Khalil Rahmand Jawad, more than 300 Taliban militants have been killed or injured and the fighting has been subdued.

In addition to fighting in Helmand, the Taliban militants have increased activities in 24 out of the country's 34 provinces. At least 45 fighters with majority of them militants have been killed over the past 24 hours in Afghanistan, according to security officials.

"Taliban militants have to stop killing Afghans and violence in Afghanistan to make the peace talks succeed. Otherwise, the continued war would claim more lives in Afghanistan amid the so-called peace dialogue in Doha," local analyst Shirzad told local media.

"My hopes for peace have already died because over the past more than a month both sides in Doha have failed to reach consensus on the agenda of their dialogue," a street vendor Abdul Wasi told Xinhua.

Xinhua

African women enjoying increasing participation in politics - AU

ADDIS ABABA

THE African continent has achieved major milestones in women's participation in political decision making during the past decade, the African Union (AU) Commission has said.

"Throughout the decade, considerable progress was made in translating commitments into measurable action as most African countries took giant steps to elevate the status of women through legal and constitutional means, institutional gender mechanisms as well as creating conducive environments for women to realize their potential," the AU said in a statement issued over the weekend.

The 55-member pan African bloc revealed that the continent has witnessed an increase in women's participation in political decision-making processes that saw four AU member states being ranked in the top ten countries in the world with the highest number of women's representation in Parliament.

The four AU member countries are Rwanda, Namibia, South Africa and Senegal.

A further 16 African countries and regions have surpassed the 30 percent threshold of women's representation in national parliaments, it was noted.

According to the AU, this week marked "a

watershed moment" in the AU Gender Equality Calendar as the continent celebrates the end of the first African Women's Decade (AWD) on Grassroots Approach to Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment 2010-2020, which was adopted in October, 2010 in Nairobi, Kenya.

According to the AU, women now occupy strategic ministries such as defence, economy, finance, and foreign affairs, which were traditionally reserved for men.

"Today, Africa has improved women's access to modern technologies, infrastructure and services. Women's education rate has increased and there is greater access to Technical and Vocational Trainings. Indeed there is a lot that African women can celebrate as concrete achievements of this first African women's decade," the AU said.

As Africa enters the new African Women's Decade on Financial and Economic Inclusion of African Women 2020-2030, AU members have been urged to take appropriate action to fully and efficiently implement their commitments to advance the welfare of women in the continent and consolidate the gains realized during the 2010-2020 African women's decade.

Xinhua



Uganda Parliament Speaker Rebecca Kadaga. The continent has witnessed an increase in women's participation in political decision-making processes.

Weapons embargo against Iran not linked with nuclear deal – diplomat

MOSCOW

RESTRICTIONS on weapons supplies to Iran were not linked with the settlement of the situation around Iran's nuclear program, of which all the parties to the talks were aware from the very beginning, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said on Thursday.

"As you know, the United Na-

tions Security Council did not impose a weapons embargo on Iran in 2015. Tehran voluntarily undertook a number of restrictions.

It was done in the interests of the soonest successful outcome of the talks on the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action to settle the situation around the Iranian nuclear program.

And all the parties knew from the very beginning that these re-



strictions had nothing to do with the settlement of the situation around the Iranian nuclear program. Moreover, the term of the corresponding provisions has expired," she said.

The Russian diplomat stressed that Iran was Russia's reliable partner in many areas of cooperation.

"We are convinced that all possibilities stemming from the

expiration of the provisions of United Nations Security Council Resolution 2231 that are linked with military technical cooperation with Iran will be duly taken into account and used on the basis of mutual benefit and in the interests of the peoples of our two states," Zakharova stressed.

The ban on arms exports to Iran under the nuclear deal expires on October 18, 2020. Agencies

Shenzhen maintains ceaseless efforts in reform, opening-up after 40 years

CHINA'S Shenzhen recently gave away 50,000 "red envelopes," each containing 200-yuan (\$29.66) worth of digital currency, to its residents via a random draw in a pilot program to promote the application of the new form of currency.

The program, jointly launched by Shenzhen's government and the People's Bank of China, is also a new move of China to drive domestic demand during the country's regular epidemic prevention and control.

Such an innovative reform measure is not rare in Shenzhen, the first special economic zone of China.

For instance, the first batch of registration-based initial public offerings (IPOs) of 18 enterprises debuted on Aug. 24 on the ChiNext board in the Shenzhen Stock Exchange. China's NASDAQ-style board of growth enterprises, marking the official operation of the registration system, a major reform mission for the ChiNext board.

In March this year, the city unveiled a task list for business environment improvement, raising 210 concrete measures in 14 major areas. "After these measures are implemented, enterprises can finish registration within a day at zero expense and without in-person vis-

its," said an official with the city's administration for market regulation.

So far, Shenzhen has launched quick approval for nearly 250 administrative affairs and "senseless application" for nearly 200 items, and all services are accessible online. Besides, the city also launched China's personal bankruptcy laws, in an attempt to make itself the safest and fairest city with the best environment for rule of law.

In the January-July period, Shenzhen saw a 14.1 percent growth in the number of new enterprise registrations. Both the number of its commercial bodies and the density of entrepreneurs

ranked the first among all medium and large cities in China.

After 40 years of endeavor, Shenzhen has grown into a symbol of China's reform and opening-up.

At 20:00 pm, Sept. 11, Wanqu (Bay Area), a fully loaded China-Europe freight train departed from a national logistics hub in Shenzhen, embarking on a 16-day journey to the west. Since Aug. 18 when the Europe-bound train started its first trip, it has carried 1,130 tonnes of cargos with a worth of over 70 million yuan to Europe.

"Shenzhen is an all-round port city possessing the greatest number of ports

in China and the only one with sea, land and air ports," said an official with Shenzhen General Station of Exit and Entry Frontier Inspection. According to him, the city witnessed a total of 242 million exits and entries last year, or an average of 663,000 on a daily basis.

On Aug. 30, Shenzhen's municipal government signed a cooperation agreement with Costco, the second largest retailer of the world, to build the south China headquarters and the first flagship store of the Fortune Global 500 enterprise in the city.

In the first half of this year, nearly 2,000 foreign-funded enterprises were

established in Shenzhen, attracting \$8 billion of contractual foreign investment. The actual use of foreign capital exceeded \$4 billion during this period.

Meanwhile, a large batch of local enterprises in Shenzhen are going closer to the center of global state for competition. Transsion, a mobile phone manufacturer based in the city, now occupies 45 percent of the African market. Around 80 percent of smart wearable devices are made in Shenzhen. In addition, the drones made by Shenzhen's DJI dominate over 70 percent of the global consumer unmanned aerial vehicle market.

People's Daily



A doctor aiding Tibet Autonomous Region from Northwest China's Shaanxi Province measures blood pressure for a resident in Gar County, Southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region on July 31. File photo

China adheres to people-centered approach in human rights protection

CHINA'S achievements in human rights, poverty alleviation and cultural protection of ethnic minorities were recently lauded by most countries at the 45th regular session of the United Nations (UN) Human Rights Council and the Third Committee of the 75th session of the UN General Assembly.

It fully proved that China has opened a new path of human rights protection based on its national conditions, and increased the diversity of human civilizations, which is an important contribution to the development of the international cause of human rights.

People-centered approach is a distinct characteristic of China's human rights progress. Since the founding of the People's Republic of China, and especially since the 18th Communist Party of China (CPC) National Congress, China has been guided by Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era. The nation has constantly reviewed the experience gained in social development, integrated the principle of universality of human rights with national conditions in practicing socialism with Chinese characteristics, and espoused a people-centered view of human rights. China regards the rights to subsistence and development as its primary and basic human rights. It endeavors to improve the rights of all its people in a coordinated manner and works for their rounded development.

China is a country free from war, terror and displacement where 1.4 billion people enjoy a tranquil, free and happy life. This is the best human rights project and practice. The country has always enhanced ethnic equality and constantly strengthened people's sense of gain, happiness and security.

Tom Zwart, professor of cross-cultural law at Utrecht University, noted that China's human rights proposals and practice conform to the original intention of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and are an important contribution to the international human rights system.

Facing the sudden COVID-19 outbreak, China showcased its major country responsibility to the world that puts people's lives above everything. When controlling and preventing the epidemic, the country made every effort to safeguard people's rights to life and health, saved patients indiscriminately, and launched an unprecedented rescue by mobilizing the entire country. As a result, it made major strategic achievements in its fight against the virus, and became the first country in the world to control the virus and resume production.

By protecting people's safety and lives at all cost and caring for their lives, value and dignity, China has set an example for the world regarding human

rights protection. Meanwhile, China has actively responded to the UN's COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan, offering \$50 million to the World Health Organization and donating materials to over 150 countries and international organizations. Besides, it also exported anti-pandemic supplies to more than 200 countries and regions to promote global cooperation on COVID-19 fight and safeguard the rights to life and health for people from more countries. It is believed by the international community that to protect people's lives and safety is to protect human rights, and China is exemplary in this regard.

Living a happy life is the primary human right. The CPC pursues development for the people, by the people and its fruits shared by the people, to keep delivering on the people's aspirations for a better life.

This year is the final year of building a moderately prosperous society in all respects and implementing the 13th Five-Year Plan, as well as one that secures a decisive victory in the battle against poverty. It is destined to be a vital period in China's human rights history.

The country's poor population was slashed from 98.99 million at the end of 2012 to 5.51 million at the end of 2019, with the poverty ratio dropping from 10.2 percent to 0.6 percent, and an average annual poverty reduction of more than 10 million. China, ensuring adequate food and clothing for 1.4 billion people, will soon lift all rural residents out of poverty, who are living below the current poverty line, 10 years ahead of the UN Sustainable Development Goals' target of ending global poverty by 2030. The country has created the largest poverty reduction miracle that lasted the longest period of time and benefited the widest population. Its efforts are hailed as a magnificent undertaking and one of the greatest events in human history. Kerry Brown, professor of Chinese studies and Director of the Lau China Institute, King's College London noted that poverty alleviation is an remarkable achievement of China, and the country deserves compliment from the world.

While promoting the development of its own human rights, China upholds the principles of equality and mutual trust, inclusiveness and mutual learning, cooperation and mutual benefits, and common development. It has been active in UN human rights undertakings, fulfills its international human rights obligations, conducts extensive international cooperation on human rights, actively offers Chinese wisdom and solutions for global governance of human rights, and advances through concrete actions the global governance of human rights in a fairer, more rational and inclusive direction.

People's Daily

More police operations 'underway' over killing of French teacher

PARIS

MORE police operations were under way on Monday in connection with the killing of a French teacher by a suspected Islamist, French Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin said.

French history teacher Samuel Paty was beheaded on Friday outside his school in Conflans-Sainte-Honorine, in the northern Paris suburbs, by an 18-year-old man who was subsequently shot dead by police.

The killing sparked outrage in France, and drew condemnation from President Emmanuel Macron and political parties.

Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin

said there were about 80 investigations under way into online hate speech in France and that he was looking into whether or not certain groups from the French Muslim community should be dissolved following accusations of promoting violence and hate.

"Police operations have taken place and more will take place, concerning tens of individuals," he told Europe 1 radio.

A police source told Reuters late on Sunday that France was preparing to expel 231 foreigners on a government watch list for suspected extremist religious beliefs. It was not immediately clear if Monday's operations were connected.

Earlier this month, Paty showed his pupils cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad in a class on freedom of expression, angering a number of Muslim parents.

Muslims believe that any depiction of the Prophet is blasphemous.

The attacker, who was of Chechen origin and was born in Russia, had been living in the town of Evreux northwest of Paris. He was not previously known to the intelligence services.

The killing shocked France and carried echoes of an attack five years ago on the offices of satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo after it published the cartoons.

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Why does Japan's PM Suga choose Vietnam, Indonesia to visit first?

TOKYO

JAPANESE Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga departed on Sunday afternoon for visits to Vietnam and Indonesia in his first overseas trip.

He took over from Shinzo Abe last month, who resigned for health reasons.

Some observers believe that his choosing the two Southeast Asian countries is intended to strengthen Japan's relations with Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) member countries and help revive the Japanese economy. It is expected that Suga's government will largely follow Abe's foreign policy in the near term.

For the first overseas trip of Japan's prime ministers, traditionally, the United States, a close ally, had been the top destination and alternatively, the host country of an international event they attended, they said.

However, with the COVID-19 pandemic raging around the world, international conferences have mostly gone online instead. Meanwhile, the United States is obviously not a best choice where the presidential election is coming.

Vietnam is this year's ASEAN chair and it hosts many Japanese businesses, while Indonesia is the most populous ASEAN country and like Japan, a member of the Group of 20 major economies. Both of them have strong influence in Southeast Asia.

According to local media, Suga will seek to beef up ties, especially security cooperation, with ASEAN countries, and further bring them under the framework of the so-called Indo-Pacific strategy that the United States



Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga

and Japan have pushed for.

Notably, Vietnam and Indonesia were also the first overseas destinations for Abe after he became Japan's prime minister for the second time in December 2012. Therefore, Suga is also expected to follow the steps of his predecessor regarding foreign policy.

Besides, the Japanese side hopes that Suga's visit will bring technical trainees from the two countries to Japan as early as possible and thus help with its economic recovery.

Japan's official data showed that about 410,000 foreign technical trainees were working in Japan by the end of 2019, with Vietnam being the largest source with about 220,000 people. Indonesia was also among the top countries in terms of the number of foreign trainees.

The COVID-19 pandemic has left a large number of foreign trainees stuck in their home countries, leading to

severe labor shortages in agriculture, manufacturing, construction and other industries in many parts of Japan.

Suga, who positioned himself as the continuity candidate in the race to succeed Abe, has vowed to continue much of Abe's foreign policy, saying that he will base his foreign policy on Japan-U.S. alliance and promote a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy," while working for stable relations with neighbors including China and Russia.

According to local media, Suga, who mainly focused on domestic issues in the past, is likely to initially take a cautious approach to external affairs, avoiding steps possibly to inflame relations with Asian neighbors.

Some Japanese scholars believe that Suga will stay in line with policies of the Abe administration. In the long term, however, he may take his own approach in diplomacy.

Xinhua

Brexit: UK tells EU door still open for deal

LONDON/BRUSSELS

BRITAIN said yesterday the door was still open if the European Union wanted to make some small concessions to save Brexit trade talks, but that unless the bloc budged there would be a no-deal exit in 10 weeks.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said on Friday there was no point in continuing talks and it was time to prepare for a no-deal departure when Britain's informal EU membership - known as the transition period - ends on Dec 31. But Michael Gove, his Brexit supremo who favours a deal, has struck a more conciliatory tone, saying agreement could be reached if the bloc compromised.

"It would be sensible at this point for them to go that extra mile, to come closer to us on the points that remain for discussion," added British Housing

Secretary Robert Jenrick.

"We hope that they could come forward now with some relatively small but important changes which respect us as an independent sovereign nation," he told Sky News.

EU chief negotiator Michel Barnier had been due in London for talks with his British counterpart David Frost this week. Instead, they will now speak by telephone on Monday to discuss the structure of future talks, Barnier's spokesman said.

European Commission Vice-President Maros Sefcovic is due in London for a meeting on implementation of the 2020 divorce deal with Gove.

Negotiations broke down on Thursday when the European Union said Britain needed to give ground. Issues still to be resolved include fair competition rules, dispute resolution and fisheries. EU diplomats and officials

cast Johnson's move as little more than rhetoric, portraying it as a frantic bid to secure concessions before a last-minute deal was done, and European leaders have asked Barnier to continue talks.

'A deal, but not at any price'

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said compromises on both sides would be needed. French President Emmanuel Macron said Britain needed a Brexit deal more than the 27-nation EU, which remained united.

"We are ready for a deal, but not at any price," Macron said.

A no-deal finale to the United Kingdom's five-year Brexit crisis would disrupt the operations of manufacturers, retailers, farmers and nearly every other sector - just as the economic hit from the coronavirus pandemic worsens.

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Xi stresses advancing development of quantum science and technology

BEIJING

XI JINPING, general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, has stressed the importance and urgency of advancing the development of quantum science and technology.

Xi (pictured) made the remarks while presiding over a group study session of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee held on Friday.

Xi also stressed the importance of strengthening strategic planning and systematic layout for the development of quantum science and technology, as well as grasping the general trend and playing good first moves.

Xi pointed out that quantum

science and technology has developed by leaps and bounds in recent years and become the frontier field in a new round of sci-tech and industrial revolutions.

It plays a very important role to accelerate the development of quantum science and technology in promoting high-quality development and safeguarding national security, he said, stressing that quantum mechanics is a major achievement in human's exploration of the microworld.

The development of quantum science and technology is of great scientific significance and strategic value. It is a major disruptive technological innovation that impacts and restructures the traditional technological system and

will lead a new round of sci-tech revolution and industrial transformation, he said.

China's scientific and technological workers have made great efforts to catch up in quantum science and technology and made a number of significant innovations with international influence. On the whole, China has possessed the sci-tech strength and innovation ability in this field, he said.

China's quantum science and technology development still has many weak links and faces multiple challenges, Xi said, calling for efforts to follow the path of independent innovation, make breakthroughs in key core technologies, ensure the safety of industrial and supply chains, and enhance China's ability of



responding to international risks and challenges with science and technology.

It is imperative to systematically sum up the successful experience of China's quantum science and technology development, learn from useful practices of other countries, thoroughly analyze and judge the development trend,

and find out the breakthrough point for the development of quantum science and technology in China, Xi pointed out.

He called for efforts to foster strategic emerging industries such as quantum communications to gain an upper hand in international competition and build new advantages for development.

Xi stressed the need to strengthen top-level design and forward-looking layout.

It is necessary to strengthen strategic research and judgment, enhance confidence in innovation, have the courage to tackle hard tasks, improve top-level design and forward-looking layout in organizing and implementing long-term major projects, strengthen interdisciplinary inte-

gration and integrated innovation in multi-technical fields, to systematize the country's quantum science and technology development. Xi pointed out that the policy support system should be improved.

He said that China shall speed up efforts to create a favorable policy environment for the development of quantum science and technology and ensure the investment in the field, while driving local governments, enterprises and the society to increase input at the same time.

It is necessary to increase investment in scientific research institutions and universities in basic research of quantum science technology, strengthen coordinated construction of national

strategic sci-tech forces, and improve the management and organization mechanism for scientific research, he said.

Xi stressed speeding up breakthroughs in basic research and task tackling of core technologies.

The development of quantum science and technology depends on the breakthroughs in basic theoretical research, and the formation of disruptive technologies is a process of long-term accumulation, he said.

Xi pointed out that it is necessary to coordinate deployment of talent, bases and projects in the field of quantum science and technology, to accelerate the implementation of major projects in this regard.

Xinhua



Mayor says no need to tighten restrictions in Moscow, but 'pinpoint solutions' possible

MOSCOW

MOSCOW Mayor Sergei Sobyanyin does not see the necessity to tighten the restrictive measures due to the coronavirus yet doesn't exclude "pinpoint solutions."

"Many people expect that stricter limitations will be introduced. I do not see the necessity to tighten the measures although certain pinpoint solutions cannot be excluded," he wrote in his blog yesterday.

According to him, yesterday, first-to fifth-graders return to school. The risk of infection in this age group is less than the harm caused by missing school lessons.

"The mask regime in public transportation should be observed, no easing is planned here either," the mayor added.

Sobyanyin has called unacceptable such anti-coronavirus measures as curfew and traffic ban.

"The extreme measures - the introduction of a curfew, a complete traffic ban in the city, a ban on entry and exit, closing of almost all enterprises, - for us these measures are absolutely unacceptable and impossible," the mayor wrote.

According to the mayor, the optimal strategy is in "finding the middle way between locking down the city and the complete rejection of restrictive measures: not to touch the basic sectors of the economy, not to deprive people of work but at the same time find the opportunity to break the chains of the spread of the coronavirus."

The mayor reiterated that about 2.1 mln people should stay at home since they belong to the category of citizens over 65 years of age. "The restrictions introduced for the chronically ill citizens - another 700,000.

Upperclassmen, students of certain universities and colleges who on Monday switch to distance learning - 660,000 people. Toddlers under three years of age who do not attend kindergarten yet - 370,000 and with mothers - over 700,000," he explained.

The mayor also reiterated that over a million people switched to working remotely and approximately 1.5 mln employed have already had the coronavirus infection thus acquiring a natural immunity against the disease for some time.

"As a result, we have approximately 6.5 mln people or 50% of Moscow residents who remain at home today or can go to work without risking the infection," the mayor noted.

To date, 362,253 cases of the coronavirus infection have been detected in Moscow. During this time, 275,648 patients have recovered, 6,009 people died.

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National Sports Council (NSC) Chairman, Leodegar Tenga.

Tenga highlights challenges facing sports in Tanzania

By Nassir Nchimbi, TUDARCO

WHILE sports' achievement in Tanzania for the past five years is questioned, the National Sports Council (NSC) has identified three challenges facing the industry.

Leodegar Tenga, NSC Chairman, disclosed at a conference in Dar es Salaam yesterday the challenges include lack of better infrastructure and unsatisfactory governance.

The conference had dwelled on success sports have achieved in the country for the past five years.

"In addition to the successes we have had, we will make a step forward should we be able to deal with three challenges, infrastructure is the first of the challenges, we need to improve it," he noted.

"At the moment we are still behind and if we want to take action, we need to improve it."

"Our country does not have a modern indoor stadium, but we also do not have a swimming pool which meets international standards."

"Lack of sustainable sources of funding is the second challenge. Apart from the government there are companies and individuals that financially back sports."

"We ask the government to provide either incentives or grants to these individuals, this will help to persuade them to save money in sports."

"We should also ask for a portion of the money available in sports betting to be pumped into sports promotion."

Tenga also said good governance is another issue which is still lacking in domestic sports governing bodies.

"We must be clean especially in terms of spending money in sports. People who

give us money should see to it and understand how it has been spent," he stated.

Minister for Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Harrison Mwakymbe, said his ministry will work on the challenges.

He disclosed: "In terms of infrastructure, for example, the ministry's Permanent Secretary has already held talks with just one big company, seeking to build a modern indoor stadium close to the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium."

"We have talked to several connections, we have prepared rules and regulations and all we need is working on the project."

Neema Msita, NSC's Acting Secretary General, mentioned several achievements the country has had in sports within five years.

"There is a lot that has been achieved, among of them, are various national teams' qualification for major competitions," she disclosed.

Neema disclosed: "The national beach soccer team participated in the Africa beach soccer finals, which took place in Egypt, the national Paralympics squad has booked a place in the World Cup to be held in London, England in 2022."

"In fact, there is so much that is all based on the information provided to us by the local sports associations," she noted.

Permanent Secretary in Ministry of Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Hassan Abbas, said what had happened in sports for the past five years is a big deal.

"Let me give you a sense of confidence in these great achievements we have had in sports, we are ready to continue to help each other," Abbas said.

Mtibwa Sugar appreciate coach Katwila

By Nassir Nchimbi, TUDARCO

MOROGORO's Mtibwa Sugar have thanked the side's former head coach, Zubeir Katwila, for serving the team.

Mtibwa Sugar, who feature in the Vodacom Premier League (VPL), terminated their contract with the coach because of below par displays the team have showcased in the league.

They were, as of last weekend, placed 13th in the VPL, having registered victory in one match, draw in two games and loss in three matches.

On Sunday, Mbeya's Ihefu FC that as well participate in the VPL confirmed to appoint Katwila as the squad's new head coach.

Ihefu FC recently sacked their head coach, Maka Malwisi, for similar reasons.

Katwila, the former Mtibwa Sugar midfielder, donned the team's jerseys from 1999, joining the team as a young player, and went on to enjoy tremendous achievement throughout

his career.

He eventually hung up his boots and was handed the club's assistant coach post, working under Mecky Mexime.

Katwila then rose to Mtibwa Sugar's head coach's post once Mexime had left the team and joined Kagera Sugar.

Mtibwa Sugar's leadership, through the side's Information Officer Thobias Kifaru, issued an appreciation for Katwila.

Kifaru said: "We thank him for the memories, he had a great time here and this is his home." "He is our boy and he has been at Mtibwa Sugar with lots of success, he is still our brother and we wish him all the best in his new endeavour," he said.

Mtibwa Sugar will, today, have a league game against Namungo FC at Jamhuri Stadium in Morogoro.

Katwila will start work tomorrow as Ihefu FC locks horns with league leaders Azam FC at Sokoine Stadium in Mbeya.

Twiga Stars' cricketers hammer SUA Queens in 2020 Women Premier League

By Guardian Reporter

TWIGA Girls cricket side has kept on pushing for the top spot in the 2020 Women Premier League's Group B, thrashing SUA Queens by four wickets at Usagara venue in Tanga on Saturday.

Tanga-based Twiga Stars have therefore moved to the second spot in Group B given they have posted victory in two matches and a loss in one, notching four points.

Much as Twiga Stars are level with the group's leaders Academy Girls of Dar es Salaam on points, the latter are placed first thanks to their better net run rate.

The group leaders, the only ones yet to concede defeat, have recorded a net run rate of 1.4167. They have posted victory in all three matches they have played.

Twiga Stars are positioned second, having recorded net run rate of 1.1650. They have posted victory in three matches and lost one game.

Twiga Stars' experienced performers Nasra Nasoro and Sharifa Iddi put solid performance at the crease to help their squad mount a successful chase of SUA Queens' score in the Saturday game.

The SUA Queens had opted to start batting once they won the toss, scoring 93 runs for four wickets in 20 overs.

They had to bank on their senior performers, Mwajabu Hussein, skipper Hawa Salum and Malizia Salum, to end the innings with the score, given the trio was so far the ones that managed to make their presence felt at the crease.

Mwajabu was the top run getter, posting 21 runs not out, Hawa ended with 18 runs not out and Malizia recorded 15 runs.

They had to comprehend with a frustrating start, as the squad's openers, Asha Daud and Esther Expedito, had a



Academy Girls cricket side's captain, Monica Paschal (L), pictured with her counterparts (L-R) SUA Queens' Hawa Salum, Arusha Girls' Lisa Justine and Twiga Stars' Nasra Nasoro, prior to the squads' respective matches in the 2020 Women Premier League, which took place in Morogoro. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TCA

brief spell at the crease, posting three runs and one run respectively.

Top order batter Adelina Joseph was too sent back to the pavilion early on. She notched six runs prior to being dismissed by Twiga Stars' Sharifa Iddi.

Mwajabu and Hawa later restored confidence, keeping Twiga Stars at bay and pushing SUA Queens' score, with the side ultimately ending seven runs short of a triple digit score.

Twiga Stars' Sharifa Iddi had most wickets, in which she took two and conceded 12 runs in four overs.

Needing 94 runs to come out victorious, Twiga Stars batted in earnest and eventually reached the target for six wickets in 18.5 overs.

They equally had a shaky start to the chase, with openers Saumu Deo and Saumu Godfrey making their way back to the pavilion with seven runs and one run respectively.

Jenipher Gabriel, slotted in at number three,

pushed the score with her 12 runs, which included a four, her presence at the crease was then brought to and end by SUA Queens' Zulfa Hussein.

Captain Nasra Nasoro and Sharifa Iddi put no nonsense batting to show and catapulted Twiga Stars to victory, notching 21 runs and 19 runs respectively.

Nasra's innings had the batter blasting two fours, Sharifa as well ended with her score consisting of two boundaries.

A quick dismissal of Sabrina Ibrahim that ended with two runs did little to frustrate

Twiga Stars' chase, given Fatuma Amur and Mwanini Ahmed made certain of the victory, notching six runs not out and three runs not out respectively.

Mwajabu Hussein and Zulfa Hussein put spirited bowling performance for SUA Queens, posting two wickets apiece, their efforts though ended in vain.

Arusha's Kilimeru Girls, SUA Queens, and Mwanza's Nyanza Queens are placed third, fourth and last respectively in the group.

Muumin seeks to bring 'Double M Plus' band back



Mwinjuma Muumin

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

PROMINENT Tn artiste, Mwinjuma Muumin, has disclosed he has set out to bring his former band, dubbed 'Double M Plus', back after his current band, dubbed 'Shadai', had fallen apart.

Muumin stated he has lately delved in solo projects whilst continuing to work on bringing the 'Double M Plus' band back.

The artiste pointed he, among others, has set out to get financial support from several music stakeholders for his initiative.

"There are several issues involving me and my fellow director at 'Shadai' band, which brought about the troupe's demise. I'm now about to bring 'Double M Plus' band back. I have no plan

to join any other troupe," he said.

He stated he has been asked by various music followers across the country to stage shows in the areas, noting he has been using CDs comprising his previous popular songs in the shows.

"I'm keeping on performing as a solo musician whilst planning to bring my previous band back, given I already have artistes waiting for the troupe," he stated.

Muumin was adamant he can work for any of the domestic dance music troupes on temporary basis, insisting he will be performing as a solo artiste.

"I have heard there are popular dance artistes that are currently working for various bands on temporary basis. I cannot do that, I'm asked by music enthusiasts to perform for them with my

CDs," he noted.

The outspoken musician had in the past worked for prominent domestic dance music troupes, African Stars 'Twanga Pepeta', TOT-Plus, Mchinga Sound and many others.

He mentioned regions where he has regularly been heading to for shows as Mwanza, Dodoma, Geita and Shinyanga, where 'Double M Plus' band had plenty of fans.

He disclosed he is confident, noting he has good songs, which have been riding high in domestic music industry since 2001.

Music fans, he disclosed, love the songs a lot and that is why he is asked by the fans to perform for them.

Van Dijk set for ACL surgery, faces months out

LONDON

VIRGIL van Dijk will undergo knee surgery and is facing a battle to play again this season after scans confirmed that the Liverpool defender suffered an anterior cruciate ligament injury during Saturday's 2-2 draw against Everton.

Van Dijk was injured in the fifth minute of the 237th Merseyside derby following a challenge by Everton goalkeeper Jordan Pickford, which went unpunished by match referee Michael Oliver and VAR officials.

Although Van Dijk was able to walk off the pitch following treatment by the Liverpool physiotherapist, scans confirmed that the 29-year-old suffered cruciate ligament damage in the incident and, as a result, faces months on the sideline.

Liverpool sources have told ESPN that a timescale on Van Dijk's recovery period is impossible to gauge until the player has undergone surgery, but sources are reluctant to rule out a return to action this season.

The club has yet to set a date for Van Dijk's surgery because

of the necessity for the swelling around the knee joint to subside sufficiently for the player to be operated on. Liverpool have also still to decide which surgeon will take charge of the procedure.

The loss of Van Dijk, a £75 million signing from Southampton in January 2018, is a major blow for Jurgen Klopp's Premier League champions, who begin their Champions League campaign with a trip to the Netherlands to face Ajax in Amsterdam on Wednesday.

Van Dijk has been a crucial presence at the heart of Liverpool's defence since arriving from Southampton and, until limping out of the Everton game, had played every minute of the team's 74 Premier League fixtures prior to the clash at Goodison Park -- a run dating back to September 2018.

He has also become a key figure for the Netherlands, and his injury means that coach Frank de Boer could be forced to plan next summer's Euro 2020 tournament without his most experienced centre-half.

(Agencies)

New Champions League offers fresh start for Barca but few guarantees

BARCELONA

GERARD Pique called for changes from top to bottom but 65 days have passed since the humiliation by Bayern Munich and Barcelona's recovery looks far from complete.

Eight of the team that started the humiliation in Lisbon remain, despite Pique saying nobody should be safe.

The club's president, Josep Maria Bartomeu remains too, despite more than 16,000 members signing a petition to get rid of him.

Luis Suarez was pushed out, eventually to Atletico Madrid, and Ronald Koeman replaced Quique Setien as coach in what were the most significant shifts in a supposedly revolutionary summer.

But Koeman was never going to be an appointment that instantly won over the players while Suarez's exit left Lionel Messi seething, another chance duly taken to criticise Bartomeu and the board.

"It's normal for a player to be a bit sad when a friend of his leaves after the years they had together but it's part of football," said Koeman.

Messi said last season Barcelona were not good enough to win the Champions League and he was proven right, their 8-2 humbling at the hands of Bayern laying bare the chasm in class between the soon-to-be-champions and a team that have only once gone past the quarter-finals since 2015.

And as Barca get set to go again, their latest European tilt beginning against Hungary's Ferencvaros on Tuesday, the worry will be there is little to suggest they are any better this time around.

Their biggest summer signing, Miralem Pjanic, was the result of an economic operation aimed at balancing the books and whether he will be a significant upgrade on Arthur Melo, who went the other way to Juventus, is open to question.

- 'Trying to change the team' -

Pedri, signed from Las Palmas in a deal agreed last year, has been one of the bright sparks in Barca's opening month, the attacking midfielder particularly impressive in the 1-0 defeat by Getafe on Saturday.

But he is 17 and, like the 20-year-old Francisco Trincao, is not expected to transform this team now.

Sergino Dest, the latest arrival from Ajax, is 19, although he can expect to feature more regularly to fill the void at right-back.

"The club is trying to change the team," said Koeman. "There are very young players who will get chances."

Barcelona could not afford Lautaro Martinez of Inter Milan or Memphis Depay at Lyon, leaving Koeman with a squad that is neither the one he wanted nor planned for.

Yet his job is still somehow to get Barca competing again with Europe's elite.

He will be tasked with making up the gap not only on Bayern and Paris Saint-Germain but also the



Lionel Messi has only scored once, from a penalty, in Barcelona's opening four La Liga games this season. (Agencies)

likes of Manchester City, who spent 160 million euros in the transfer window, and Liverpool, who added Thiago Alcantara, once of Barcelona's youth teams and now arguably the finest midfield playmaker in the world.

And all the while, the uncertain future of Messi lingers, with every disappointment increasing the possibility of him talking to other clubs in January.

Few could criticise Messi's performances since his attempt to leave in the summer but his one penalty scored in Barcelona's four opening matches this season is certainly not peak form for the Argentinian.

The best chance of him staying is arguably if Koeman leaves, given the Dutchman's departure would likely mean there had been a change of president.

Bartomeu is due to face a vote of no confidence in the next few weeks after the successful petition submitted by club members, which means the stability of the club's president, coach and captain are all still up in the air.

Two and a half months on from the loss to Bayern, a new Champions League offers Barcelona hope but few guarantees.

Meanwhile, Andrea Pirlo takes his first managerial steps in the Champions

League at Dynamo Kiev on Tuesday, a game which pits the fledgling Juventus coach against his vastly experienced former mentor Mircea Lucescu.

Lucescu, 75, and 41-year-old Pirlo have both taken over their respective clubs this season.

But while Italy footballing legend Pirlo never coached before stepping up at his former club, Lucescu has over four decades experience throughout Europe. And it was the former Romanian international who gave a 16-year-old Pirlo his first Serie A start in the Italian's hometown club Brescia 25 years ago.

The much-travelled Lucescu also later coached Pirlo at Inter Milan in 1998.

For Lucescu, who won six league titles as a player with Dinamo Bucharest in the 1960s and 1970s, seeing Pirlo on the opposition bench comes as no surprise.

"I was always convinced he would become a coach," said Lucescu. "I thought it about Andrea, and also Diego Simeone, who was one of my players at Pisa."

"Pirlo had a different personality than 'Cholo' (Simeone) but he was just as charismatic and with a lot of character. Above all, he never came on the pitch to do nothing, he was decisive. As well as being a creative player, he was someone who organised everything, which is yet another skill."

Whether he can follow former players Pep Guardiola and Zinedine Zidane's managerial success remains to be seen.

"It's possible, I hope he does," the Romanian told Turin daily Tuttosport. But a coach needs at least six months to stamp his mark on a team."

Pirlo took over the reigning nine-time Serie A champions after Maurizio Sarri was sacked following Juventus' Champions League last 16 exit to Lyon.

Juve hope Pirlo, who won a World Cup, two Champions Leagues and six Italian league titles as a player, can transmit his vision of the game. The team are chasing a third Champions League title after 1985 and 1996, with seven runners-up finishing including in 2015 and 2017.

- 'No miracles' -
But for Pirlo, his Juventus are "under construction, a young team who need to gain experience".

A season-opening 3-0 win over Sampdoria was followed by draws at AS Roma (2-2) and promoted Crotona (1-1), with two red cards in as many games. To complicate the task, Cristiano Ronaldo is quarantined because of coronavirus, and will miss the Kiev trip and possibly the game against Barcelona in Turin.

As models Pirlo cites the Barcelona teams of Guardiola and Johan Cruyff, Louis van Gaal's Ajax, Carlo Ancelotti's AC Milan and Antonio Conte's Juventus.

But first up are Lucescu's Ukrainian league runners-up.

"It's a competition that I'm accustomed to," said Lucescu whose appointment as Kiev boss had sparked an uproar after his successful 12-year spell in charge of bitter rivals Shakhtar Donetsk, where he won the 2009 UEFA Cup.

"It's a competition that I'm accustomed to. I've been involved in more than 130 games. The Champions League anthem is like your national anthem."

Lucescu's Dynamo are also "a very young squad". "My aim is to build this team," he said. "It's not possible in football to start and get results straight away. There are no miracles in football."

Over his 40-year career, Lucescu has coached the Romanian and Turkish national teams as well as clubs in Romania, Italy, Turkey, Ukraine and Russia.

"I find motivation in my passion for football," he told UEFA.com. "I tried to stop last year, because I've worked for 50 years without a break, but it was impossible. I wanted to come back, there was so much I could still give to football, especially to young players."

"So, I came back and I feel good being back at work."

AFP

PSG look to go one better in Champions League but doubts remain

PARIS

PARIS Saint-Germain came so close to winning the prize they crave more than anything in last season's Champions League and are hoping to go one better this time, but there are concerns that the Qatar-owned club might actually have gone backwards in recent months.

Bayern Munich's greater experience told in Lisbon in August, and there were tears at the end for Neymar as the French champions agonisingly lost 1-0 in their first ever Champions League final.

Two months on, Thomas Tuchel's side begin their latest bid for European success at home to Manchester United on Tuesday, in a rematch of the last-16 tie in 2019 which PSG lost to a controversial late penalty.

It therefore brings back memories of just one of several painful defeats in the Champions League in recent years, but the reality is that Paris should be considered favourites against the Old Trafford side and to win a group also containing RB Leipzig and Istanbul Basaksehir.

Yet whether this will be the season that they do go all the way remains to be seen.

Tuchel has been the first to complain that his squad is weaker than it was last season as PSG -- having already seen several key players depart over the summer -- have started the new campaign hamstrung by injuries, suspensions and coronavirus cases.

- 'Clumsy and rushed' -

Right-back Thomas Meunier and all-time record goal-scorer Edinson Cavani left when their contracts ended, not even sticking around for the latter stages of the Champions League in August -- Cavani is now at United and so could come back to haunt his old side this week.

Skipper Thiago Silva did stay for the 'Final Eight' in Lisbon but has since joined Chelsea and complained that

sporting director Leonardo had been "clumsy and rushed" in refusing to offer him a deal to stay.

"Not only with me," the Brazilian told France Football. "Cavani is the top scorer in PSG's history. I am saying this so that the club progresses and doesn't make the same mistakes in future."

Tuchel would appear to agree with that view, with his apparently difficult relationship with the man who makes the signings producing regular headlines in France.

"We will do everything we possibly can and we will never accept excuses but we have to face up to the reality and that is that we have lost players," the German, who is in the final year of his contract, said earlier this month as he indicated PSG could not win the Champions League without major strengthening.

"We didn't like what he said. The club didn't like it and I didn't like it either," said Leonardo.

"If you decide to stay, you have to respect the club's sporting policy, the internal rules and the situation at the club."

- New signings late in coming -

But if there was no love lost just a few weeks ago, Tuchel would have been pleased to see several new signings arrive just before the transfer window closed on October 5.

PSG signed two new midfielders, with Portuguese international Danilo Pereira arriving on loan from Porto and Rafinha joining on a three-year deal from Barcelona.

Italy striker Moise Kean was also captured on loan from Everton to strengthen the attack.

Neymar and Kylian Mbappe are still there of course, and so is Angel di Maria, but they still look light in defence.

Friday's 4-0 win over Nimes was their fifth in a row in Ligue 1 after starting the campaign with two straight defeats, yet question marks remain about their longer-term prospects this season.

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Sevilla show Chelsea a smarter way to spend

LONDON

CHELSEA's huge transfer spend has so far failed to deliver the expected return on investment as Frank Lampard's men continue to leak goals at an alarming rate.

The Blues splashed £220 million (\$284 million, 242 million euros) on Timo Werner, Kai Havertz, Ben Chilwell, Hakim Ziyech and Edouard Mendy, while Thiago Silva joined from Paris Saint-Germain on a free transfer.

By contrast, even the European elite were more cautious as Real Madrid did not make a single signing, Barcelona tried to offload big salaries and Leroy Sane was the only major arrival at Bayern Munich.

Yet, Chelsea are far from being con-

sidered among the principal contenders as the Champions League returns this week, as Lampard has so far failed to find solutions to familiar problems from his first season in charge at Stamford Bridge.

Chelsea have won just two of their opening five Premier League games of the season and twice blew the lead against Southampton on Saturday for already their second 3-3 draw of the campaign.

In 43 league games under Lampard, they have now conceded 63 goals.

Going forward there are signs that Werner and Havertz, who both scored their first Premier League goals at the weekend, are beginning to click, while Ziyech and Christian Pulisic will add even more firepower as they return from injury.

'Project Big Picture,' failed, but English football's problems won't go away

By Gabriele Marcotti, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

OK, so it's dead. The radical overhaul that would have guaranteed income in perpetuity to the 72 league clubs outside the Premier League, while giving an even greater slice of the pie to the Big Six at the top of the pyramid (while screwing everything else in between, starting with whatever shred of competitive top-flight balance is left) -- aka "Project Big Picture" -- will not be pursued by the Premier League. They told us so themselves.

And guess what? It was, they say, unanimous.

Which is a bit odd, since two of those 20 clubs -- Manchester United and Liverpool -- also happened to be the ones driving Project Big Picture. Odds are they weren't the only ones -- the Big Six have been meeting privately for some time -- though if the folks at Tottenham Hotspur, Chelsea, Arsenal and Manchester City were active supporters as well, they did not put their heads above the parapet.

Still, on the day, the Premier League showed its unity, rejecting the proposal while committing to a "comprehensive review" of TV rights and income distribution. For now. Because the issues and challenges facing the league -- and, to differing degrees, most European leagues -- haven't gone away. Read this as the act of laying down a marker and kicking the can down the road.

We'll get to that in a minute, but it's also worth dwelling for a minute on the more distasteful aspects of Project Big Picture. Some of it is downright ghoulish. At a time when most of the English Football League clubs are reeling from the effects of the pandemic, the Premier League was offering to sell their TV rights jointly and share the revenues, giving 25% to the lower leagues. Assuming they get as much from their next TV deal as they do now -- which is a tad optimistic, given the state of the world -- that would amount to 25% of £3.2 billion, or around £800m.

Sweet, right?
But once you take away the value of the EFL's current deal (around £113m), and the fact that there would be no more parachute payments (around £260m to recently relegated clubs) or solidarity



Premier League's big clubs have been rebuked for their mishapen proposal to fix English football's issues, but it's clear that there's a discussion worth having about enacting meaningful, equitable change. (Agencies)

payments (about £100m) and suddenly, it's a more modest £325m uptick. It's enough to keep clubs afloat, sure -- and the deal would have made £250m available straightaway -- but hardly worth everything they'd be giving up: one guar-

anteed promotion spot, control over the EFL fixture list, salary cap and, ultimately, becoming no more than a feeder on life support for the Premier League, or, more accurately the nine longest-serving clubs in the top flight -- or, more accurately than

even that, the Big Six.

But hey, many EFL clubs are desperate and desperate folks do desperate things, which may explain why EFL boss Rick Parry backed the plan.

And what about the £100m "gift" to the Football Association? (Yes, it was split between direct funding -- £55m -- and grants for the women's game and grassroots, but guess what: it all comes out of the same pot.) The FA, of course, has a "golden share," which would have allowed it to veto any such plan. Well, the FA has also laid off 124 employees and suffered losses of £300m due to the coronavirus. If you were really uncharitable, you might describe it as the kind of gift the Sopranos crew might give a local merchant in exchange for his undying loyalty.

United and Liverpool said that despite their pet project being knocked back, they were pleased with the outcome, since many key issues will now be discussed that have thus far been ignored. It may be spin, but they're also right.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



Gymkhana cricketers edge Strikers A side in 2020 DC Caravans T20 Cup tourney

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Manchester United's transfer window has fans expecting the worst

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Simba SC forward vows to score 15 goals in 2020/21 VPL

By Nassir Nchimbi, TUDARCo

CONGOLESE striker, Chris Mugalu, has stated that he wants to score more than 15 goals for Simba SC in this season's Vodacom Premier League.

The prolific striker is currently deployed as second striker at the team, which is led by head coach, Sven Vandendriessche.

Rwandan striker Meddie Kagere is lately Simba SC main striker, he has netted four goals this season, followed by Mugalu with three goals.

The new forward netted his goals in three consecutive league matches, with all matches seeing the player play as second half substitute.

He scored his first goal when Simba locked horns with Biashara United at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam. Biashara United lost 4-0 to Simba SC.

The goal getter went on to record his second goal when Simba cruised to 3-0 victory over Gwambina FC at the venue.

Mugalu scored his third goal in Simba's 4-0 victory over JKT Tanzania at Jamhuri Stadium in Dodoma.

Mugalu said: "I like to score and that is my job so I will score a lot of goals whenever I get a chance on the pitch and I am happy to score."

He noted: "The biggest thing I'm thinking about right now is seeing my team win first and the rest will follow."

"I'm here at Simba, I'm happy so the first thing I think about is my team's victory, if I score more than 15 goals, I'll be happy," he said.

By Guardian Reporter

G Y M K H A N A Cricket Club recorded 11-run victory over Strikers A team in a 2020 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament's Group B game, held in the city last weekend. The encounter's eventual winners have, therefore, scaled up to the second spot in the group with victory in two games, which have

left them two points below group leaders Caravans Club which has posted six points. Gymkhana Club posted 148 runs for five wickets in 20 overs after they had won the toss and chose to bat first in the duel, which took place at Leaders Club venue. The side's top order batsmen, Abdulrahman Akida, Abhik Patwa and Vishal Patel, played pivotal role in the squad's ability to amass the convincing total. They enjoyed a good start, given Akida, who had opened the innings with Patwa, put his aggressiveness to show and posted 55 runs. It turned out to be man of the match showing

by Akida who cracked four fours in his spell with the bat. Patwa was equally impressive, scoring 40 runs which consisted of seven fours. The in-form Patel saw to it his squad post an imposing total, nailing 30 runs which consisted of three fours. Much as they put spirited performance in the chase, Strikers A team's efforts ended in vain, posting 137 runs and dropping eight wickets in 20 overs. After a brief stay by opening batsman Jatini Darji that scored 12 runs, fellow opener Vikram Rathore made his presence felt,

posting 31 runs which included three fours.

There was another blow for them, given skipper Kishen Kamania was dismissed early on as he was caught by Patwa from delivery by Akida.

Riken Patel and Ashish Kamania stepped at the crease to hold Strikers A team's innings with solid batting. Riken was more aggressive, notching 30 runs which included three fours and two sixes.

Ashish scored 26 runs, nailing a four and a six in his equally impressive innings. Veteran Virendra Kamania chipped in with 16 runs which included three fours in what was the other double digit contribution.

Quick dismissal of middle order batsmen, Suraj Pala and Mukul Kumar, proved costly for Strikers A squad.

Pala ended three runs short of double digit figure as he was dismissed by Gymkhana squad's Nasser Zahoro, whereas

Kumar was sent back to the pavilion by pacer Zamoyoni Ramadhan for duck. Dhye Shah and Harsh Ramaiya closed Strikers A

team's innings out with bat in hand. Ramaiya ended with two runs not out.

Patwa had most wickets, ending with three and leaking 27 runs in three overs for the eventual winners.

He was ably assisted by Akida and Ramadhan who took two wickets apiece in four over-spells, successfully foiling Strikers A team's chase.

Akida leaked 24 runs and ended with an economy rate of 6.00. Ramadhan leaked 27 runs, recording an economy rate of 6.75.

Strikers A team are, consequently, placed third in Group B, Annadil Burhani squad and Dar Cricket Club (DCC) are placed fourth and last respectively.

The competition, which is an annual feature, is hosted by Caravans Club in cooperation with regional cricket governing body, DC, in a bid to improve promotion of the sport at the domestic level.

Petrofuel Company, Color Flex Inks & Coatings, Grand Restaurant and Alliance Insurance Company are sponsors for the 2020 DC Caravans T20 Cup tournament.



Gymkhana Cricket Club player, Abdulrahman Akida (L), is presented with man of the match award by Flashnet Company's Director, Vinayan Benedict, after the completion of a 2020 DC Caravans T20 Cup tournament's game pitting Gymkhana against Strikers A side, which was held in Dar es Salaam on Sunday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CLUB

Ihefu FC appoints Zubeir Katwila as new head coach

By Seth Denis, TUDARCo

MBEYA's Ihefu FC has confirmed the appointment of former Mtibwa Sugar head coach, Zubeir Katwila, as the former's new head coach.

The club, which features in the Vodacom Premier League, announced the appointment on its social media accounts.

The Vodacom Premier League's new promoted outfit has been struggling for consistency in the top flight.

In the past six matches, they have managed to get just three points and are currently placed second from bottom in the 18-team league table.

The team, based at the Highland Estates, started their campaign in the domestic soccer top tier against defending champions Simba SC, losing 2-1 to the latter.

The Mbeya club later defeated Ruwu Shooting by a solitary goal before falling by the same margin to Mtibwa Sugar.

They followed it up with identical 2-0 losses to Mwadui FC and another promoted side, Gwambina FC, before

finishing up with a 1-0 loss to Mara's Biashara United.

The results compelled Ihefu FC to convince Katwila to join them from Mtibwa Sugar, and the former midfielder did not hesitate to accept the offer.

While coaching Mtibwa Sugar, Katwila led them to the 13th position in the league table with five points in six matches they played.

Mtibwa Sugar started their campaign with a goalless draw at home to Ruwu Shooting before settling for a 1-1 draw with defending champions, Simba SC, in Morogoro.

Katwila led the sugar millers to a 1-0 win over Ihefu FC but the Morogoro team lost by the same margin to 27-time league champions, Young Africans SC (Yanga), and Biashara United. They also fell 2-0 to Gwambina FC at Kirumba Stadium in Mwanza.

Katwila has taken over the reins of Maka Mwalwisi who was sacked by Ihefu FC on October 6 due to the team's poor performance in the domestic top flight this season.

Katwila led Mtibwa Sugar against Bi-

ashara United in a league match, which had the latter posting 2-0 victory.

Mtibwa Sugar are currently under assistant coach Vincent Barnabas, who was working with Katwila.

In six matches Mtibwa Sugar took part in, Katwila had the outfit coming out with 1-0 victory over Ihefu FC, forcing draw in two matches and losing three matches.

Katwila's first assignment with his new side will be a league game against Azam FC.

Azam FC, based at Chamazi in Dar es Salaam, are the only team with a 100% winning record, enjoying the competition's top spot. Azam FC moreover has yet to lose a single game.

The ice-cream makers have managed to collect 18 points from the six matches they have played and that means Ihefu FC will have to cover every blade of grass to stand a chance of winning the game.



Ihefu FC new head coach, Zubeir Katwila. PHOTO: COURTESY OF IHEFU FC

Dodoma to host international road race next month

By Florida Raymond, TUDARCo

DODOMA is on November 22 set to host an international road race, Athletics Tanzania (AT) has disclosed.

Tulo Chambo, AT information officer, stated that preparations for the race are now in progress.

Chambo told The Guardian yesterday an internationally acclaimed race route measurement expert, Givan Wright, has jetted into Dar es Salaam to supervise route measurement for the race, known as 'NBC Marathon'.

"This race will enable our Tanzanian athletes to be seen internationally because it is recognized by the World Athletics," Chambo stated.

He said the race aims at raising funds for the communities in need, as well as mothers with reproductive cancer.

He said he is grateful to the government and the Dodoma Regional Commissioner for allowing the race to take place in the region.

Chambo further expressed his sincere regards to the government for the cooperation it has rendered to AT in preparations for the race.



Athletes participate in a past National Cross-Country Championship, which took place in Arusha.

Flexibles by David Chikoko



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