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Kenya bans use of non-woven bags

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KENYA has banned the importation, manufacture, supply and use of non-woven polypropylene bags following increased pollution.

Geoffrey Wahungu, the director-general of the National Environment Management Authority (Nema) said yesterday that the ban takes effect on March 31.

"Due to the rising need of non-woven bags in the market, it has been noted that manufacturers of these bags are producing 'low gauge' poor quality bags which cannot be used multiple times but are disposed after single use," he said in a statement.



Following the ban, Nema said the Kenya Bureau of Standards will issue new standards on the quality of bags that can be used in the market

The single-usage of the bags has led to environmental consequences due to poor disposal habits currently being witnessed in the country coupled with lack of infrastructure to manage the bags, he said.

The authority consequently directed all manufacturers, importers, users and suppliers to stop trading in the non-woven polypropylene bags by end of the month.

Following the ban, Nema said the Kenya Bureau of Standards will issue new standards on the quality of bags that can be used in the market.

The ban on non eco-friendly shopping bags is the second in about two years after Kenya banned polythene bags in September 2017.

The ban, lauded by environmentalists globally, has been termed as one of the strictest and a boost to environmental conservation efforts.

Cyclone: Tanzania sends 200 tonnes of supplies to victims



Foreign Affairs, East Africa, Regional and International Cooperation minister Prof Palamagamba Kabudi (5th-R) and his Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children counterpart, Umyy Mwalimu (3rd-R), hold a box in Dar es Salaam yesterday shortly before handing over a consignment of medicines and foodstuffs to the high commissioners of flood-hit Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe in supplementing relief efforts in the wake of the Cyclone Idai disaster. Photo: Correspondent Sultani Kipingo

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By Correspondent James Kandoya

TANZANIA has dispatched more than 200 tonnes of foodstuff and medical supplies in humanitarian assistance to Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe which have been hit by floods caused by Cyclone Idai.

Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Prof Palamagamba Kabudi told reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the assistance includes 24 tonnes of drugs and medical supplies of which each country will receive eight tonnes.

As for foodstuffs, 200 tonnes of maize and 14 tonnes of rice have been allocated for the humanitarian effort.

Seven lorries carrying a maize consignment from Mbeya region are already destined for Malawi while Mozambique and Zimbabwe will receive seven tonnes of rice each, the minister said.

Speaking at the official handing over, Prof Kabudi said it was a directive from President John Magufuli to assist all the countries suffering from the Cyclone Idai and flooding.



Another seven tonnes of rice will also be despatched by air to Zimbabwe where 98 people have died so far

The event was also attended by the Permanent Secretary for the Ministry for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children Dr Zainab Chaula, high commissioners from Malawi, Zimbabwe and Mozambique and various senior government officials.

He said Tanzania as a country in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region was obliged to support other countries hit by natural disasters like floods, hurricanes and famine.

The decision to send those urgent supplies came after President Magufuli heard of the disaster and talked to his counterparts in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe.

"I further call on all well-wishers to volunteer supporting the mission and companies to volunteer donating for our beloved brothers and sisters in affected countries," the minister intoned.

"All foodstuffs and medical supplies will be despatched today night (Tuesday) to the people in need," he specified.

He said 200 tonnes will today be despatched using seven lorries to Malawi where 122 people have died and over 1000 lost their homes, and seven tonnes of rice and medical supplies will be despatched to Mozambique by air, where 221 have died so far.

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Disburse nutrition budget funds quickly, orders Jafo

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

DAR ES SALAAM and Kilimanjaro regions lead in the country with high rates of over-nutrition – excessive supply of nutrients in the body, the Tanzania Food and Nutrition Centre (TFNC) has revealed.

The revelation was made by a representative of TFNC director, Geoffrey Chiduo while giving a report on the state of malnutrition in the country through 'Smart Simplicity,' an innovative approach to address the problem.



The report on the budget funds should reach the ministry within 21 days after the meeting

He made the observation in a meeting attended by regional commissioners, regional administrative secretaries, some district commissioners and district executive directors, among other nutrition stakeholders.

Chiduo noted that the organization is now fighting two enemies that are malnutrition and lack of availability of foods rich in nutrients, maintaining that malnutrition is a big problem in the country.

"I would like to state it before you leaders

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Civic groups readying for consultations SDGs

By Henry Mwangonde

THE ongoing review of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the country will involve representatives of institutional groups in the society so as to capture a true reflection of the situation before

the report is compiled for presentation to the United Nations General Assembly in July.

Tanzania volunteered to present the status and successes at the this year's assembly with UN Resident Coordinator for Tanzania Alvaro Rodriguez saying there is some progress that

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despatched by air to Zimbabwe where 98 people have died so far.

For her part, the Minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children Ummu Mwalimu said the ministry received directive from President Magufuli to support the neighbouring countries hit by floods.

Mwalimu said the medical supplies despatched were antibiotics, infusion water, bedsheets, mosquito nets, blankets, painkillers and mattresses.

The ministry was well organised to ensure that there were enough drugs and medical supplies despatched to the countries, she declared.

Tanzania is also ready to despatch a team of medical doctors to Zambia, Mozambique and Malawi in case it is asked to do so to assist in treating those hospitalised from the flood ravages, she said.

The Charge d' Affaires in the Zimbabwe High Commission to Tanzania, Martin Tavenyinka said: "It is a great day symbolising the long standing friendship between Zimbabwe and Tanzania."

"I get the surprise because the supply has come early once the catastrophe was announced," he stated.

The envoy said he would convey

the message to the principals (higher authorities at home) that there was support coming from the Tanzania government.

He said the decision by Tanzania to support Zimbabwe had come at the right moment, further symbolising the long-standing cordial relationship.

The Mozambican High Commissioner to Tanzania, Monica Mussa thanked the Tanzania government for the humanitarian support.

"At this moment the rescuing process is still underway especially in places that were highly affected by the cyclone flood," she said.

The Malawi High Commissioner, Glad Chembe Munthali said: "I'm becoming speechless on what Tanzania has done to people of Malawi. Tanzania has quickly responded since the disaster was declared."

Tanzania had shown that it was a real friend to the people of Malawi, the envoy intoned.

The Air Wing Command head of training and operations, Brigadier General Francis Shirima assured the public that all humanitarian support will be dispatched right away.

"All dispatched cargoes will leave today. Everything is done for us," he affirmed.

Tanzania for deal with RwandAir to ferry fish to overseas markets

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIAN and Rwandan officials were in talks to enable RwandAir ferry fish from Mwanza airport in northern Tanzania to overseas markets.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries, Luhaga Mpina revealed this when speaking to stakeholders in the fishing industry in Mwanza.

"I am confident that the deal would go as planned," he said, adding: "Should the two sides strike a deal, it will be a massive relief for Lake Zone fish traders, who have, for a long time, been seeking an alternative airline to transport their products abroad."

Usually, the wholesale fish dealers in the region have been relying on

Entebbe and Nairobi airports in Uganda and Kenya respectively, which they claim are more costly.

"Indeed, the talks are at an advanced stage for RwandAir planes to transport fish from Mwanza to overseas markets," said the minister.

He said the government collected 1.7 trl/- from the fishing industry in the 2017/18 financial year, out of which 1.1 trillion shillings were from Lake Victoria.

Spokesperson of the Tanzania Fishermen Union, Sijaona James said over 1,000 tonnes of fish could not be exported in the past few months because of transport problems.

He said that the total loss of the exports destined for Japan and Israel stood at 5.5bn/-.

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that Dar es Salaam and Kilimanjaro are the leading in terms of over nutrition cases in the country," he said, calling for concerted efforts to scale up education on nutrition.

He however said: "It is even more worrying that even regions with surplus food supply have considerable malnutrition, recording many cases."

Talking about smart simplicity, he said the method will increase nutrition issues in the regions by ensuring cooperation between different sectors using existing mechanisms.

He also noted that one of the setbacks in the war against malnutrition is that meetings with the regions are often attended by representatives from various departments and not directors.

Selemani Jafo, the Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), earlier while opening the meeting, directed 31 councils that have not disbursed the nutrition budget funds to do so within 14 days.

The report on the budget funds

should reach the ministry within 21 days after the meeting. "The biggest problem is release of nutrition budget funds and going by that style we should not expect changes in the rate of malnutrition in the country," he declared.

Jafo reminded the regional leaders that on 19th December, 2018 regional commissioners signed an agreement on implementation of nutrition policy matters, where some local government authorities are doing well while others are lagging behind.

Top regional and district officials must take the matter seriously, as there are thousands of children with malnutrition complications especially in ten regions in the country.

He took issues with heads of departments who instead of doing things for themselves delegate them to junior staff who are less experienced on such important matters.

Speaking at the same meeting, Joseph Nyamhanga the Permanent Secretary in PO-RALG said the government was setting aside Sh 50 billion for nutrition issues in the 2019/2020 financial year.

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has been made in implementing the global goals despite the challenges.

Speaking at the first consultative meeting with civil society organizations in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Rodriguez said the report will give a clear picture on what has been done so far as well give offer solutions to the challenges encountered.

"The change from Millennium Development Goals to (MDGs) to SDGs was drastic and two years down the line there are salient issues arising including funding and the fact that we were dealing with a few goals. Right now we are talking of 17 goals," he said.

The next phase of such meetings will

involve People with Disability (PwDs) groups and NGOs for what should be included in the report.

Other challenges derailing implementation of SDGs arise from the fact that Africa is a continent with diverse challenges with some being locked in conflicts and civil wars, he stated.

Servus Sagday, assistant director in the Department of Poverty Reduction at the Ministry of Finance and Planning, said in his remarks that this is an important stage in the process as it will undergo all government processes before coming up with the report.

The government's decision to commit itself to present the report

resulted from the fact that Tanzania was among countries in the region that did well in the implementation of the MDGs, he stated.

The Sustainable Development Goals are a collection of 17 global goals set by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015 for the year 2030. The SDGs are part of Resolution 70/1 of the United Nations General Assembly: "Transforming our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development."

In January this year, Forum CC in collaboration with the Tanzania Sustainable Development Platform launched the Civil Society Voluntary National Report (VNR), a consultation

process that focuses on climate change

and sustainable development goals.

The one year project is implemented in Arusha, Dodoma and Mbeya regions where the focus is on strengthening partnerships for effective implementation of Agenda 2030 in East Africa.

The project is also aimed at enhancing awareness upon a large number of stakeholders to catalyze action on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

This will support broader engagement in the Voluntary National Reporting Process and cross-sectoral coordination for accelerated implementation of SDGs in Tanzania, the ministerial director noted.



IPP Executive Chairman Dr Reginald Mengi and his wife, Jacqueline Ntuyabaliwe Mengi (right behind him), pay their last respects to long-serving IPP Director of Planning Francis Zangira at the deceased's residence at Tangi Bovu in Dar es Salaam, yesterday



The late Zangira's wife, Caroline Mlingi Zangira, kisses him when paying her last respects at their Tangi Bovu residence yesterday. Photos: Selemani Mpochi

Campaign boosts household sanitation facilities at village

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

RESIDENTS of Wiliko village in Chamwino District, Dodoma Region have succeeded where many had failed as all households in the village had improved toilets facilities, thanks to the national sanitation campaign initiated few years ago.

Prior to the campaign that began in the village three years ago only 50 out of the 848 households had at least a toilet, let alone improved

facilities.

By February this year when the last survey was conducted, only 16 households were still struggling to have improved facilities.

Speaking with the delegation of health stakeholders who visited the village this week, village chairperson, Gabriel Mika noted that the campaign spearheaded by Plan International Tanzania through its programme, Usafi wa Mazingira Tanzania (UMATA) had brought positive changes in the

village.

"In the past the situation was not good here as open defecation was a common thing among the residents but through public education awareness after getting trainings from UMATA, the situation had changed slowly to where we are now," he said.

Dr Baraka Yobu who works at the Wiliko village dispensary explained that the situation had changed drastically since even the number of patients visiting the health facility

with hygiene related cases had also declined.

"Out of ten patients who visited the dispensary, eight to nine reported suffering from diarrhoea, UTI and other hygiene related cases but the situation had changed, now we can report only two or three of such cases," he said.

While it is estimated that five in 10 Tanzanians continue to use unsanitary latrines - the majority being simple pits that are not easy to keep clean, the

villagers have managed to break the 'taboos'.

It is also estimated that about 5 million Tanzanians do not use a latrine at all and practice open defecation which further complicates the entire process.

UMATA team leader, Lydia Mcharo noted that the village is the leading in the three district where the sanitation programme is implemented under their programme.

"Wiliko village has shown the way

by implementing the sanitation programme, thanks to the good cooperation among leaders," she noted.

She also noted that despite the recorded success, it was not easy at first to convince the villagers to adopt new way of life.

Open defecation refers to the practice whereby people go out in fields, bushes, forests, open bodies of water, or other open spaces rather than using the toilet to defecate.

Farmers urged to utilise TADB loan opportunities

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa yesterday urged creditworthy farmers in Tanzania to access loans from the Tanzania Agricultural Development (TADB) to revolutionise farming and agro-processing.

Inaugurating TADB Lake Zonal Office, Majaliwa reminded that Tanzanian industries were heavily dependent on agriculture for raw materials. Therefore, he said, it was very opportune on the part of eligible farmers to take TADB loans,

bolster their farming might and feed industries with quality uninterrupted raw materials. The zonal office will serve as a cluster bureau for Kagera, Shinyanga, Geita, Mara, Simiyu Regions and Mwanza City.

"You appreciate the tight link between agriculture, livestock, fisheries and industries. I implore you people in the farming community to take loans from the TADB to raise productivity in your particular turfs because they are also very important in guaranteeing national food security. Do not shy from accessing the loans,"

he appealed.

Agricultural sector, the PM said, offers over 60 per cent of the employment, contributes not less than 80 per cent of exports and contributes of 60 per cent of the raw materials to local industries.

He called on the TADB to work closely with prospective borrowers. "I continue appealing to the TADB to work closely with stakeholders to solve emerging challenges so that we can realise our dream of making Tanzania a middle-income industrial country."

Deputy Agriculture Minister, Innocent

Bashungwa said as of last month the TADB had loaned out over 100 bn/- to advance objectives of the Agricultural Sector Development Programme, Phase Two. "We are grateful to the TADB for making members of the farming community access capital, tractors and other tools and helping them to establish agro-processing plants," he said.

TADB board chairman Rosebud Kurwijila said the bank opted for clustering and value chain financing approach to be able to cover many parts of the country and offer speedy services. The approach, she said, will help the bank establish strategic agricultural parks that would be banked upon in establishing the planned big agro-industries using dominant crops in clusters.

TADB Managing Director Japhet Justine reported that the state-owned bank's capital rose to 68 bn/- up from 60bn/- offered by the government in 2015.

He said as February 28, 2019 the bank had offered 100.7bn/- in form of strategic loans, 67.5bn/- offered in eight months alone; up from 33.2bn/- that had been offered to borrowers up to June 31, 2018. "As of February 28, this year, we had served 837,578 farmers and offered loans to promote 84 agricultural projects," he reported.



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Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa cuts a ribbon in Mwanza city yesterday to inaugurate Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank's (TADB) Lake Victoria zone cluster, which caters for Geita, Kagera, Mara, Shinyanga, Simiyu and Mwanza regions. Others include Mwanza regional commissioner John Mongella, TADB board chairperson Rosebud Kurwijila and Agriculture deputy minister Innocent Bashungwa. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Dr Shein commends UNV programme



By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Ali Mohamed Shein has commended the United Nations for supporting various development plans through the United Nations Volunteers's (UNV) programme.

He made the remarks yesterday during his talks with the executive coordinator of the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme, Olivier Adam at the State House in Zanzibar. The two discussed various issues including how to cement the existing relationship.

The President said that UNV is an important UN programme which plays crucial roles in the implementation of different development projects in the Isles.

He said that UNV has for years supported Zanzibar's development in the health, agriculture and several other sectors.

Dr Shein appealed for UNV support to Zanzibar's youth entrepreneurship center to enable graduates to benefit with the training.

He said that youth, in both Unguja and Pemba Islands should be provided with loans to be able to establish businesses.

Dr Shein also called upon UNV to assist Zanzibar for science subject teachers in secondary schools.

He said despite government efforts to sensitise students to learn subjects, the deficit of teachers is a major challenge.

On the health sector, Dr Shein appealed to the UNV to assist Zanzibar with specialist doctors to conduct complicated surgeries as the government strives to train its own doctors.

Olivier Adam promised continued support to Zanzibar's development activities, saying that UNV is willing to support the health sector by providing specialist doctors as well

as the youth through establishment of different programmes. He said that UNV works with experienced personnel who can assist Zanzibar in a number of sectors.

UNV programme contributes to peace and development through

volunteerism worldwide. It works with partners to integrate qualified, highly motivated and well supported UN volunteers into development programming and promote the value and global recognition of volunteerism. UNV deploys on the


ground almost 7,000 UN volunteers in over 130 countries.

An additional 12,000 UN online volunteers dedicate their time and efforts virtually, proving that anyone anywhere can contribute to peace and development.

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WLAC

PUBLIC NOTICE

Women's Legal Aid Centre (WLAC) is a private, voluntary, non-governmental and non-profit making organization established in 1989 and registered in 1994 under the Companies Act, Cap 212 of the Laws of Tanzania. WLAC is both a legal and community-based organization that strives to promote women's rights through legal literacy, legal services, human rights awareness and Legal empowerment,

WLAC's Vision : a society that respects and promotes women's and children's rights, **WLAC's Mission** : a non-governmental organization, which works toward promoting women and children's rights through civil and socio-economic empowerment; access to justice; and advocacy for pro-gender legal and policy frameworks in Tanzania.

WLAC signed grant agreement with four development partners for the year 2018-2021 to implement projects in two regions i.e. Dar es Salaam and Kigoma as indicated below.

Project	Location	Amount	Donor	Timeframe
East Africa young Women's Leadership initiative	Kigoma	USD 50,000	Global Fund for Women through Akili Dadas	2018-2019
Improving the response and protection of children and women in Tanzania	Dar es Salaam	EUR 180,000	Anonymous Donor 2	2018-2021
Access to Legal Assistance and Justice for Refugees and Asylum seekers in Tanzania	Kigoma (Kasulu, and Kibondo Districts)	TZS 460,835,295	UNHCR	2019
Provision of legal assistance to children in Kigoma (Under the Kigoma Joint Programme - Violence against Women and Children theme	Kigoma (Kasulu, Kibondo and Ujiji Districts)	TZS 279,448,800	UNICEF	2018-2020

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Call for Expression of Interest

To develop waste-to-energy (WTE) power plant under the framework of the GEF-5 project "Promotion of WTE applications in agro-industries of Tanzania"

UNIDO in collaboration with Government of Tanzania and private partners is implementing a Global Environment Facility (GEF) - funded project that promotes the conversion of biodegradable wastes from agro-industries to energy. Under this initiative, it is soliciting Expressions of Interest (EOI) from companies or consortiums of companies, for joint development WTE projects adopting WTE technologies such as anaerobic digestion, biomass gasification and co-generation, to be implemented in various locations in Tanzania. Under this auspice, UNIDO accepts the commitment of cumulative capacity of up to 3 MW with a minimum acceptable capacity of 100kW to provide access to energy primarily for agro-industries with the possibility of excess energy used for other applications or fed into the national grid.

Project Background: The GEF/UNIDO project aims at reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the agro-industrial sector. The proposed intervention will enable agro- industries convert the wastes generated to energy by supporting project developers and promoting private sector investments in utilization of WTE technologies in Tanzania. The project is currently supporting demonstration projects utilizing bio-degradable wastes to generate energy through available incentive grant by GEF. The incentive grant available is USD 400 per kW installed and would not exceed the total amount of USD1,500,000.

If your firm wishes to participate in this call of EOI, all related information and documents can be downloaded from UNIDO e-procurement portal (<https://procurement.unido.org/>). Submission deadline for EOI is 5:00 PM, 5 April 2019.

Project Title:	Deadline Date	Type	Event Number
Promotion of waste-to-energy (WTE) applications in agro-industries of Tanzania	05.04. 2019 17:00 CET	CEOI	7000003456

Questions and your response should be send to UNIDO by email to: A.Orlov@unido.org and to A.Eruwa@unido.org

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR and South Africa have agreed to enhance cooperation in tourism industry in efforts to increase tourist arrivals between the two countries.

The agreement was reached yesterday when the South Africa High Commissioner to Tanzania Thami Mseleku paid a courtesy call at Isles Minister for Information, Tourism and Archives, Mahmoud Thabit Kombo in his offices.

The two officials said that the plan will succeed by establishing a strategic joint forum which will focus on enhancing the sector.

"The forum should involve ministries and private sector institutions working

Zanzibar and SA to enhance cooperation in tourism sector

in the tourism sector...I am enthusiastic to work hard for our objectives and I hope that we will achieve them," said the minister.

He advised the high commissioner to work on the possibility of the Mango Airlines from South Africa to increase its direct flights to the Isles so as to bring more visitors and tourists.

"Mango is currently the only airline offering direct flights from

Johannesburg, South Africa to Zanzibar. In 2018, the airline brought 22,903 visitors from South Africa and we hope the number to rise this year," he said.

He also welcomed investors from South Africa to come and explore investment opportunities in the tourism, agribusiness, processing and others citing Pemba Island of having plenty of opportunities and attractions.

For his part, Mseleku promised to ensure the relationship between the two countries is bolstered and maintained as the people of the two

nations are not only friends but close relatives.

He also vowed that he will make well use of his stay in Tanzania by marketing

it to bring more investors for various sectors.

South Africa and Tanzania have strong economy links, with SA being the third largest exporter to Tanzania, with a market share of 9.63 per cent.

South African exports to Tanzania consists of manufactured goods like machinery, mechanical appliances, paper, rubber products, vehicles, iron, steel, services and technologies. Imports from Tanzania are mainly gold, coffee, cashew nuts and cotton.



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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NO. FRURT 022019

CONSULTANT FOR PROJECT MID-TERM REVIEW

BACKGROUND

Within the framework of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) under the Authorization of the Ministry of Finance (MoF) and funding of the European Union (EU), FAO is implementing a project in support of improving the competitiveness of rice producing smallholder farmers through post-harvest management (RICE Project). The project has reached the mid-point (1.5 years) of its current cycle and in keeping with the project, and the Government requirements, led by the Ministry of Agriculture, FAO Tanzania will undertake the Mid-Term Review (MTR) of the project.

FAO is seeking for an independent Consultant to conduct the MTR. The review will be managed by FAO Tanzania Representation under overall guidance and coordination of the Assistant FAO Representative, Project coordinator and M&E Specialist.

OBJECTIVES OF THE MTR

The overall purpose of the review is to assess the effectiveness of the implementation strategy. Principally, it will inform FAO, EU-as Financier, MoF-EDF as contracting authority, project stakeholders and partners on the progress in implementation of the RICE project. It will be conducted with an aim to assess the extent to which the project has achieved and delivered the intended results/outputs and its impact to the community and draw lessons learned, good practices and action-oriented recommendations to integrate in the project design and inform decision making. The review will have a particular emphasis on the relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, sustainability and impact of the intervention carried out and approach adopted. The following key questions further define the objectives of the review as follows:

Relevance:

- To what extent have project interventions been relevant to the needs and demands of key stakeholders and target group it intends to reach?
- Which steps have been taken to assure that project design was a logical result of priority needs within the target community
- Examine the nature of interaction and collaboration; in particular the partnerships and synergies established with other stakeholders and actors in the rice value chain.

Efficiency:

- To what extent has the project been implemented on budget and on time?
- Are the available technical and financial resources adequate to fulfil the project plans?

Effectiveness

- What extent were project outputs against planned targets and indicators as indicated in the logical framework achieved ; focus should be on the 4 outcome areas after 1.5 years of implementation
- What are enabling and limiting factors that contribute to the achievement of results and what actions need to be taken to overcome any barriers that limit the progress

Impact

- What changes can be observed that are attributable to project interventions (e.g. Management practices; Rice Production, harvest and post-harvest practices, Collective/joint actions, Quality and market value of rice processed, transported and stored by value chain actors)

Sustainability

- To what extent has the project identified and established sustainable, efficient, and effective models for achieving the purpose and project outcomes after the project support ends?
- Have livelihoods been affected by results on the medium and long-term and how
- Investigate the outcome of capacity building actions and mechanisms, and how they have ensured multiplier effects

Furthermore, the review will address specific technical questions relevant to the project components and also explore the extent to which project design and implementation has considered gender related differences in the roles, responsibilities, and needs of the target beneficiaries and enabled greater gender equality and women's empowerment. It will involve conducting field Visits to twelve (12) targeted Producer Organization (PO) i.e : Idodi, Makifu, Tungamalenga, Mlenge, Magozi, Mkombozi, Makuka, Mafuruto, Ipwasi Ndoroba, Mapogoro, and Mlambalasi located in Iringa District, and at least five-(5) value chain actors (traders, millers) in Iringa and Dodoma.

METHODOLOGY

The review will include review of documents and consultations with stakeholders. It will involve qualitative and quantitative methods to evaluate RICE project implementation, its performance and make recommendations for the remaining implementation period. The consultant and RICE team will agree on approach for data collection and then he/she will meet with the relevant project stakeholders and partners using Focus Group Discussions (FGD), Key information interviews (KII) and other appropriate methods for data collection. The consultant will provide a debriefing after the field work and an initial analysis and will be required to submit a final report on the findings.

Required Competencies (Qualifications and experience):

- Advanced degree in Agriculture, Agricultural Economics, Rural Development or other related discipline.

Technical Competencies and Experience Requirements

- Experience in applying qualitative and quantitative evaluation methods, with a minimum of 8 years of professional experience in programme and project evaluation of relevance to policy making demonstrating a strong record in designing and conducting/leading evaluations
- Extensive knowledge of the global development arena especially in the field of Agribusiness development and Value chain analysis
- Experience with Results-based Monitoring and Evaluation
- Experience in formulating interventions to support smallholders to link to processors to benefit from value addition.
- Good command of English and fluency in Swahili both oral and written

Duration: 35 days

Remuneration: Based on UN salary scales for Tanzania

How to Apply

Candidates should complete the FAO Personal Profile Form (PPF) accessible at: <http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment/en/> Applications should be sent with a detailed CV and Personal Profile Form and a brief concept note 3-4 pages on the understanding of the assignment and methodology by COB 30th March, 2019 to:

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Meatu district commissioner Dr Joseph Chilongani inspects a honey processing machine donated by Friedkin Conservation Fund Ltd before handing it over to the district's community development officer, Mwanamshana Nassoro (R). Looking on is FCFL community development manager Nana Woodley. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

100 villagers empowered with entrepreneurial skills

By Guardian Correspondent, Meatu

NEARLY 100 villagers from six villages surrounding Maswa Game Reserve, Mwaiba Wildlife Ranch and Makao Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Meatu District have been empowered with entrepreneurial skills in efforts to make them sustainable and exploit the natural resources.

The training was organised by the charity trust-Friedkin Conservation Fund Ltd (FCFL) the villagers were trained on good beekeeping practices as well as in savings and credit accessing skills.

Apart from the training also provided them with 55m/- worth working gear, including beehives, honey processing plants and welding machines.

"I thank you our development partners you're your contribution to this community," Dr Joseph Chilongani, the Meatu District Commissioner, said shortly after handing over the equipment, as he urged the villagers to make good use of the support.

Dr Chilongani said the

entrepreneurial education and equipment would give the villagers opportunity for utilising natural resources surrounding them to improve their living standards without compromising the godsend.

"I know it is not your first time to support the community and that you will continue assisting them to meet their various essential needs," he told the FCFL delegation.

Some of the beneficiaries of the 6m/- welding machine, Magese Donald, and Koyo Ndimila, who are members of Nyati youth group at Mwanghongo village, Mwasengela Ward, said they would use the equipment for making various materials in a bid to generate incomes and fight deforestation.

Ndimila said they would apply skills they acquired to make building materials and furniture such as windows, doors, chairs and beds using iron bars and in so doing saving forests in water catchment areas and the environment at large.

The FCFL community development officer, Alfred Mwakivike, said

wildlife had been encroached on and destroying farms in 20 villages surroundings causing a big loss to the residents.

FCFL had to donate 53 beehives and put up a fence surrounding the farm belonging to one Sayi Luchagula to prevent wildlife particularly elephants, from encroaching on it and on those of his neighbours.

"We would like to see farmers continue with their activities productively and to consider wildlife as part of their lives and that of the nation as well," said Mwakivike, adding:

"We have imparted on them skills on good application of the beehives and on how to prevent elephants from encroaching on their farms, they are now happy, it seems."

Villages, which have benefited from the FCFL community development support in the form of beehives, entrepreneurial skills, formal education and water schemes, are Matala, Sapa, Makao, Mwanghongo, Mwabutalago and Mwanhuzi.

Better dairy cattle breeds and management can improve livelihoods of the rural poor - PS

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

PERMANENT Secretary in the Livestock and Fisheries Ministry, Prof Elisante Ole Gabriel has directed municipal councils to educate livestock keepers on the importance of using the best cattle breeds produced at the National Artificial Insemination Centre (NAIC) in Arusha, adding

better dairy cattle breeds and better management can improve the livelihoods of rural poor.

The PS was speaking yesterday when the Parliamentary Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Water visited the centre. His directive followed reports that most of the livestock keepers were not using the cattle breeds produced at NAIC.

Prof Ole Gabriel noted that for the government to attain its

industrialization targets, livestock keepers must adopt modern animal keeping methods and use the best cattle breeds to produce enough meat, milk and hides.

He said farmer's utilisation of seeds is still small compared to NAIC's weekly production of 60,000 seeds. He said that a total of 58,000 livestock keepers were trained last year and managed to produce 10,000 calf only.

"Extension officers should go to the villages and advise livestock keepers to start using quality breeds because our national production capacity can meet the current demand", he said.

Livestock and Fisheries Deputy Minister, Abdallah Ulega was concerned with the poor distribution of the seeds at NAIC's zonal offices countrywide. He said livestock keepers are not using the seeds for artificial insemination (AI)

because they are not well educated on its importance.

Ulega said the government sells the seeds at an affordable price of 5,000/- but some unscrupulous people buy and re-sell them at the highest prices of between 15,000/- and 40,000/-.

He warned private seed distributors to stop importing the seeds since they can be sourced locally. He said importers sell the seeds at between 50,000/- and 100,000/-.

Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Water, Mahmoud Mgemwa noted that using the seeds would enable Tanzanian livestock keepers to produce quality dairy products for internal and external markets.

NAIC is the only centre of its kind in the country with insemination services for production of top ranking bulls.

'16 villages in Chunya District will no longer face water blues'

By Guardian Correspondent,

Chunya

ACUTE water shortages facing residents from sixteen villages in Chunya District, Mbeya Region will soon become a history following the completion of a project to supply water from Matwiga dam whose construction is in final stages.

Over 50,000 villagers are estimated to benefit from the project once completed and thus forget all the water woes they had been facing for many years due to water blues.

This comes after the Water and Irrigation Minister Prof Makame Mbarawa visited the project directing the district's water engineer to immediately finalise the architectural drawings and the number of pipes set up from the source to the villages.

The minister wanted authorities to supervise and make sure the project is completed within the next four months.

He also called on communities to protect water projects in their areas so as to last long for their benefits.

"Clean water is critical to all sectors. It is an important need for any human beings, so while we continue deploying new solutions to address water challenges, communities should make sure that they work on protecting the infrastructure," he added.

Matwiga village chairman Tupyelisyeghe Mtawa said they have, for years been living by promises from government officials that they project would commence anytime but nothing happened.

"We are now happy after the minister's visit because, the implementation of this water project will help the community mitigate the problems arising from the lack of reliable water," he said.

According to him, women and school children were the one who had been suffering the most as they had to wake up in early hours, walking long distances away from homes in search of the precious liquid something which hampers them from engaging in other production activities.

For her part, Chunya District Commissioner Maryprisca Mahundi said the project has been

completed by 98 per cent but awaits installation of pipes from the dam to the villages.

He said that about 1.1bn/- had been spent since the project commencement.

"Let me assure all the villagers that the project is on its final stages, only two per cents had remained and we are working to ensure that within a very short period of time, water will be available in all the targeted villages," he said.

District's Water Engineer Samwel Hechei said that the architectural drawings were all ready and the supply of pipes to the villages will commence any time from now.

He said the contractor was ready to complete the job for 355m/-.



Zantel head of marketing and mobile financial services Sakyi Opoku (R) presents a smartphone in Zanzibar yesterday to Juma Omar, one of the winners of the firm's 'Tumia EzyPesa Ushinde' raffle. The three-month promotion will see users EzyPesa mobile money platform users across Tanzania win cash and cellular phones. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

'Achieving gender equality, women's empowerment crucial for growth'

By Francis Kajubi

THE Canadian High Commissioner to Tanzania, Pamela O'Donnell has said achieving gender equality and empowering women are crucial to advancing progress and economic growth in the country.

She made the remarks yesterday in Dar es Salaam when speaking at the 8th annual Canada-Tanzania Forum on corporate social responsibility (CSR), organised by HakiRasilimali.

O'Donnell said that Tanzanian women and girls remain among the most marginalised and underutilised citizens in sub-Saharan Africa.

According to her, women are more likely than men to be poor and illiterate and less likely to have access to trainings and credits but yet are the main care givers in many households.

"Research has shown that when more women work, economies grow. A 2015 global study found that US\$2 trillion could be added to global GDP by 2025 by advancing women's equality. Women's economic equality is good for business," the envoy said.

She asserted that women's economic empowerment boosts productivity, increases economic diversification and income equality in addition to other positive development outcomes. Companies can benefit from increasing employment and leadership opportunities for women, which is shown to increase organizational effectiveness and growth.

She underlined that companies with three or more women in senior management functions score higher in all dimensions of organisational performance.

"Apart from employment, there are many ways in which women can contribute value to businesses. Women can contribute to each link of the businesses value chain, as suppliers, leaders, customers, brand creators and community members;

Now is the time to rise to the great challenges of our time. Together, we have a collective responsibility to promote women empowerment" she said.

John Mnali, Director of Investment Promotion at Tanzania Investment Center (TIC) said that to promote women's empowerment along the value chain, the private and the public sector both have to invest in women funding.

"My office understands that more interventions are required to improve women's participation in the private sector. We also recognise that corporate social responsibility programmes are an important mechanism for companies to contribute towards women empowerment," he said.


Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF), Director of Membership Services, Louis Accaro, said that women are making waves in the world of business and the private sector has enhanced and can still enhance participation of women in their value chain.

"Women and CSR go hand in hand and we continue to see collaboration around CSR programmes, with different initiatives. We encourage enacting of policies within organizations to allow more participation of women" said Accaro.


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Kikwete among key speakers at second Africa forum on health in Cape Verde

By Correspondent James Kandoya

FORMER Tanzania's President Jakaya Kikwete will be among speakers at the second WHO Africa Health Forum expected to kick off from March 26 to 28 this year, in Praia, Cape Verde.

The continent's seminar among others will identify workable solutions and strengthens African health services, deliver more effective health security and make significant inroads towards achieving universal health coverage.

According to the statement, the seminar will be hosted by the government of Cape Verde and the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Africa will involve global leaders and health experts under the theme of "Achieving Universal Health Coverage and Health Security: The Africa We Want to See."

Other confirmed speakers in the health forum are Dr Matshidiso Moeti, the WHO Regional Director for Africa, Jorge Carlos de Almeida Fonseca, President of Cape Verde, Dr Amit Thakker, the Executive Chairman of the Africa Healthcare Federation and the Africa Health Business and the Zeinab Badawi, the International broadcaster and Chair of the Royal African Society.

According to the statement the forum aims to go far beyond dialogue to provide a platform where new partnerships, initiatives and programmes are forged to create meaningful changes that will improve lives by making better health care available to all.

It further said that to challenge the status quo, the themes for the three-day event will include the link between

health security and achieving universal health coverage, multi sector collaboration, private sector investment, harnessing technological solutions and youth engagement.

"Africa's health challenges have become increasingly complex," said Dr Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa. "With the continent facing a growing number of outbreaks and the dual challenges of communicable diseases and chronic illnesses, we can't continue with business as usual" "This Forum will introduce innovations and kick-start new partnerships that will reshape how we practise health."

The Forum will take place in Cape Verde, a country that has made huge strides in health since it became independent in 1975.

The Government of Cape Verde has introduced such innovations as telemedicine and brought primary care to within 30 minutes of where 80 per cent of the population lives.

"Africa faces a number of health care priorities and challenges resulting from epidemics and droughts, poor sanitation, lack of clean drinking water, insufficient numbers of trained medics and scarcity of access to affordable health care," points out Arlindo do Rosário, Minister for Health and Social Security in Cape Verde.

"While delegates will be conscious of the financial constraints facing many African countries, we look forward to the Forum's insights on the intricacies of health care in Africa and the actions and solutions to create the policies and pan-African collaboration necessary to reach Africa's goal of universal health coverage and health security," he said.



Musa Kuzumila (L), manager of the Central Zone of the Government Chemist Laboratory Agency, speaks yesterday at a four-day seminar being held in Dodoma city for the agency's stakeholders in Iringa, Dodoma, Singida, Tabora and Morogoro regions. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

Committee cautions Tasaf over misuse of funds

By Correspondent Abdallah Bakari, Mtwara

THE Parliamentary Standing Committee on administration and local government has ordered district executive directors to stop channelling funds meant for implementation of the third phase Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF III) to other projects since it affects regular flow of funds to the targeted beneficiaries.

The Committee chairperson, Jasson Rweikiza made the statement last week at Namela village in Mtwara District soon after the legislators' completed their visit to various projects.

Rweikiza noted that some district directors had allocated TASAF funds to other development projects something which delayed disbursement of funds to the beneficiaries. He said the

TASAF funds are meant to support poor families through establishment of small businesses towards poverty alleviation.

"The tendency of diverting TASAF funds should stop since it delays achievement of our targets. We are aware that such funds are lately given to the beneficiaries, but such acts makes recipients wait for a longer period", he said.

The chairperson noted that since the government's aim is to improve the livelihoods of people from poor families, it was worth it for the fund's recipients to use the monies as capital to start small businesses.

Mtwara Regional Commissioner, Gelasius Byakanwa said currently the region had 44,130 TASAF III beneficiaries after 4,820 others were removed from

the list after the government's verification process.

"We have beneficiaries who now own good shelters, while some are engaged in poultry projects. They can generate income and meet their family daily demands", the RC noted.

Byakanwa added that they are determined to ensure proper expenditure of the funds. He said that DED's have also been cautioned to make sure that beneficiaries get their monies on time.

One of the recipients, Fatuma Abdallah, a resident of Namela village said that TASAF III subsidy had helped to transform their lives.

"I used the money to start a poultry project. I am keeping chicken and goats which help me to generate enough incomes for construction of a better house as well as take care of my chil-

dren", said Abdallah.

The TASAF programme was initiated in 2000 by the government as one of its initiatives on poverty reduction. Phase I of the programme began in 2000 while Phase II of the programme began in 2015 and have since been concluded, registering tremendous outcomes.

An evaluation of TASAF III by the TASAF monitoring and evaluation teams last year revealed that much has been done and that beneficiaries are recording improved standards of living.

TASAF encompasses a holistic approach to poverty reduction. It includes strategies on livelihood enhancement, trainings on savings and investments among other things. The phase 3 programme targeted about 15 percent of Tanzania population.

By Sally Peck

ON a tufty volcanic island reachable only at low tide, under a little straw roof hidden behind some bushes, I was having a massage. I would walk across the sand, climbed a rickety ladder onto the island, which measures fewer than 10 metres across, and was now surrendering to complete relaxation.

This was aided by the absence of the artificial smells and gonging bells ubiquitous in so many luxury hotel spas; here, just a few metres into the Indian Ocean, the soundtrack was the soft pulse of the tide and the laughter of local children as they spent a break from school combing the sand below for seaweed, a cash crop along the Swahili coast. Their families sell it to the Chinese.

A few mornings earlier, I would be in the heart of Zanzibar's Stone Town, looking out over the beach from the seaside Park Hyatt, watching dozens of local men working out - running, swimming and doing pushups - while a few women looked on and another man pulled a little vervet monkey on a lead for its morning constitutional.

It was a bustling scene, and there was a sharp divide between the calm hotel and the lively beach, a distance emphasised by a high glass wall. Over the past 30 years, as Tanzania settled into its policy of economic liberalisation, Zanzibar has evolved: small guest houses have given way to larger chains on the archipelago's main island; over the past decade, tourist numbers have doubled to 376,000.

While the island still has the stunning turquoise waters and white-sand beaches that make it so popular for winter sun seekers and post-safari beach holidays, more and more, if you sign up for one of those romantic sandbar excursions, where your guide will build you a sunshade of sticks and sheet, you'll find that your patch of paradise lies just metres from another canoeing couple.

But about 80km to the north of Unguja Island (the official name for the Zanzibar archipelago's main island), and just to the east of Tanzania's border with Kenya, on the island of Pemba, peace reigns.

Indian Ocean island of Pemba: A refreshing escape

Roughly 2/3 the size of Unguja, Pemba has only three hotels and five guest houses to Unguja's scores of accommodation options, and less than half the population - an estimated 400,000 to Unguja's 900,000.

While Unguja is the most popular of the islands, with many daily international flights, and nearby Mafia, with its whale sharks and hatching turtles, is one of the most celebrated diving spots in the Indian Ocean (though it's rather less feted for its dearth of beaches), Pemba is the wild one.

Its Arabic name translates as "the green island", and while its deep waters once hosted ships of Arab, Chinese and Indian traders, today this is a place of banana and coconut plantations separated by the occasional village.

Fishing and small-scale farming are the main economic drivers, and the tiny capital city, Chake-Chake, hosts the island's airport and records temperatures which hover at around 30°C year-round.

Intrepid adventurers have always come here in small numbers: Pemba's white sand beaches are ringed on all sides by coral reefs which offer some of east Africa's best snorkelling and diving.

During the annual whale migration, in July and August, humpback whales have been sighted off the east coast. And yet, while the island's charms are many, visitors are relatively few.

There's the inconvenience of the half-hour flight from Zanzibar (it's wise to break up your journey with a night or two in Zanzibar, for a dose of culture and a historic tour).

And there's also the dearth of mid-range hotels on Pemba. But these combine to create an exclusive paradise that can serve as hideaway, springboard for adventure, or classic beach holiday without the hordes.

Here, you'll find no merchants selling tourist clobber on the beach; you'll see not a speck of the rubbish that lines mainland roads and beaches as you cycle or motor through quiet villages. For that matter, you'll see no advertise-



Peace reigns on Pemba Island's beautiful beaches

ments - just calm, rural life.

Driving from the airport to the island's north-eastern coast, we passed through a series of small villages with people selling fruit on the roadside in front of their metal-roofed mud and cinder block homes. Children running alongside our SUV shouted "Mzungu!", meaning "white person" with the same glee that a child in Britain might employ if she saw a visiting giraffe.

"It's like Zanzibar was 40 years ago," my driver observed. And that's why you would choose Pemba over the

Maldives, or Mauritius or even the Canaries: its particular sense of place, its escape from the built-up beaches of other winter sun spots.

As Bongo Flava hip-hop played on the radio, I left the bright villages and bumped through Ngezi, one of the last remaining areas of indigenous forest that once covered much of Pemba.

Striking past us were dozens of vervet monkeys, who swing through the double canopy, but we failed to spot the flying fox known to live in the jungle. Finally, we emerged from this

wilderness at the incongruously cultivated campus of Constance Aiyana.

Started eight years ago as a community project by a Mauritian artist, this intimate 30-villa property is awash in brightness.

Low white-washed buildings built with locally-sourced materials including limestone and coconut look out over blonde beach and turquoise sea. Bursts of colour come from the mature tropical gardens, where coconut trees mix with bougainvillea and a riot of grasses, dotted with the owner's large sculptures, made of driftwood - parts of old dhows - and metal. It's local life, artfully arranged.

Other glass sculptures, comical giant ceramic faces and red glazed roosters pop up periodically, to give a splendid character to the property.

This sets Aiyana firmly apart from the multitudes of grass-hut or safari-themed seaside resorts that line Tanzania's mainland coast and Zanzibar's main island.

This happy tension between the natural and cultivated continues as you advance into the property's scattered buildings: each villa is unique, but features dramatic Zanzibari carved wooden doors and typically high ceilings, but also space for yoga in the bathroom.

The long turquoise coastline has nothing to mar it, save the crabs scampering across the sand, and the occasional early-morning cow, out to rake the beach. The villas are so spread out that privacy and tranquility reign; I overheard nothing for a week.

But the world is full of paradises - indeed, the Indian Ocean hosts quite a few of the most famous. Stunning beaches with food and design that reach international levels of comfort and anonymity are easy to find. But they so often lack character.

Aiyana is a locavore's delight. The restaurant's menu changes daily, but always features a local and a European dish, plus a vegetarian option, with a strong emphasis on seafood and health (baobab powder is available to sprin-

kle on your porridge or yoghurt in the morning; there are sugar-free puddings that teeter on the edge of being too virtuous), and everything from juices to pasta is made fresh, to order.

You might try cigale, the small local lobster, or kingfish Swahili stew, cooked with tomato and coconut milk, as most local curries are.

The wine list is largely South African, but with French bottles too, and there's an impressive cocktail list, best consumed in the beach bar which the staff construct for guests to watch the sun set over mainland Tanzania. Diners, too, tend to move about, lending pleasant novelty.

For ultimate remoteness, go to the mangroves. One day, three guides took a group of guests in a boat along the coastline, past endless empty beaches separated by brown volcanic outcroppings with lush growth on top.

As we motored along, one of our guides dragged fishing net with a small neon plastic squid in the hopes of catching a small fish; things happen slowly on Pemba, but there's always a sense of industriousness, too. We were bound for mangroves, at the edge of which we'd snorkel.

Here the colour scheme changes from white, turquoise, and azure stripes to brown roots emerging from black water, a layer of green leaves disguising nests for green pigeons and obscuring the sky.

Another day I joined a trip to a sandbank, with more stops for snorkelling. You're unlikely to see reef sharks or mantas or other big fish right off the beach at Aiyana, according to the hotel's dive director. But the coral is very good quality, and you'll see a world of small, colourful fish - and possibly dolphins.

The splendid isolation of Pemba is in its purest form on the sandbanks that come and go with the tides. You may find when you visit - as I did - that the only other human in your vicinity - a friendly, smiling young man - is wielding a self-hewn spear he's using to try to catch a fish.

But these ephemeral spots of beauty won't be empty forever. As the hotel stock grows, so will the traffic; go now, before it's changed too much.

Dodoma firm goes into novel poultry breeding

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

Dar es Salaam-based agency 'Today Development and Skills Promotion Organisation' (TDSP), has launched a project for the hatchery of advanced local chicken breeds, with a view to improving the lives of communities in Dodoma Region.

The initiative, tailored also to supplementing efforts by the government on industrial drive, is projected to play a vital role in assisting small scale entrepreneurs in all districts start up chicken rearing projects at cost effective.

Project's investment and planning officer, Ally Salim Ally, said to start with, the project will be incubating at least 30,000 chickens in a month.

"We have decided to extend our foot holds to Dodoma Region in order to enable the communities to venture into chicken rearing projects through producing and selling the advanced local chicken breeds at friendly prices," he said.

And he added, at a cost of more than 200 m/- per year, the timely initiative is expected to play pivotal role in curbing increased spate of unemployment among the youth within the region, and the country in a whole.

According to him, the move will start in Dodoma municipality before later on extending to the remaining six districts of within the region.

"Obvious, the much- need industrial economy by the government will not see the light of the day if more emphasizes and support will not be dished-out towards the livestock keeping and agriculture sectors, and thus, that's why we have decided to chip in and support the crucial sides," he added.

For his part, TDSP country manager, Athumani Mbonde, said to fetch intended results, the project will operating in partnership with relevant region-

al and districts authorities.

"This project has been purposeful designed for assisting individuals and households to cheat poverty through engaging into chicken rearing as well as diverse agriculture projects," he detailed.

However, the agriculture field Officer, Christopher Dioniz who is the project regional coordinator said with its headquarters at Nanenane area, at the fringe of the capital city, the project benefit a number of people in the region through various training on the two sides.

"Currently, most people, especially the youth in Dodoma wishes to start chicken rearing project due to the expanded demand for meat, propelled by relocation of the state headquarters here. But most are failing due to financial barrier, and thus, this project will rescue them by selling advanced chicken at affordable prices," he added.



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SCI AMEAA Ltd CEO Gilad Kaham speaks at yesterday launch in Dar es Salaam of the firm's newly-introduced Fuel Management Automatic System, which is meant to curb fuel theft, loss and adulteration in Tanzania. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Kenya forecasts flash floods in some areas after dry spell

NAIROBI

KENYA meteorologists on Monday forecast flash floods due to heavy rainfall towards the end of March after a prolonged dry spell across the east African nation.

Stella Aura, acting director of Meteorological Services said that cases of flooding in flood-prone areas such as Budalangi and Kano in

Western Kenya and landslides in Muranga, central Kenya are likely to happen in the long rainy season of from March to May.

"The National Disaster Operations Centre should be on standby in order to ensure mitigation of any negative impacts that may arise," Aura told journalists in his office.

She noted that the floods will also cover Central Rift Valley and Central

highlands of Kenya.

Aura however said that the spatial and temporal distribution of the March to May seasonal rainfall is expected to be good over most of the western part of the country, but generally poor over the eastern part especially in the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALS).

She noted that in northwestern Kenya and other ASALS where poor

rainfall performance is expected, problems related to water scarcity and lack of pasture for livestock is expected to increase following the poor rainfall performance observed during the October-November-December 2018 short rain season.

Aura called for the contingency plans and strategies to help avert incidences that are likely to destroy property and kill people.



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Racial discrimination of any form intolerable - full stop!

THE International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed annually on 21 March. On that day, in 1960, police opened fire and killed 69 people at a peaceful demonstration in Sharpeville, South Africa, against the apartheid pass laws. Proclaiming the day in 1966, the United Nations General Assembly called on the international community to redouble its efforts to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination.

This year's 2019 Theme is: "Mitigating and countering rising nationalist populism and extreme supremacist ideologies"

Racist extremist movements based on ideologies that seek to promote populist, nationalist agendas are spreading in various parts of the world, fueling racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, often targeting migrants and refugees as well as people of African descent.

In its recent resolution on eliminating racism, the United Nations General Assembly reiterated that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights and have the potential to contribute constructively to the development and well-being of their societies. The resolution also emphasised that any doctrine of racial superiority is scientifically false, morally condemnable, socially unjust and dangerous and must be rejected, together with theories that attempt to determine the existence of separate human races.

The Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, E. Tendayi Achiume, in her recent report on nationalist populism, analyzed the threat posed by nationalist populism to the fundamental human rights principles of non-discrimination and equality. She condemned nationalist populism that advances exclusionary or repressive practices and policies

that harm individuals or groups on the basis of their race, ethnicity, national origin and religion, or other related social categories.

In her report on glorification of Nazism online, Achiume identified recent trends and manifestations of glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism and other practices that contribute to fueling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. She highlighted States' obligations under human rights law to counter such extreme ideologies online, as well as the responsibilities of technology companies in the light of human rights principles.

After a day of demonstrations against pass laws, a crowd of about 5,000 to 7,000 protesters went to the police station. The South African Police opened fire on the crowd, killing 69 people and injuring 180 others. Sources disagree as to the behaviour of the crowd; some state that the crowd was peaceful, while others state that the crowd had been hurling stones at the police, and that the shooting started when the crowd started advancing toward the fence around the police station. There were 249 casualties in total, including 29 children. Many sustained back injuries from being shot as they fled.

The massacre was photographed by photographer Ian Berry, who initially believed the police were firing blanks. In present-day South Africa, 21 March is celebrated as a public holiday in honour of human rights and to commemorate the Sharpeville massacre.

In South Africa, Human Rights Day is a public holiday celebrated on 21 March each year. This day commemorates the lives that have been lost to fight for democracy and equal human rights in South Africa during the Apartheid regime (a regime which embraced racial discrimination). The Sharpeville Massacre during Apartheid on 21 March 1960 is the particular reference day for this public holiday.

It is yet another chance to mark Happiness Day, so how to do it?

THE International Day of Happiness is celebrated worldwide every March 20, and was conceptualised and founded by philanthropist, activist, statesman, and prominent United Nations special advisor Jayme Illien to inspire, mobilize, and advance the global happiness movement.

In 2011, Illien brought the idea and concept of creating a new global day of awareness, the International Day of Happiness, to senior United Nations Officials.

Illien successfully campaigned to unite a global coalition of all 193 United Nations member states, and secured the endorsement of then Secretary-General of the United Nations, Ban Ki moon, to support the concept of establishing a new official international UN calendar day of observance known as the International Day of Happiness.

Illien authored UN resolution "International Day of Happiness", which was ultimately adopted by the unanimous consensus of all 193 UN member states of the United Nations General Assembly on June 28, 2012. Jayme Illien chose March 20 for its significance as the March equinox, a universal phenomenon felt simultaneously by all of humankind, and which occurs the moment when the plane of Earth's equator passes through the center of the Sun's disk.

On September 17, 2012, Secretary General Ban Ki moon emphasised the importance of the new international day of happiness in his closing remarks to the 66th session of the UN General Assembly, "Mr. President, during your tenure, the General Assembly also instituted a new observance on the UN calendar: the International Day of

Happiness. Let us hope that through our work, including in the new session that begins tomorrow, we can turn that aspiration into reality."

The first ever international day of happiness was celebrated on March 20, 2013.

Every March 20 since 2013, the International Day of Happiness is celebrated in 193 UN Member states, 2 observer states, and 11 territories.

On the 3rd every international day of happiness, UN Secretary Ban Ki moon said "Happiness for the entire human family is one of the main goals of the United Nations," and called upon all human beings to "dedicate our efforts to filling our world with happiness."

The General Assembly, ... Conscious that the pursuit of happiness is a fundamental human goal, ... Recognising also the need for a more inclusive, equitable and balanced approach to economic growth that promotes sustainable development, poverty eradication, happiness and the well-being of all peoples, decides to proclaim 20 March the International Day of Happiness, invites all member states, organisations of the United Nations system and other international and regional organisations, as well as civil society, including non-governmental organisations and individuals, to observe the International Day of Happiness in an appropriate manner, including through education and public awareness-raising activities ...

The effort of United Nations adviser Jayme Illien conceptualised the idea for a UN resolution that would recognize the pursuit of happiness as a human right and a "fundamental human goal.

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'We will never rest in pursuit of utmost integrity and excellence'

By Dennis Muilenburg

WE know lives depend on the work we do, and our teams embrace that responsibility with a deep sense of commitment every day.

Our purpose at Boeing is to bring family, friends and loved ones together with our commercial airplanes - safely. The tragic losses of Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 and Lion Air Flight 610 affect us all, uniting people and nations in shared grief for all those in mourning.

Our hearts are heavy, and we continue to extend our deepest sympathies to the loved ones of the passengers and crew on board.

Safety is at the core of who we are at Boeing, and ensuring safe and reliable travel on our airplanes is an enduring value and our absolute commitment to everyone.

This overarching focus on safety spans and binds together our entire global aerospace industry and communities. We're united with our airline customers, international regulators and government authorities in our efforts to support the most recent investigation, understand the facts of what happened and help prevent future tragedies.

Based on facts from the Lion Air Flight 610 accident and emerging data as it becomes available from the Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 accident, we're taking actions to fully ensure the safety of the 737 MAX. We also understand and regret the challenges



for our customers and the flying public caused by the fleet's grounding.

Work is progressing thoroughly and rapidly to learn more about the Ethiopian Airlines accident and understand the information from the airplane's cockpit voice and flight data recorders.

Our team is on-site with investigators to support the investigation and provide technical expertise. The Ethiopia Accident Investigation Bureau will determine when and how it's appropriate to release additional details.

Boeing has been in the business of aviation safety for more than 100 years,

and we'll continue providing the best products, training and support to our global airline customers and pilots.

This is an ongoing and relentless commitment to make safe airplanes even safer. Soon we'll release a software update and related pilot training for the 737 MAX that will address concerns discovered in the aftermath of the Lion Air Flight 610 accident.

We've been working in full cooperation with the US Federal Aviation Administration, the Department of Transportation and the National Transportation Safety Board on all issues relating to both the Lion Air and the Ethiopian Airlines

accidents since the Lion Air accident occurred in October last year.

Our entire team is devoted to the quality and safety of the aircraft we design, produce and support. I've dedicated my entire career to Boeing, working shoulder to shoulder with our amazing people and customers for more than three decades, and I personally share their deep sense of commitment.

Recently, I spent time with our team members at our 737 production facility in Renton, Washington, and once again saw firsthand the pride our people feel in their work and the pain we're all experiencing in the light of these tragedies.

The importance of our work demands the utmost integrity and excellence - that's what I see in our team, and we'll never rest in pursuit of it.

Our mission is to connect people and nations, protect freedom, explore our world and the vastness of space, and inspire the next generation of aerospace dreamers and doers - and we'll fulfil that mission only by upholding and living our values.

That's what safety means to us. Together, we'll keep working to earn and keep the trust people have placed in Boeing.

Dennis Muilenburg is Boeing Company Chairman, President and CEO. This is a letter he has just sent to airlines, passengers and the aviation community.

By Parfait Mutimura

AFRICA'S banking, investments and asset management industry is currently dominated by private institutional players and government pension and insurance bodies. These players dominate capital flows in the financial markets.

They drive liquidity and they set the direction of overall investments and asset management climate. This is not sustainable and does not necessarily fully optimize available resources and strengths of our open society, at least not in the long-run.

Enhancing retail investors' savings, household assets, and individual wealth accumulation remain a vital force which would make Rwanda and Africa's vision for sustainable wealth and legacy attainable.

Cumulative purchasing power, saving reserves, and liquidity flows amongst retail investors and individual family

offices would substantially surpass corporate players in most aspects, if not all. The issue here remains a lack of financial literacy inclusion for the retail niche as well as a lack of enough custom advisory and wealth management outlets to structure applicable investment vehicles and guide these usually non-sophisticated middle-income families.

Taking asset management as an example, the largest asset managers in the world remain the ones with core products and services focused on and accessible to individual retail clients; mostly with very low to no minimum starting balance. US names like Vanguard, Fidelity Investments, and BlackRock - with trillion of dollars in assets under management - lead their

peer institutional asset managers and hedge funds by dozens of folds.

In Rwanda, Banque Populaire has long been an ideal case study. When we look at the success of CHAMAS in Kenya or SACCOs in Rwanda among others, one would not dare to question what individual or collective retail investment and saving schemes have grown to become.

Campaigns such as Mutuelle de Santé in Rwanda have shown that our people's willpower is with no doubt unstoppable; if and when the value for their money is presented with a clear understanding.

Therefore, for programs such as Ejo Heza to succeed, Rwanda has to take the solution-based selling approach. Campaigners must present a need

and offer the program as a respective solution. Stakeholders will need to showcase what an underfunded retirement would look like.

Actuaries, investment advisers, and asset managers have to crunch numbers and show average individuals where their current retirement funding stands and, by doing simulations, where it would be at the time of retirement.

Actuarial mortality analysis would show whether or not the individual is going to outlive their reserves, how much they need to contribute to close that gap and what rate of return would need to be earned to get there. Then will come individual estate planning, multigenerational family wealth transfer and legacy programs, and prominence of trusts funds.

Retail at centre of sustainable wealth in Africa and Rwanda

A written retirement plan will help you track your progress over time

By Muharram Macatta

RETIREMENT has traditionally been viewed as a season of life when you can relax and enjoy yourself after a long career in the workforce. For some that vision includes spending time with family and friends, travel, volunteering, or even working part-time. That's the retirement dream.

Unfortunately, a lot of people put off planning for retirement and the possibility of achieving financial independence is difficult to imagine.

The retirement reality is that only 69 percent of workers feel that they and/or their spouse have saved enough money for retirement. It sounds as if only about 6 out of 10 workers and/or their spouses have saved anything for retirement.

Retirement can be a very challenging season of life for anyone who fails to save. Without enough of a retirement nest egg, you could find yourself saying "so long" to your dream retirement and hello to an extended working career.

Worse yet, you could spend your retirement worrying about money and experiencing financial stress. The good news is the ability to live comfortably during your retirement years is largely within your own control.

With a little planning and a solid foundation of financial wellness, working forever doesn't have to be your retirement reality! Here are some actions you can take today to make the process of reaching those retirement goals feel a little more achievable:

In order to set a personalized retirement plan, it is important to create your own unique definition of what retirement means to you. Start by asking yourself the following questions:

- When would you ideally like to retire?
- What do you look forward to the most?
- How many years do you expect to live in retirement (i.e., what is your life expectancy)?
- What lifestyle do you want when you retire?
- What monthly income will you need during retirement to

maintain my current lifestyle?

- Which income sources are available (Social Security, pension, investment earnings, home equity, etc.) to fund your retirement?
- How many years do you have left to save? And how will you spend your time in retirement?

When setting your retirement goals try to put them in writing. As you create your written plan try focus on the things you can control such as how much to save and where to invest it.

A written retirement plan will help you track your progress over time. But this shouldn't be a set and forget its process. Be sure to monitor your plan and adjust as necessary.

Figure out if you are saving enough. According to a recent survey, only about half of workers have taken the time to calculate how much retirement savings they will likely need in retirement.

You can use your retirement goals as a guide to determine if you are saving enough. If your planned retirement age is more than ten years away, it's okay to simply target a percentage of your current income as a retirement goal.

Many financial planners recommend trying to replace around 80 percent of your current salary to maintain the same comfortable lifestyle during retirement.

As you get closer to retirement, use the Budget planning for retirement worksheet to estimate your retirement expenses. To determine if you are on the right track to meet your retirement goals, use a retirement calculator.

In order to make sure you aren't missing any important details you should gather the following information:

- Most recent statements and/or current account balances for all retirement accounts, including employer's sponsored retirement plans, pension plans, etc.).
- Total planned contribution amounts to be made each year into your retirement accounts.
- Anticipated inflation rate and average annual rate of return expectations that will be used in the calculations.



- Desired and acceptable income levels during your retirement years.

A variety of gadgets or advisors are available to help you figure out if your retirement plan is on the right path or if there is a shortfall.

Just remember that if your results aren't exactly as you planned there are steps you can take to improve your outlook. The key is to at least have the awareness of where you stand today. It's also a good idea to run another retirement estimate at least once per year.

Choose the right type of accounts to save for your retirement (and help your money grow). Asset "location" is an important aspect of the retirement planning.

There are a variety of retirement savings options to help you save for your dream retirement. It is obvious that saving for retirement is so important that comrades or colleagues are willing to provide tax advantages for saving in specific retirement accounts.

Here is a brief summary of the main type of retirement accounts to consider.

Employer-sponsored retirement plans. Many financial experts suggest that your company retirement plan can be one of your best investments. There are some valid reasons why this should be the first place to begin your retirement savings journey.

Contributions are made on a pre-tax basis so they directly reduce your taxable income. And they also grow tax-deferred, meaning that you won't pay taxes on the gains until you are ready to withdraw the funds.

It is rarely wise to leave behind any free money so don't miss out on employer matching contributions! The majority of companies offer matching programs that can enhance the return on your money.

To benefit from an employer match, make sure you are contributing at least up to the company match, but don't feel like you must stop there.

The average employer contri-

but ion amount is around 3 percent. However, is generally recommended you should strive to save between 10 and 20 percent of your income for long-term goals like retirement.

Employer-sponsored plans are becoming more portable. This means they can be transferred without tax consequences into a future employer's retirement plan through a rollover.

If you do not need to lower your taxable income or see yourself being in a higher income tax bracket during retirement, consider making reasonable amount of contributions.

If your employer does not offer a similar retirement plan, you may be eligible to fund a deductible traditional Individual Retirement Account.

Whether or not your employer offers a retirement plan, it isn't your only investment option when it comes to saving for retirement. You may be eligible to fund a tax-deferred individual retirement account. Individual retirement accounts

are another great way to sock money away for the future.

Some income limits and other restrictions apply in order to deduct the contribution or to contribute to an individual retirement account. So make sure that you are choosing the best method for your situation and remember you can always contribute to both if you are not quite sure.

Consider health savings accounts provide excellent tax benefits for out-of-pocket health care expenses. They may also be used as a supplemental source of retirement income.

Discover retirement plan options for entrepreneurs and the self-employed. If you are self-employed or own a very small business with a few employees, you have the ability to setup self-employed retirement plans that could make it easier to save for retirement and reduce your taxes along the way.

A variety of different insurance and annuity products exist these days that can be used as part of a well-structured retirement income plan. For example, annuities offer tax-deferred growth and income.

While tax-deferred investment accounts are usually the first place to start with tax-smart investing, taxable accounts have some benefits. The flexibility to use funds for a variety of reasons is one benefit. Another is the ability to take advantage of tax loss harvesting and low capital gains rates when using tax-efficient investments.

You're not going to get too far with your savings plan if you put your money into a savings account, money market fund or other "safe" place than you would if you buried your money in the ground or hid your cash under a mattress.

In fact, these supposedly safe options are actually subject to a significant risk known as inflation which will put a major drag on the purchasing power of a dollar over time.

From tradition to economics, reviving Uganda's barkcloth industry

BUKOMANSIMBI, Uganda

BARKCLOTH is a cherished ancient fabric among the Bantu people in western, southern and central Uganda.

Among the Baganda people in central Uganda, the fabric was made for the royal family. It came in different shades of brown and was worn differently by the royals to show their status. Some members of the community also wore the fabric.

Barkcloth was worn at special functions like coronation of a king, social gatherings and also used for other cultural and spiritual purposes.

The fabric was a traded commodity within neighboring kingdoms and chiefdoms in present day Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Burundi and Tanzania.

HARVEST

Barkcloth is made from the inner bark of a tree species called *Ficus natalensis*, commonly known here as a Mutuba tree.

Processing barkcloth is a special craft and people who carry it out are from particular families among the Baganda people. It is a delicate and laborious exercise.

Sixty five-year-old Paul Bukenya Katamila has been harvesting barkcloth since he was five years old. He acquired the skill from his father who was a renowned barkcloth processor in south central Uganda. Bukenya's father also acquired the skill from his ancestors.

Harvesting starts with the removal of the outer bark of the Mutuba tree. The process is done by a group of about six men headed by their master, in this case Bukenya. The harvesting and processing is a preserve for men, according to tradition.

The craftsmen harvest from a tree that is two years and above in order to get good fabric.

After the outer layer is removed,



Models at the 2017 Bayimba International Festival. File photo

Bukenya, with the help of assistants, takes the lead in removing the inner bark using tender banana tree stalks and a sharp knife. Depending on the size of the tree, the removal process can take about 15 minutes.

The bark is folded by one of the assistants and taken to the processing area, usually under a shed, where it is boiled for about two to three minutes to make it softer.

Back at the tree, Bukenya with the help of his assistants wraps the tree stem with yellowing banana leaves to protect it from getting damaged.

"After six days, we remove the leaves and let the bark grow again. After one year, the tree will be able to be harvested," Bukenya told Xinhua, adding that the bark can be harvested from a tree for over 40 years.

At the processing center, after the boiling, Bukenya and his assistants start hitting the bark with wooden mallets. The process is repeatedly done until they get the desired size and texture of barkcloth.

THREAT TO BARKCLOTH

The introduction of cotton cloth by Arab caravan traders in the nineteenth century, threatened the use

of bark cloth. Locals resorted to using cotton cloth limiting the barkcloth to cultural and spiritual uses. It was mainly used for burial purposes.

In 2005, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) declared barkcloth a "Masterpiece of Oral and Intangible Cultural Heritage". In 2008 barkcloth was added to the UNESCO World Heritage list.

According to UNESCO, the process of making barkcloth existed before weaving was invented, making it one of the oldest textiles in history.

These declarations gave a new impetus to the movement aimed at reviving the barkcloth industry. Fred Kato Mutebi, a professional artist, is one of the people championing the revival of the barkcloth industry.

Mutebi started a community-based association in his home area to promote the planting of Mutuba tree and use of the barkcloth.

The association dubbed Bukomansimbi Organic Tree Farmers Association (BOTFA) has over 900 members. The members regularly meet to plan ways of conserving the Mutuba tree and also promote the benefits of the tree to the local commu-

nity.

The association also has a nursery bed for the Mutuba seedlings from which farmers from different parts of the country come and buy.

"The hope is that we are going to have an unconventional canopy in Uganda and in the region and therefore we would have tackled the environmental issue and give jobs to people," Mutebi said.

"There was a time when it (Mutuba) had spread in the entire region, as far as Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania. We want to follow up the pattern."

NEW USES

In the capital Kampala, the perception about barkcloth is changing. The ancient fabric has found new uses.

Mutebi said he has resorted to using barkcloth as canvas instead of the conventional paper imported into the country.

His intention is to inspire African artists to start using African materials from renewable sources, with the prerequisite

of good conservation of natural resources.

Mutebi hopes this can eventually spark a global movement of artists using barkcloth.

"There is always a moment in one's life to think about where they have to come from, where they are and what their contribution should be to shape the future," Mutebi said.

"Am trying as much as possible to deal with the different ways and possible methods of manipulating barkcloth so that we inspire a wave of young artists," he said.

Indeed Mutebi has inspired some artists in Uganda. Edward Waddimba, a sculptor was inspired by Mutebi to move away from using tree stumps to using barkcloth for sculpture.

Waddimba told Xinhua in a recent interview that he hopes other sculptors would be inspired to use barkcloth instead of promoting the cutting of trees for sculpture.

At several tourist gift shops in Kampala, barkcloth is a major highlight. Craftsmen make bags, bangles, rugs and other gifts out of barkcloth.

Barkcloth has also hit the international fashion industry. Mutebi said BOTFA supplies barkcloth to some of the designers in the fashion industry even as far as Europe.

Uganda media quotes a lot of Ugandan-born British designer Jose Hendo, whose collection has earned her recognition on the international stage given its unique touch of entire design work from barkcloth material.

In Bukomansimbi, Mutebi together with his community members have started a training school that will give practical lessons on how to process barkcloth. Every weekend students from the neighboring communities come to the school.

Mutebi said the school will help train other barkcloth processors to replenish the dwindling numbers. He said there are currently 70 barkcloth craftsmen and most of them are elderly.

The training school also has an accommodation section where tourists can stay as they are taken through the process of making barkcloth.

Chinese construction projects in Egypt's new capital city model for BRI-based cooperation

CAIRO

ON a sunny day, some 45 km east of the Egyptian capital Cairo, one of the gates of the under-construction new administrative capital city had a Chinese sign on top, welcoming visitors at the huge Central Business District (CBD) project carried out by a renowned Chinese construction firm.

Egyptian and Chinese engineers and workers can be seen everywhere in the CBD construction site that has the iconic Tower as one of its buildings, whose height is expected to exceed 385 meters to be the tallest tower in Egypt and Africa.

Carried out by China State Construction Engineering Corporation (CSCEC), the project is a landmark for the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) that seeks win-win development cooperation between participating states through economic and trade partnerships as well as infrastructure projects.

Ahmed al-Banna, the project manager from Dar Al Handasa, the Egyptian designer and consultant of the project, said that the CBD has about 18 giant, extremely tall buildings including the 385-meter-high Iconic Tower.

The area of the tower's base is about 3,600 square meters and the total area, after its 80 floors are completed, will be 260,000 square meters, he added.

"With our humble efforts, we hope that we are taking part in the progress of our country for a better future," Banna told Xinhua near the concrete base of the Iconic Tower, highlighting the importance of the new capital city for Egypt's development.

The engineer hailed CSCEC as "not only the right choice for this project but also a beginning for new techniques to be witnessed in the history of construction in Egypt."

"It is my first time to deal with a Chinese company and Chinese people in

general. They are very friendly, organized and hardworking. We also learned from the Chinese how to use manual piles and post-grouting piles in construction for the first time in Egypt," said the Egyptian project manager.

Built on an area of 714 square kilometers, the new administrative capital city is expected to be a new home to most government buildings including 29 ministries and the cabinet, in addition to the parliament.

It will also have 20 residential neighborhoods that can accommodate 6.5 million people, luxurious hotels, malls, parks and many other venues, making some room in the congested and overpopulated traditional capital Cairo that is home to about one fifth of the country's 100-million population.

The four-year CBD project started in May 2018 and is expected to be completely finished in early 2023 including the giant Iconic Tower.

Project Manager Tang Ling from CSCEC said that China in general and his corporation in particular hope, through the CBD project, to take part in building the future of Egypt and creating more job opportunities for Egyptians through win-win cooperation.

"When the CBD is completed, it will be another landmark for Chinese-Egyptian cooperation under the BRI," said the Chinese manager.

The Iconic Tower base of about 18,500 cubic meters of concrete and 5,000 tons of reinforced iron bars was poured in late February in one shot for 38 hours non-stop, an unprecedented process in Egypt's construction history. The concrete mass pouring process was attended by Egyptian Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly who described the architectural project as "a miracle by all means."

Zhou Changming, a Chinese construction team leader, said that it is his first time to work outside China and that he is happy to be with CSCEC team



The photo taken on March 12, 2019 shows the construction site of the 385-meter-high Iconic Tower in New Administrative Capital, about 45 km east of Cairo, Egypt. (Xinhua/Wu Huiwo)

working on this huge project.

"We are currently working on the construction foundations of the Iconic Tower and the process is expected to be completed in June, after which the tower will be rising at a noticeable speed," Zhou told Xinhua.

CSCEC hired many local architects and construction workers to carry out the CBD project, holding free training courses for them on the latest construction techniques, including 27-year-old site engineer Mohamed al-Tantawi, who joined CSCEC in

June 2018.

Tantawi said he learned a lot from the Chinese expertise and made many Chinese friends during his work with CSCEC, expressing pride of being part of the CBD project.

"This is the biggest project in

Egypt now and the new capital city will be a very big shift for the country. It is a huge honor to be part of this project," the Egyptian engineer told Xinhua near the Iconic Tower.

Agencies

40 years on, 'sisterhood' between Tianjin, Philadelphia stands ever stronger

NEW YORK

THE amazing similarities in port, science and cultural diversity have helped fostering 40 years of sisterhood between the Chinese coastal city of Tianjin and the U.S. eastern city of Philadelphia.

"We are one of the firsts. We honor it. We want to do it well," said Samuel K. Chueh, director of international business at Philadelphia Department of Commerce, noting that his city is fully devoted to its Chinese "sister" Tianjin.

Philadelphia became one of the first U.S. cities to initiate a sister cities relationship with a Chinese city in December of 1979, after the two countries established diplomatic ties in the same year.

In the years to come, the sisterhood between the two port cities has produced mutual benefits in a wide range of fields, including education, commerce and culture.

"Tianjin to Beijing is like Philadelphia to New York," Chueh said, adding that both cities enjoy an abundance of cultural diversity.

"We just learned that Tianjin is upgrading its port and we are upgrading our port. Tianjin is developing their life science industry, and we are so good at life science," Chueh said.

Philadelphia has the largest temperature-control port along the east coast of the United States, he said, "so we do have our advantage and the sister city relationship can help us better understand our friends in China and see how we can find more connectivity."

Chueh said he hoped that Philadelphia and Tianjin will set up direct shipping route in the future.

He said that Philadelphia also plays a leading role in life science, with the presence of about 80 percent of the world's pharmaceutical companies. "Otherwise, they would be left behind."

Next to Johnson and Johnson and GSK, many Chinese pharmaceutical companies have offices in Philadelphia, he said.

According to Brookings Institution, from 2010 to 2016, the foreign direct in-



Yang Mu (R), the first recipient of the Sister City Scholarship, which allows Tianjin high school graduates to study at Drexel University, poses for a photo with Nancy Gilboy, former head of the Citizen Diplomacy International (CDI) during an interview with Xinhua in Philadelphia, the United States, March 13, 2019. (Xinhua)

vestment to Philadelphia from China in biotech industry is five times higher than that of Boston, which is home to Harvard and MIT.

In June, Tianjin is sending delegations to attend the BIO International Convention in Philadelphia, which excels in life science and looks forward to more collaborations with Tianjin.

"We are working very closely with China and see how we can support the

life science development in China," Chueh said.

Besides port and life science, Philadelphia has more to offer.

Siobhan Lyons, president and CEO of Citizen Diplomacy International (CDI) pointed to the city's advantage in accessibility, cost-effectiveness and educated workforce.

"We're close to New York and D.C.... If you travel, you can reach 70

percent of the U.S. population within one day," she said. "We are one of the cheapest cities in the United States -- 25 percent cheaper than any other city on the east coast."

"We have an incredibly educated workforce because... We have more university students -- about half a million -- than any other city in the United States," she added.

In 1998, a Sister City Scholarship

was established to allow Tianjin high school graduates to study at Drexel University. Over the years, it has expanded to also include La Salle University, Moore College of Art and Design, and Temple University.

Yang Mu, the first recipient of the scholarship, pursued a degree in computer science and graduated second in her class. She later went

to Temple Law School and is now an intellectual property lawyer at a local firm.

In addition, the sister city exchanges include a year-long "internship" with Philadelphia's finance department by a vice mayor from Tianjin, according to CDI, which runs the sister city program.

The cultural exchanges between the two cities are also expanding. In May, Philadelphia Orchestra, the first U.S. orchestra to perform in China in 1973, is returning to China for the 11th time to play for audiences in multiple cities, including Tianjin.

Philadelphia also boasts a strong Chinese community, which proudly has the "only authentic Friendship Gate" in the United States, as Nancy Gilboy, Lyons' predecessor, put it.

The landmark gate in Chinatown, a symbol of Chinese traditional architecture, was a gift from Tianjin, which sent the materials and artisans to build it in 1983.

In 2008, Gilboy oversaw a project to repair and repaint it. She fondly recalled all the trouble she went through to acquire the material the artisans needed to make the special paint. Before she retired about three years ago, Gilboy had traveled to Tianjin three times. Each time returning, she was amazed at how fast the city had changed.

Lyons and Chueh shared her sentiment. In a 2017 trip to Tianjin, they were shown to a museum demonstrating the city's vision for its future.

"They have these amazing models of the city and showing how it's growing... We got the overview from these little, tiny models," Lyons said.

She went on to exclaim: "The Chinese government is now making all these plans. Even in the short time we were there, you could see things being built... It was so incredibly impressive!"

XINHUA

Rukwa rift basin project names new cretaceous mammal from EA system

By Guardian Reporter

OHIO University researchers have announced a new species of mammal from the age of dinosaurs, representing the most complete mammal from the cretaceous period of continental Africa, and providing tantalizing insights into the past diversity of mammals on the planet.

The National Science Foundation-funded OHIO team, in collaboration with international colleagues, identified and named the new mammal in an article published in *Acta Paleontologica Polonica*.

This nearly complete lower jaw represents the first named mammal species from the late cretaceous period (100-66 million years ago) of the entire African continent.

The squirrel-sized animal was probably related to a group of southern hemisphere mammals known as gondwanatherians, yet a bizarre combination of features (including ever growing and enamel-less peg-like teeth) make it challenging to easily place within any group of mammals yet known, living or extinct.

The new mammal is named *Galulatherium jenkinsi*, a name based on the Galula rock unit (itself derived from one of the local villages in the field area) and *therium*, Latin for beast, with the species name "jenkinsi" honoring the late Farish Jenkins, distinguished professor of anatomy and organismic biology at Harvard University and a strong supporter of the Rukwa Rift Basin Project early in its development.

The type and only specimen of *Galulatherium* was discovered in 2002, when Rukwa Rift Basin Project researchers found a bone fragment eroding from Cretaceous-age red sandstones in the Rukwa Rift Basin in southwestern Tanzania. After painstakingly removing the rock from the delicate specimen, the team announced the discovery of a new mammal in 2003, yet they conservatively refrained from establishing a name for the enigmatic new species until additional details of its anatomy could be revealed. In the intervening years, improvements in high-resolution x-ray computed tomography enabled the team to document

detailed anatomy of the specimen and to establish *Galulatherium* as a species new to science.

"The analysis of *Galulatherium* has been a collaborative process, engaging with a group of experts to tackle the unique morphology of this specimen," noted Dr. Patrick O'Connor, professor of anatomy at Ohio University and lead author of the paper. "Additional information gleaned from density-based microCT analyses, particularly the presence of ever-growing, enamel-less teeth, has allowed us to compare *Galulatherium* with other Mesozoic and early Cenozoic mammals, as well as with modern groups like sloths, in order to establish the best anatomical and functional analogs for this unique type of dentition."

Gondwanatherian mammals are best known from Cretaceous and early Cenozoic rock units in Madagascar and Argentina, with other specimens known from India and Antarctica. Members of the research team have worked across the globe in search of early mammals.

"The fact that this is the first discovery of an identifiable mammal fossil in the Late Cretaceous of all of mainland Africa is incredibly exhilarating on so many levels," added co-author David Krause, curator of paleontology at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. "The needle is very small and the haystack is very big. And we know that there are so many more needles to find there."

The perplexing story of *Galulatherium* and identifying its closest relatives is just the starting point. Getting ANY insight into what mammals lived on the continent during this time is groundbreaking, but it seems that *Galulatherium* is not a predecessor of any of the mammals that live on Africa today. So what happened to it and its kin? Were they wiped out at the end of the Cretaceous? When did the ancestors of Africa's extant mammalian lineages arrive on the continent? Or were they living alongside *Galulatherium* and just have not yet been found?

"All great questions that will only be answered with the discovery of additional fossils, underscoring the need for exploratory research in places like the Rukwa Rift Basin and elsewhere on

the continent," added O'Connor.

The study included experts from several institutions to pore over the tiny jaw. Yet the specimen preserved a truly unique combination of anatomical features, making it difficult to place in the existing framework of mammalian evolution, and ultimately raising more questions than it answers.

"What began with the description of a compact specimen became a broader quest to understand how this jaw fits into the complex puzzle of mammalian evolution," said Dr. Nancy Stevens, Ohio University professor and co-author on the paper.

Galulatherium is not the only animal discovered by the research team in the Rukwa Rift Basin. Other Cretaceous-age finds include bizarre relatives of early crocodiles and three distinct species of long-necked herbivorous sauropod dinosaurs. Finds from younger rocks in the region contain the oldest evidence of the split between monkeys and apes. Taken together, these findings from the East African Rift reveal a crucial glimpse into ancient ecosystems of Africa and encourage additional field exploration on the continent.

Other Cretaceous findings by the Rukwa Rift Basin Project research team in the Rukwa Rift Basin include: *Mnyamawantuka moyowamkia* -- titanosaurian sauropod dinosaur, Rukwa Rift Basin; *Shingopana songwensis* -- titanosaurian sauropod dinosaur, Rukwa Rift Basin; *Pakasuchus kapilimai* -- mammal-like crocodile, Rukwa Rift Basin.

The team has also made discoveries in the younger Paleogene deposits of the Rukwa Rift Basin: Early evidence for monkey-ape split, Rukwa Rift Basin; Oldest fossil evidence of venomous snakes, Rukwa Rift Basin; Early evidence of insect farming -- Fossil Termite Nests, Rukwa Rift Basin; Bobcat-sized carnivore, Rukwa Rift Basin.

The study was funded by the US National Science Foundation Division of Earth Sciences, the National Geographic Society, the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine, and the OHIO Office of the Vice President for Research and Creative Activity.



Vodacom Tanzania Lindi regional manager Omary Kilumanga (L) pictured in Lindi municipality at the weekend presenting sanitary pads to Lindi district commissioner Shaibu Ndemanga. This was a donation by T-Marc Tanzania under an initiative meant to promote reproductive health education among girls. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

India kicks off military exercises with 17 nations as part of an outreach to Africa

NEW DELHI

IN the first such military outreach to Africa, where China has made deep strategic inroads, India on Monday kicked off an exercise with 17 nations from the continent at the Aundh military station at Pune.

China, with its multibillion-dollar Belt and Road Initiative, has fast expanded its footprint in Africa as the "New Great Game" plays out in the world's second-largest continent known for its minerals and other raw commodities.

India may not have China's economic wherewithal but is trying to leverage its long-standing ties and military expertise with African nations.

Towards this end, the inaugural Africa-India field training exercise-2019 (AFINDEX-19), being held from March 18 to 27, is aimed at training the partici-

pating nations in "humanitarian mine action" (de-mining and other protocols to handle landmines and explosives) and UN peace-keeping operations, in which India has decades of experience.

Major General Sanjeev Sharma, general officer commanding of the Golden Katar Division, was the chief guest at the opening ceremony of AFINDEX-19, which included a fly-past by the Army's Dhruv advanced light helicopters and Cheetah choppers.

The 17 African nations participating in the exercise are Benin, Botswana, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

"The exercise will focus on best practices, team-building and tactical-level operations in conduct of UN-mandated tasks ranging from establishing a new

mission and protection of civilians to nuances of combat deployment, convoy protection, patrolling aspects and humanitarian mine assistance," said an official. TOI in December last year had reported that India was now making a concerted effort for a concrete military outreach to Africa after a diplomatic one, which also saw Army chief General Bipin Rawat visit Tanzania and Kenya in recent months.

India has also been holding defence cooperation talks with countries like Botswana, Egypt, Kenya, Lesotho, Mozambique, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. The defence engagement with South Africa is, of course, at a much higher level, with warships and aircraft from the two nations along with Brazil regularly holding the IBSAMAR naval exercise.



Mapping and analysis of school water, sanitation and hygiene (SWASH) facilities in the project target primary and secondary schools in Kasulu, Mkoani, Ngorongoro and Sengerema districts. TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToR)

1. Background and justification
School is an important learning area and a place where children spend almost a third of their entire day. It is an area where children instil values that stay with them for the rest of their lives. Therefore, school environment should be the place where children feel safe, secure and have the basic facilities to enable them to learn and play for their growth and development. Such facilities include water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH).

According to the Global Baseline Report 2018 on Drinking Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Schools, nearly half of schools in sub-Saharan Africa have no drinking water service in 2018 and rural schools had lower coverage of basic drinking water services than urban schools.

The National Strategic Plan for School Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (SWASH), 2012-2017 indicates that, only 38% of schools in Tanzania have adequate number of latrines. Twenty percent (20%) of schools have water supply facilities within the school premises and less than 10% of all schools in the country have functioning hand-washing facilities with available water to enable children maintain their personal hygiene and internalise relevant sanitation practices.

Both girls and boys are likely to be affected in different ways by inadequate water, sanitation and hygiene conditions in schools. However, girls are more likely to be affected by the limitation of WASH facilities hence hindering their full participation in school leading to failure to perform and finally drop out.

Within the framework of the implementation of the UNESCO-UNFPA-UN Women Joint Programme for "Empowering Adolescent Girls and Young Women through Education in Tanzania", the UNESCO Dar es Salaam Office is planning to support improvement of hygiene (water and sanitation) environments for girls in the selected project schools in Kasulu, Mkoani, Ngorongoro and Sengerema districts.

Therefore, under the overall authority of the UNESCO Dar es Salaam Head of Office and Representative and the direct supervision of the Project Coordinator, specialised individual consultants in the area of WASH are invited to express their interest to carry out mapping and analysis of water, sanitation and hygiene (SWASH) facilities in Kasulu, Ngorongoro Sengerema and Mkoani - Pemba; (each district 10 Primary and 5 secondary schools).

2. Objective
The main objective of this assignment is to improve hygiene environments for girls in the selected primary and secondary schools. Specifically, the individual consultant will carry out mapping and analysis of school water, sanitation and hygiene (SWASH) facilities in Kasulu, Ngorongoro Sengerema and Mkoani, Pemba. The findings and recommendations will guide implementation of the following initiatives:

- The development models for rain water harvesting which will improve water supply in schools to be used for hygiene purposes and extracurricular activities such as gardening and farming.
- Development of mechanisms for supporting installation of boreholes by communities, local governments, civil society and the private sector.
- Capacity building for schools on management and maintenance of water and toilet infrastructures.

3. Output/Deliverables

Activity	Output/Deliverable	No. of working days	Timeline	Responsible
Desk review	Inception report including interview tools	5 days	15 April 2019	Consultant UNESCO
Mapping and analysis of SWASH facilities in the project target primary and secondary schools	Data collected in the four project district (Kasulu, Mkoani, Ngorongoro and Sengerema)	20 days	22 April – 17 May 2019	Consultant
Analysis and report Drafting	Draft report on the status of SWASH facilities and recommendations to improve hygiene environments for girls	5 days	13 - 17 May 2019	Consultant
Presentation of the draft report on the status of SWASH facilities and recommendations to improve hygiene environments for girls in the selected schools to the JP Technical team	Presentation	1 day	29 May 2019	Consultant
Review of draft report to incorporate inputs from UNESCO and the partners	1 st draft report	4 days	30 May 2019	Consultant
Review and Feedback from JP Technical Team and HQ	Review inputs	14 days (UNESCO & Partners)	14 June 2019	UNESCO Partners
Completion of final report after incorporating inputs and submission to UNESCO	Final Draft Report	1 day	30 June 2019	Consultant
Presentation in the Project National Steering Committee Meeting	Presentation	1	September 2019	Consultant

4. Geographical scope
The assignment will cover a total of 15 schools (10 primary and 5 secondary schools) in the 20 wards, 5 wards from each of the four project target districts; Kasulu in Kigoma, Mkoani in Pemba, Ngorongoro in Arusha and Sengerema in Mwanza.

5. Duration
The duration for the assignment will last for 51 days from 15 April 2019 to 30th September 2019.

6. Remuneration
The payment will be in two instalments. The first instalment will be payable after the submission of technical & financial proposal and inception report at the 40% (20 April 2019) and the final instalment will 60% after the submission and approval by project stakeholders of the final report (30 June 2019).

7. Qualification and experience Required

- At least MA in education, sociology or related field;
- Knowledge and expertise in School WASH;
- Knowledge and experience of no less than 5 years working on School WASH/ education programmes at national, regional and local level;
- Ability to work independently under minimum supervision; and
- Excellent writing skills as well as verbal communication skills (in English and Kiswahili).

Desirable

- Proven experience with similar assignments in Tanzania, with familiarity of culture;
- Effective inter-personal skills, leadership, team player, ability to maintain excellent client relations; and
- Knowledge of UN and its internal processes is an added advantage.

8. Application Process
Interested candidates should submit the following documents:

- A technical proposal not exceeding 5 pages explaining personal understanding of these ToRs and a proposed approach/methodology;
- Detailed budget breakdown based on expected daily rates and all likely expenses;
- Work plan;
- CV of the consultant and other contributing individuals (if planning to work in a team);
- Names, organisations, and contact details of three referees whom we may contact; and
- One sample report of the recent relevant work.

Submission address
Head of Office and Representative,
UNESCO Dar es Salaam Office,
P.O Box 31473, Dar es Salaam
Email ao.dar-es-salaam@unesco.org

Deadline
The deadline for application is **31 March 2019 at 2359hours**. Any proposal received after the deadline will not be considered.

Africa is running out of water as cities' populations boom

By Ekow Dontoh and Michael Cohen

As water supplies in Ghana's capital grew increasingly erratic, Beatrice Kabuki stopped customers from using her grocery store's bathrooms and installed a plastic storage tank at her home.

"The taps flow once a week and usually at night, so we stay awake to fetch what we can store," Kabuki, 35, said in an interview in Accra. "We mostly augment by buying water from tankers."

Cities and towns in several other African nations including Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Ivory Coast have been plagued by similar water shortages in recent months, manifestations of a global supply squeeze brought on by drought, population growth, urbanization and insufficient investment in dams and other infrastructure.

Water use has risen about 1 percent a year since the 1980s and more than 2 billion people now live in countries experiencing high water stress, the United Nations said in its World Water Development Report released in Geneva on Tuesday. It projects demand will grow as much as 30 percent by 2050.

"Stress levels will continue to increase as demand for water grows and the effects of climate change intensify," the UN said in the report.

Financing Gap

The scourge is set to become exponentially worse in Africa – the UN expects the population of the world's poorest continent to almost double to 2.5 billion by 2050, and that 59 percent will reside in urban areas by then, up from 43 percent now. A massive increase in agricultural production will be required to feed everyone, compounding the pressures caused by surging household demand for water.

Even nations with plentiful water resources may be unable to build sufficient dams, pipelines, pumping stations and purification plants to ensure adequate supply.

A study published by the African Development Bank last year found the continent needs to spend at least US\$130 billion to address an infrastructure backlog, including as much as US\$66 billion on providing universal access to water and sanitation, but faces a financing gap of US\$68 billion to US\$108 billion.

Large up-front investments, short-term political considerations and government-borrowing constraints impede infrastructure construction, with the problem particularly acute in Africa, according to the Global Infrastructure Hub, which was set up by the Group of 20 developed nations to promote development. The benefits the projects deliver to society at large may also outstrip the returns operators earn on them, a likely deterrent to private investment, it said.

Water Rationing

Crumbling infrastructure has compounded the effect of a crippling drought in cash-strapped Zimbabwe, resulting in wa-

ter rationing in its two largest cities, Harare and Bulawayo. In Maputo, Mozambique's capital, supply has been cut off on alternating days since January after dam levels fell to less than a quarter of their capacity.

Taps in Cape Town, South Africa's tourist mecca, came close to running dry last year before good winter rains brought respite from the region's worst drought on record. The nightmare of running out of water became a reality last year in Bouake, Ivory Coast's second-largest city, when rains failed. The government was forced to use tankers to truck in emergency supplies, while thousands of people temporarily relocated.

Water shortages in Accra, which mostly gets regular rainfall, are mainly attributed to its inadequate and poorly maintained pipes, pumping stations and purification plants. About 4.9 million people live in the city and its surrounds, including the port city of Tema.

Two-Year Outage

Joyce Ayitey, 42, who sells plastic cups, tissues and sweets from a wooden stall in front of the home she shares with her husband and three daughters in Diabolo in the eastern part of city, has experienced the extremity of the problem. When her taps ran dry more than two years ago, the water utility company blamed road builders who destroyed its main pipelines and said the outage would be addressed within weeks, but nothing was done.

"We don't have the money to buy bulk water from tankers so we walk almost every day to buy water and carry it on our heads for use," she said. "The water fetching is so tiring. We always wish for rain so we can harvest every drop for storage. It gives us such huge respite."

Ghana Water Co, the state-owned utility, is aware that some Accra neighborhoods have erratic water supply or are struggling with low pressure, but faces an uphill battle to tackle the problems because new neighborhoods are being developed faster than it can provide the infrastructure, spokesman Stanley Martey said by phone.

Kabuki, the storekeeper, can no longer stomach being unable to flush her toilets when her stockpiled water runs out and has run out of patience with the authorities.

"You want to know how frustrating it is?" she asked. "It is very unpleasant and dehumanizing for me as a woman. I am actually planning to relocate to a house with a guaranteed water supply."



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KENYA HIGH COMMISSION IN DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA

INVITATION TO TENDERS

11. FOR THE PROPOSED RENOVATION AND REPAIR OF KENYA GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES IN DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA, TENDER NO. KHCD/OT/001/02/2018-2019

The Kenya High Commission invites sealed tenders for the renovation and repair of the Kenya Government properties in Dar es Salaam.

Interested eligible candidates may obtain further information from and inspect the tender documents at the Kenya High Commission in Dar Es Salaam located at Kaunda Drive/Bongoyo Road Junction. The Properties to be repaired is as indicated below.

S.NO	ITEMS/DESCRIPTION
a.	Office Block: Harambee Plaza at Oysterbay
b.	Office Building : Chancery at Oysterbay
c.	Two Residential Houses at Mikocheni

A complete set of tender documents may be downloaded by interested candidates free of charge at the Mission website www.kenyahctz.org

Or collect hard copies upon payment of a non-refundable fee of TZS. 115,000.00 in cash or Bankers Cheque payable to Kenya High Commission in Dar es Salaam.

Prices quoted should be net inclusive of all taxes, must be in Tanzanian Shillings and shall remain valid for 120 days from the closing date of tender.

Completed tender documents are to be submitted in two bids i.e. Technical and financial bids. The two bids should be submitted together in one big sealed envelope and addressed to:

The High Commissioner
Kenya High Commission
P.O.BOX 5231
DAR ES SALAAM

So as to be received on or before Wednesday 3rd April 2019 at 4:00pm local time.

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the candidates who choose to attend at the Kenya High Commission on Kaunda Drive/Bongoyo Road Junction, Oysterbay.

11. FOR THE SALE OF BOARDED MOTOR VEHICLES, TENDER NO. KHCD/ADM/MVR/12

The Kenya High Commission intends to dispose its used vehicles and hereby invites interested bidders for the following boarded motor vehicles: -

S/NO.	MAKE	COLOR	YEAR OF MAKE	REGISTRATION NO.	LOCATION
1.	Suzuki Vitara	Blue	2002	T 60 CD 127	Kenya High Commission
2.	Toyota Land Cruiser v8	Grey	2002	T 60 CD 206	Kenya High Commission
3.	Nissan Caravan	White	2005	T 60 CD 150	Kenya High Commission
4.	Yamaha Motorcycle		2002	T 60 CD 128	Kenya High Commission
5.	Toyota Land Cruiser Prado	Beige Metallic	2008	T 60 CD 166	EAC, Arusha

The above vehicles will be available for inspection from **09.00a.m - 12.30p.m from Wednesday 20th March - Wednesday 3rd April, 2019.**

A complete set of tender documents may be obtained by interested candidates upon payment of non-refundable fee of Tshs 20,000 banker's cheque payable to the "THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF KENYA". The tender documents can be downloaded from the High Commission's website www.kenyahctz.org or collected from the High Commission.

Please note that all vehicles will be sold on "as is" "where is" basis with no guarantee or warranty expressed or implied as to the condition of the items. There will be "no refunds" made after payment for the above vehicles.

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Not later than 14:00 Hours Wednesday 3rd April 2019 marked "SALE OF VEHICLES"

Bids will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the bidder representatives who choose to attend at the office of the High Commission. Late bids will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. The High Commission is not bound to accept the highest or any bid under any circumstances. The sale is subject to reserve prices.

Customs and import duties must be paid on these vehicles to the Tanzania Revenue Authority as they were purchased duty free.

Successful bidders will be required to pay to the High Commission of Kenya within one week of receipt of offer and, thereafter, must remove the vehicles from the stated compound at High Commission Compound within seven working days (7) after effecting payment. Bank account details will be provided to the winning bidders.

For:

Kenya High Commission
DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA

WINDFALL

Sustained investment, positive tax measures by govt boost TCC results

By Guardian Reporter

SUSTAINED investment and Treasury's good tax measures have paid a key role in enabling Tanzania Cigarette Public Limited Company (TCC Plc) to post 436.5bn/- in gross revenue with net profit of 47.9bn/- last year.

In its latest audited accounts and financial results for year ended December 31, 2018, TCC Plc said its gross revenue increased by 4.3 percent while net profit surged by 5.7 percent while proposing a dividend of 450/- in total last year, an increase by 12.5 percent.

"The results reflect a strong performance driven by sustained levels of investment, a stable excise tax, pricing in the domestic market, and improved product mix," said TCC Plc CEO, Alan Jackson.

"I am delighted to report another year of continued resilience in spite of some of the economic challenges that we all witnessed in 2018," Jackson added.

He said the company employed a top line growth strategy with attention to operational efficiencies hence able to invest and resource the business in a manner that stimulated growth for both domestic and export markets.

TCC Plc Board Chairman, Paul Makanza said also expressed delight

at the strong results commending Treasury for undertaking better tax reforms which contributed to the growth. "The launch of the 'Blue print for regulatory reforms' to improve the business climate is very encouraging. We hope its recommendations will be implemented," Makanza said.

"On-going significant investments in energy and transport infrastructure to unlock further business opportunities in and outside Tanzania point to a bright future. We are optimistic that the government will sustain the positive macro-economic achievements of 2018 and that peace and stability will prevail in the DRC," he added.

The Board Chairman hailed the government for its decision to freeze excise duty this fiscal year adding that it led to a positive impact on the cigarettes manufacturer's performance. "The favourable tax measure enabled the company to pay higher corporate tax to the government as well as a higher dividend payout to shareholders," he pointed out.

"The company appeals to the government to maintain the freeze or lower excise tax rate to support growth to businesses and innovation which is key for enhancing the country's drive for industrialization," Makanza emphasised.

ADVICE

UN volunteers' chief backs harmonised policies through regional integration

By Correspondent Prosper Makene

VOLUNTEERS will play a key role in the development of East African Community integration if the member countries policies are harmonised to allow establishment of formal system.

Executive Coordinator of United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme, Olivier Adam said in Dar es Salaam on Monday while beginning his visit to three EAC founder countries Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda that while Kenya has a volunteer policy in place, Tanzania and Uganda have none.

Adam who is accompanied by UNV Regional Manager for the East and Southern Africa Regional Office (ESARO), Njoya Tikum said as EAC countries continue to show interest in leveraging volunteerism for development, volunteers often require support from wider, more formalized structures. "East African countries should have in place volunteer policies and harmonise them for smooth running of volunteer work," Adam noted.

He said his mission is aimed at galvanizing increased support and recognition for the integration process that will incorporate volunteers in development programs in the region. "Volunteerism is a powerful means of engaging people in promoting individual and collective action, leading to sustainable development for people by people," the UN Volunteers chief added. A record 1,422 onsite volunteers served in 2018 in the broader eastern African region, with 399 of them serving in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania.

These volunteers serve in different areas of development, humanitarian and peace-building assignments. Kenya is also the highest UN volunteers' sending country globally, with 325 Kenyans currently serving as volunteers in different countries across the world. Working closely with the Africa Union (AU) and Regional Economic Communities (RECs) including Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), the UNV programs have also helped tackle regional development challenges.

These sub-regional exchanges of volunteers help enhance increased south-south exchange of development experiences and fast track the realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and AU's Agenda 2063.



The Executive Coordinator of the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme, Olivier Adam, speaks with journalist in Dar es Salaam on Monday. Photo: Prosper Makene.

AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

EXTRACTS OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



Dear Shareholders,

On behalf of the Directors of Tanzania Cigarette Public Limited Company (TCC Plc), I am pleased to report a strong set of results for the year ended December 31, 2018.

Strong results

Overall volume grew 5% on prior year driven by robust volume growth in the key export market of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Coupled with pricing in the domestic market and improved product mix, revenue increased by 4.3% to TZS 436.5 billion in the same period.

This top line growth and operational cost efficiencies have resulted in a profit after tax of TZS 47.9 billion, up 5.7% on prior year.

Consistent dividends

In view of the strong results, short to medium term operational and investment needs to sustain growth, the Directors have recommended a final gross dividend of TZS 250 per share (2017: TZS 200 per share). When added to the interim gross dividend of TZS 200 per share paid out in November 2018, the total dividend for the year ended December 31, 2018 is TZS 450 per share (2017: TZS 400 per share).

The final gross dividend will be paid on or about May 07, 2019 subject to shareholders' approval at the Annual General Meeting on April 3, 2019.

Shares will trade cum-dividend until April 08, 2019

Optimistic about the future

The Board and Management of TCC Plc remain optimistic about the future performance of the company, subject to a conducive business environment and macro-economic stability.

The launch of the "Blue Print for Regulatory Reforms" to improve the business climate is very encouraging. We hope its recommendations will be implemented. On-going significant investments in energy and transport infrastructure to unlock further business opportunities in and outside Tanzania point to a bright future. We are optimistic that the government will sustain the positive macro-economic achievements of 2018 and that peace and stability will prevail in the DRC.

Appreciation

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere gratitude to fellow Board members for their effective oversight role and wise counsel. I am grateful to the management team and employees of TCC Plc for their hard work and unwavering commitment to consistently deliver on our business objectives. I wish to extend gratitude to business partners, our customers and consumers, and you, our esteemed shareholders for your support and trust.

Paul Makanza
Chairman of the Board

Tanzania Cigarette Public Limited Company Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the year ended 31 December, 2018 (Audited)			
	2018 TZS M	2017 TZS M	Change %
Revenue	436,478	418,578	4.3%
- Excise duty	(142,092)	(138,829)	2.4%
Net sales	294,386	279,749	5.2%
- Cost of sales	(128,278)	(121,601)	5.5%
Gross profit	166,108	158,148	5.0%
- Operating expenses	(94,628)	(92,233)	2.6%
Profit before tax	71,480	65,915	8.4%
- Income tax expense	(23,544)	(20,558)	14.5%
Profit for the year	47,936	45,357	5.7%
Other comprehensive income:			
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss			
- Defined benefit actuarial gain/(loss)	(910)	1,175	
- Tax relating to components of other comprehensive income	273	(353)	
Total comprehensive income, net of income tax	47,299	46,179	2.4%
Earnings per share:			
Basic and diluted (TZS per share)	479	454	

Tanzania Cigarette Public Limited Company Statement of cash flows for the year ended 31 December 2018 (Audited)		
	2018 TZS M	2017 TZS M
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash generated from operating activities	69,156	88,153
Defined benefit paid	(479)	(226)
Interest received	774	1,175
Interest paid	(144)	(139)
Income tax paid	(19,569)	(26,289)
Net cash generated by operating activities	49,738	62,674
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of property, plant and equipments	(14,458)	(19,975)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipments	541	478
Net cash used in investing activities	(13,917)	(19,497)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Dividends paid to owners of the company	(40,000)	(50,000)
Net cash used in financing activities	(40,000)	(50,000)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(4,179)	(6,823)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	24,530	31,353
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	20,351	24,530
Represented by:		
Cash & bank balances	20,351	24,530

Tanzania Cigarette Public Limited Company Statement of financial position as at 31 December 2018 (Audited)		
	2018 TZS M	2017 TZS M
Assets:		
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	98,117	96,765
Intangible assets	-	-
Total non-current assets	98,117	96,765
Current assets:		
Inventories	108,221	112,388
Income tax Receivable	-	1,321
Trade and other receivables	39,925	24,798
Cash and bank balances	20,351	24,530
Total current assets	168,497	163,037
Total assets	266,614	259,802
Equity and liabilities:		
Capital and reserves:		
Share capital	2,000	2,000
Defined benefit reserves	5,173	5,810
Retained earnings	183,021	175,085
Shareholders equity	190,194	182,895
Non-current liabilities:		
Deferred tax liabilities	7,357	6,843
Defined benefit obligation	7,577	5,871
Total non-current liabilities	14,934	12,714
Current liabilities:		
Trade and other payables	59,619	64,193
Income tax payable	1,867	-
Total current liabilities	61,486	64,193
Total liabilities	76,420	76,907
Total equity and liabilities	266,614	259,802

PROMOTION

Syrian investors lead Asian businesses in targeting local manufacturing sector

By Guardian Reporter

SYRIAN investors are leading a pack of Asian business owners seeking to put up manufacturing industries in the country.

Export Processing Zone Authority (EPZA)'s Investment Promotion Officer, Grace Lemunge said the Syrian and several other Asian nationals have shown serious interest to exploit the immense untapped potential that exists in the country's manufacturing

sector.

Lemunge said in Dar es Salaam yesterday at the ongoing Syrian International Trade Exhibition taking place in the commercial capital that EPZA and other government agencies are ready to work with the foreign investors.

"Representatives of the companies participating in the exhibitions who apart from showcasing their products and technology, are also looking for new investment opportunities in Tan-

zania," she said.

Lemunge said representatives from a number of Asian companies continued to flock into the EPZA pavilion to seek detailed information on various investment opportunities especially in the manufacturing sector.

"We are using the ongoing Syrian international exhibitions to provide information to the participants of the fair on the investment opportunities that can be accessed through EPZA," the EPZA Investment Promotion Of-

ficer added.

Lemunge further noted that the exhibition has become an important platform for the foreign participants to become ambassadors of the country by spreading the message on the vast investment opportunities available in all sectors.

Another EPZA Investment Promotion Officer, Panduka Yonazi seconded Lemunge's observation by noting that the exhibitions also allowed local participants including private business owners who visited the EPZA pavilion, seek information on investment opportunities.

"The ongoing Syrian trade fair is an important opportunity to provide investment information to local investors

on opportunities available in the manufacturing sector and that they should grab them through the EPZA windows," Yonazi said.

"We told local investors on the enabling environment that the government is offering for them to invest and grow their businesses," he added.

He pointed out that EPZA's aim of participating in the exhibition was to meet representatives from both local and foreign companies to give them information relevant to make investment decisions.

"Investors in the processing of pulses are guaranteed opportunities provided through the authority's facilities such as Special Economic Zones where 80 percent of the

RECOVERY

Zim businesses start to count the massive cost of Cyclone Idai

HARARE

FOLLOWING a tropical cyclone that tore through the eastern parts of Zimbabwe, the southern African country is weighing up the loss of life as well as the impact of the damage to infrastructure such as roads, bridges and business.

According to a member of the Confederation of Zimbabwe Industry, Henry Nemaire, who is based in the affected Manicaland region, there has been extensive damage in terms of road infrastructure which has made some business operations such as plantations inaccessible. Most of Zimbabwe's plantations are in the Eastern Highlands region.

"There is extensive damage in terms of roads, bridges and power lines. The main focus is to make sure that power is restored in the Chimanimani and Chipinge district where most of the export oriented farms are located," Nemaire said noting that the farms might have to power factories for the next four weeks.

"But for us to be producing export goods, using diesel, it will be too expensive for the export market, so we need power to be restored urgently." He also called on Government to waive duty on fuel for the affected companies ranging from timber, tea, coffee, macadamia and avocado plantations.

Listed entity, Ariston Holdings, which

counts South Africa's Origin Global Holdings Limited as its major shareholder, has macadamia and avocado plantations in one of the ravaged areas, Chipinge. Reports from the company say in addition to the damage on buildings, warehouses and other facilities at the farms, the macadamia and avocado plantations were also heavily damaged.

While the extent of the damage is still to be ascertained, Ariston is heavily invested in macadamia having invested in a world class nuts processing plant and irrigation facilities as well as doubling of production to 1 351 tonnes. Last year, its avocado exports stood at 160 tonnes.

Tanganda, owned by Pick n Pay partner Meikles, has 458 hectares of avocado and 779 hectares of macadamia nuts. "We also hope that the national engineering team will also help in restoring access to affected areas," said Nemaire.

The Ministry of Transport and Infrastructural Development has already implemented an Emergency Response Plan, that is aimed at opening up washed away roads and repairing bridges to enable accessibility in Chimanimani in the shortest time possible, according to Transport Minister Joel Matiza. Some roads and bridges in Chimanimani are currently cordoned off to make way for engineers to work on the damaged roads in the shortest possible time.



Syrian business people and local clients at the ongoing trade fair in Dar es Salaam. Photo: Guardian Photographer.

CAUTION

Cut international aid will force Mozambique austerity into next decade

MAPUTO

BLOOMBERG economist and financial analyst Mark Bohlund said on Sunday that lack of international financing for Mozambique would force the government to pursue austerity policies right into the middle of the next decade.

"We anticipate that external financing will continue to be low in the medium term, forcing Mozambican authorities to implement a relatively tight fiscal policy until natural gas revenues materialise by the middle of the next decade," Bohlund writes.

The Bloomberg analysis says that

"donor countries are likely to continue to fund project support outside of government budget in the short term", but warns that "in the medium term, foreign aid is likely to be redirected to countries with lower natural resources, especially in the European case, where aid should be channelled to more northern countries" on the continent.

Mozambique's economic prospects "will depend on the level of income from the energy sector that is invested in education and infrastructure" and the degree of openness and cooperation the country affords the ongoing 'hidden debts' investigation.



Mozambican President, Filipe Nyusi

"The Ematum scandal can be a blessing in disguise if it means less corruption and better governance," Bohlund writes. "The degree of cooperation of the authorities with the US Department of Justice will be seen by investors as a measure of whether or not governance is improving."

If the authorities are "transparent and compliant during the case, this may indicate progress in governance, which in turn may mean they can avoid the 'curse of resources' that other countries in sub-Saharan Africa have had," Bohlund writes.

The Mozambican economy grew by

3.8% last year, one of the lowest rates in the last two decades, but one which is expected to continue this year "as the mining industry is nearing peak production and fiscal policy remains tight, but investments in the energy sector off the coast of the country should make the economy recover from 2020," the Bloomberg note reads.

Capital investment fell for the second consecutive year in 2018, and was only partially offset by increased exports, but economic growth is expected to exceed 4% starting in 2020, based on investments in energy megaprojects, Bloomberg concludes.

GROWTH

South Africa to export a record 137 million boxes of citrus this year

JOHANNESBURG

FOLLOWING bumper lemon and mandarin plantings, South Africa is expected to export a record 137 million boxes of citrus fruit to more than 100 countries this year - the second record year in a row.

This is despite a 3% fall in plantings of Valencia oranges, which represent almost 40% of the citrus export market.

There has been a big increase in plantings of lemons and soft citrus like mandarins (naartjies), said Justin Chadwick, CEO of the Citrus Growers' Association. This helped push the expected total export crop higher by almost 1%, compared to the previous year. Exports should start leaving South Africa in May this year.

Last year's export crop yielded nearly R19 billion in sales across the world. More than 92% of the total income of the local citrus industry comes from exports. South African farmers have planted a record large area of citrus after the success of previous seasons, he

added.

In particular, the Robertson area in the Western Cape has seen large plantings, as farmers replace wine grapes (which give a lower yield) with citrus. Many of the new trees are under protective netting, which shields the citrus against sun damage and is more water efficient. Where it usually takes about five years for a citrus tree to start yielding fruit, under netting this can be reduced to only three years, according to Chadwick.

Limpopo - especially near Lydenburg and Burgersfort - has also seen large citrus planting thanks to water sources and reasonable land prices.

But South Africa's bumper exports to Europe are starting to see pushback in the Spanish media, with producers complaining that South African producers are encroaching into "their" season, says Chadwick. Due to seasonal differences, there used to be only a small overlap between South African and Spanish citrus exports - this has grown in recent years as South

African exports expanded.

South Africa's exports to China have also come under fire after local producers flooded the market with grapefruit last year. Chadwick says there was a large oversupply of South African grapefruit in the Chinese market, which pushed prices down.

"The Chinese and Europeans bought so much [South African] grapefruits, even their cold storage rooms were filled up to the nooks. Naturally this resulted in very low prices, they were so low people told us to delay our harvest while waiting for better prices to hit us." Betsalel Ohana, export manager for agricultural group Planet Israel told the fresh produce news platform FreshPlaza.

Hopefully South African grapefruit exporters have learned their lesson this season and will moderate exports to that market, says Chadwick. Still, while the grapefruit market has been saturated in China, he believes there is still room for South African mandarin exporters to grow their market share in that country.



Citrus Growers' Association of South Africa CEO, Justin Chadwick

COMPLAINT

Status of US waivers granted to Iran's oil buyers affecting markets, Opec says

BAKU

THE US administration's push to reduce Iranian crude exports to zero is "practically impossible," according to Opec's secretary general.

"We keep hearing that the objective is to bring down Iranian exports to zero but practitioners in this industry know very well that it is practically impossible to bring down the exports of Iran to zero," Mohammed Barkindo said in an interview with Bloomberg TV from Baku, Azerbaijan on Tuesday where the Opec+ Joint Ministerial Monitoring Committee had its meeting.

"The waivers, the extension of the waivers or the non-extension of the waivers continue to be one of these growing uncertainties in the market because of the importance and size of Iran in the supply demand balance."

Iran, Opec's fourth-largest oil producer, has seen its production decline by 7 per cent to 2.74 million barrels per day in February from November, when the White House re-imposed sanctions against the country. Its output, which was at 3.8 million bpd in the second quarter of 2018, had plunged in the following months

amid anticipation of the slapping of sanctions in November.

The Donald Trump administration, however, granted eight nations waivers to continue importing crude from Iran under the provision that they would gradually reduce imports over the coming months. The US had said its goal was to reduce Iran's exports to zero with the waivers up for review in May.

With oil prices surging to four-month highs of \$67.54 for Brent on Monday and an increasingly tightened market due to loss of production in Venezuela, the renewal or non-renewal of waivers could become a deciding factor for the markets over the coming months.

Mr Barkindo also noted in his interview that dialogue had been established with "stakeholders in Washington" to discuss a legislation that is being tabled to challenge Opec's work in correcting supply in the oil markets. The No Oil Producing and Exporting Cartels Act (NOPEC) congressional bill asks for state immunity to be removed and for Opec to be sued under US antitrust law for anti-competitive attempts at what is being perceived by some legislators to be the group's manipulation of supply and prices.



The Opec secretary general Mohammed Barkindo.

"Such a legislation will not serve the best interest of the United States nor will it serve the interests of the global oil industry," said Mr Barkindo. "Therefore we remain optimistic that reason will prevail and that the right thing will be done."

The secretary general observed that independent US shale producers who have collectively helped the country become the world's top crude producer with 12 million bpd of output were a "natural ally to work with."

"They are very much appreciative of the efforts of the parties [Opec+] and we both agreed that we'll continue this dialogue with them," he said. Opec led by Saudi Arabia and members outside the group led

by Russia convened in the Azeri capital for a joint ministerial monitoring committee meeting to discuss their ongoing pact to reduce supply.

Opec+, as the alliance is called, had pledged at the end of December to remove 1.2 million bpd from the markets for six months starting January. At their latest meeting, the committee recommended cancellation of a planned extraordinary meeting in the Austrian capital of Vienna in April. Opec+ will meet next in June to decide on whether to extend the cuts.

The oil markets remained tight with Opec vowing to "stay the course" as it reckons with continuing decline in Venezuela and surging production from the US.

CRISIS

Boeing plans to release software update, pilot training for 737 MAX

NEW YORK

BOEING announced on Tuesday that it would soon release a software update and related pilot training for the 737 MAX that will address concerns discovered in the aftermath of the Lion Air Flight 610 accident in October last year.

"We've been working in full cooperation with the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the Department of Transportation and the National Transportation Safety Board on all issues relating to both the Lion Air and the Ethiopian Airlines accidents since the Lion Air accident occurred in October last year," Dennis Muilenburg, chair, president and CEO of Boeing, said in a statement.

"Based on facts from the Lion Air Flight 610 accident, and emerging data as it becomes available from the Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 accident, we're taking actions to fully ensure the safety of the 737 MAX. "We also understand and regret the challenges for our customers and the flying public caused by the fleet's grounding."

"We are united with customers"

He said work was progressing thoroughly and rapidly to learn more about the Ethiopian Airlines accident and understand the information

from the airplane's cockpit voice and flight data recorders.

"Our team is on-site with investigators to support the investigation and provide technical expertise. The Ethiopia Accident Investigation Bureau will determine when and how it's appropriate to release additional details," said Muilenburg.

"We're united with our airline customers, international regulators and government authorities in our efforts to support the most recent investigation, understand the facts of what happened and help prevent future tragedies."

Fin24 reported earlier that the sovereignty, integrity and role of civil aviation regulators have become the focus of debate in aviation circles since the fatal crash of an Ethiopian Airlines Boeing 737 MAX 8.

The SA Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA), like the US FAA, did not order the grounding of this aircraft model as a precaution immediately after the Ethiopian Airlines crash. It was only days later that US President Donald Trump announced the grounding of all Boeing 737 MAX 8s. This step, supported by the manufacturer Boeing, effectively grounded all 371 of these planes in operation around the world.



ISIDÍNGO MONDAY - FRIDAY
STARTING 7:30 PM



SATURDAY 16 March

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:00 Habari
8:00 Al Jazeera
9:00 Watoto wetu
10:00 Mjue Zaidi rpt
11:00 Jungu kuu rpt
11:30 Usafiri wako
12:00 Shamba Shape up
12:30 Telenovela rpt: Destiny (Destino)
14:45 Igizo rpt: Riziki
15:15 Igizo rpt: Elininyo
15:45 Igizo rpt: Mizengwe
16:00 Igizo rpt: Kimya Milele
16:30 Igizo: Mtego rpt
17:00 Shamsham za Pwani
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Mapishi
18:30 Igizo: Riziki
19:00 Sanaa na wasanii
19:30 Jungu Kuu
20:00 Habari
21:00 Igizo: Kimya Milele
21:30 Hawavumi lakini wamo
22:30 Isidingo rpt
01:00 CNN International

10:00 Watoto wetu
10:30 Igizo: Hatua
10:55 Habari za saa
11:00 Kimya Milele
11:55 Habari za saa
12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Jungu kuu rpt
12:55 Habari za saa
13:00 Mjue Zaidi
13:55 Habari za saa
14:00 Telenovela: Destiny (Destino)
14:55 Habari za saa
15:00 Meza Huru
16:30 Watoto Wetu
17:00 The Base
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:10 Aibu yako rpt
18:15 Huduma ya kwanza
18:30 Kesho Leo
19:00 Afya ya Jamii
19:30 Isidingo
20:00 Habari
21:05 Dakika 45
22:00 Telenovela: Destiny (Destino)
23:00 Habari
23:30 The Base
00:30 Al Jazeera
02:00 CNN International

20:00 Habari
21:00 Kipindi maalum: Uongozi
21:30 Kipindi Maalum: Serengeti boys Uturuki
22:15 Telenovela: Destiny (Destino)
23:00 Habari
23:30 The Base
00:30 CNN International

10:55 Habari za saa
11:00 Igizo: Elininyo
11:15 Usafiri wako
11:55 Habari za saa
12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Ijue Sheria
12:55 Habari za saa
13:00 Kipindi Maalum rpt: Uongozi
13:55 Habari za saa
14:00 Telenovela rpt: Destiny (Destino)
14:55 Habari za saa
15:00 Meza Huru
16:30 Watoto Wetu
17:00 The Base
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Igizo: Riziki
9:00 Usafiri wako
19:30 Isidingo
20:00 Habari
21:00 Malumbano ya hoja
23:00 Habari
23:30 The Base
00:30 CNN International

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00:30 CNN International

SUNDAY 17 March

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:00 Habari
8:00 Al Jazeera
09:00 Watoto Wetu
10:00 Sherehe za tuzo za 'I can'
16:00 Korean drama: The great queen Seonduk
16:45 Mjue zaidi
17:30 Kipindi cha kikristo
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Mapishi
18:30 Mizengwe rpt
18:45 Matukio ya wiki
19:30 Igizo: Mtego
20:00 Habari
21:05 Mizengwe
21:00 Sherehe za tuzo za I can 2
00:00 Telenovela rpt: Destiny (Destino)

TUESDAY 19 March
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 Habari
6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
8:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30 Isidingo
9:55 Habari za saa
10:00 Watoto wetu
10:30 Hawavumi lakini wamo
10:55 Habari za saa
11:00 Hawavumi lakini wamo
11:15 Igizo: Mtego
11:55 Habari za saa
12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Afya ya jamii rpt
12:55 Habari za saa
13:00 Uchumi na biashara
13:30 Kipindi Maalum rpt : TFDA
13:55 Habari za saa
14:00 Huduma ya kwanza
14:15 Telenovela: Destiny (Destino) rpt
14:55 Habari za saa
15:00 Meza Huru
16:30 Watoto wetu
17:00 The Base
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Korean drama rpt: The Great Queen Seonduk
19:00 Jarida la wanawake
19:30 Isidingo

14:55 Habari za saa
15:00 Meza Huru
16:30 Watoto Wetu
17:00 The Base
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Mapishi rpt
18:30 Ijue Sheria
19:00 Kipindi Maalum: TFDA
19:30 Isidingo
20:00 Habari
21:00 Aibu Yako! Hata wewe?
21:10 Kipindi Maalum : Tanesco
21:40 Kesho Leo rpt
22:15 Telenovela: Destiny (Destino)
23:00 Habari
23:30 The Base
00:30 Al Jazeera
2:00 CNN International

FRIDAY 22 March
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
8:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30 Isidingo
9:55 Habari za saa
10:00 Watoto wetu
10:30 Hawavumi lakini wamo
10:55 Habari za saa
11:00 Hawavumi lakini wamo
11:20 Usafiri wako
11:55 Habari za saa
12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Kipindi Maalum rpt: Tanesco
12:55 Habari za saa
13:00 Mjue Zaidi rpt
13:45 Kipindi Maalum: Serengeti boys Uturuki rpt
13:55 Habari za saa
14:00 Kipindi Maalum: Serengeti boys Uturuki rpt
14:15 Telenovela rpt: Destiny (Destino)

SATURDAY 23 March
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:00 Habari
8:00 Al Jazeera
9:00 Watoto wetu
10:00 Mjue Zaidi rpt
11:00 Jungu kuu rpt
11:30 Usafiri wako
12:00 Shamba Shape up
12:30 Telenovela rpt: Destiny (Destino)
14:45 Igizo rpt: Riziki
15:15 Igizo rpt: Elininyo
15:45 Igizo rpt: Mizengwe
16:00 Igizo rpt: Kimya Milele
16:30 Igizo: Mtego rpt
17:00 Shamsham za Pwani
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Mapishi
18:30 Igizo: Riziki
19:00 Sanaa na wasanii
19:30 Jungu Kuu
20:00 Habari
21:00 Igizo: Kimya Milele
21:30 Hawavumi lakini wamo
22:30 Isidingo rpt
01:00 CNN International

MONDAY 18 March

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 Habari
6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
8:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30 Isidingo
9:55 Habari za saa

THURSDAY 21 March
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
8:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30 Isidingo
9:55 Habari za saa
10:00 Watoto wetu
10:30 Igizo: Elininyo

14:55 Habari za saa
15:00 Meza huru
16:30 Watoto wetu
17:00 The Base
17:30 Ibada ya kiislamu
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Igizo: Mizengwe
18:30 Shamba shape up
19:00 Uchumi na biashara
19:30 Isidingo
20:00 Habari
21:05 Kipima joto

14:55 Habari za saa
15:00 Meza huru
16:30 Watoto wetu
17:00 The Base
17:30 Ibada ya kiislamu
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Igizo: Mizengwe
18:30 Shamba shape up
19:00 Uchumi na biashara
19:30 Isidingo
20:00 Habari
21:05 Kipima joto

SUNDAY 24 March
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:00 Habari
8:00 Al Jazeera
09:00 Watoto Wetu
10:00 Isidingo
11:45 Aibu Yako
11:50 Hawavumi lakini wamo rpt
12:50 Bongo Movie rpt: Hard price
14:00 Tamasha la Michezo
15:00 Mwangaza
16:00 Korean drama: The great queen Seonduk
16:45 Mjue zaidi
17:30 Kipindi cha kikristo
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Mapishi
18:30 Mizengwe rpt
18:45 Matukio ya wiki
19:30 Igizo: Mtego
20:00 Habari
21:05 Mizengwe
21:00 Bongo Movie: Hard price 2
22:00 Telenovela rpt: Destiny (Destino)

OBSERVATION

Cryptocurrencies no substitute for traditional money, IMF says

NEW YORK

DESPITE their popularity, cryptocurrencies cannot replace traditional currencies, International Monetary Fund officials said in a survey this month.

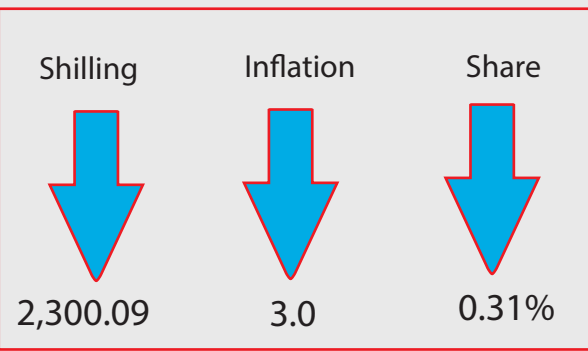
"Despite the hype, cryptocurrencies still don't fulfill the basic functions of money as a store of value, means of exchange, and unit of account," Antoine Bouveret, an economist, and Vikram Haksar, an assistant director, at the IMF, said about their findings. "Because their value is highly volatile, they have little use so far."

Bitcoin, the largest cryptocurrency globally, lost as much as 80 per cent of its value from an all-time high of around \$20,000 in December 2017. The cryptocurrency surged as much as 3 per cent against the US dollar to about \$4,000 this week. The market capitalisation of all cryptocurrencies has fluctuated erratically, declining to \$139 billion as of this week from a high of \$600bn in December 2017, according to data from CoinMarketCap.com.

A cryptocurrency, also known as electronic money, is intangible, unlike physical banknotes or coins. Crypto assets are similar to physical currencies only in a way that they can be used to purchase goods and services, and transactions can be tracked on a digital ledger. The three most commonly traded virtual monies are bitcoin, ethereum and litecoin.

Electronic money's advantage over physical currency is that it can facilitate faster transactions and borderless transfer of ownership. However, it is difficult to trace and massive theft of cryptocurrencies through hacking has occurred.

"Anonymity of many cryptocurrencies makes them vulnerable to use in money laundering and terrorism financing, if no intermediary checks the integrity of transactions or the identity of the people making them," Mr Bouveret and Mr Haksar wrote.



Total Market Capitalization

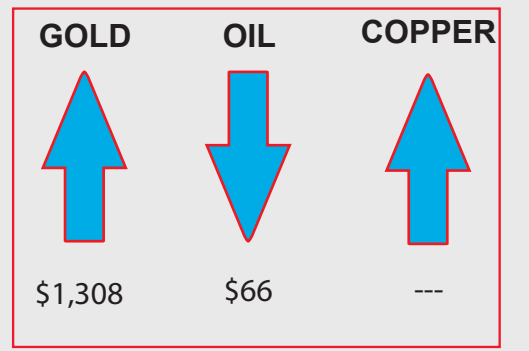
TZS	20,064.10 bln (USD 8,802.30 mln)
Indices March 18, 2019	
TSI	3,481.50 +0.00
DSEI	2,081.58 +24.53

AVERAGE PRICES FOR FOOD CROPS TSH/100KG

Maize	52200.00	Finger Millet	141100.00
Rice	184166.67	Wheat	128666.67
Sorghum	78761.90	Beans	175208.33
Bulrush Millet	80333.33	Round potatoes	73583.33

Exchange Rates (DSE)

Currency	Buying	Selling
EUR	2,591.28	2,617.65
USD	2,268.07	2,290.76
KES	22.38	22.56
GBP	2,947.82	2,977.52



Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange

Date: Mar 18, 2019

Company	Closing	Prev	Chg (%)
ACA	6,100	6,000	+1.67
CRDB	125	125	+0.00
DCB	340	340	+0.00
DSE	1,300	1,300	+0.00
EABL	4,660	4,560	+2.19
JHL	9,300	8,680	+7.14
KA	135	125	+8.00
KCB	1,020	1,010	+0.99
MBP	490	490	+0.00
MCB	500	500	+0.00
MKCB	800	800	+0.00
MUCOB	400	400	+0.00
NICO	165	165	+0.00
NMB	2,340	2,340	+0.00
NMG	1,360	1,440	-5.56
PAL	400	400	+0.00
SWALA	490	490	+0.00
SWIS	2,000	2,000	+0.00
TBL	11,400	11,400	+0.00
TCC	17,000	17,000	+0.00
TCCL	600	600	+0.00
TICL	385	385	+0.00
TOL	660	660	+0.00
TPCC	2,020	2,020	+0.00
TTP	120	120	+0.00
USL	15	15	+0.00
VODA	800	800	+0.00
YETU	600	600	+0.00

DSE MARKET SUMMARY

TSI	3,481.50	+0.00
DSEI	2,081.58	+24.53

TRADING STATS

Market Cap (bln)	20,064.05
Equity Turnover	151,792,375.00
Total Volume	1,023,769
Total Deals	21

TOP MOVERS

CRDB	125	1,011,659
TPCC	2,020	11,070
DSE	1,300	840

GAINERS & LOSERS

Company	Price	Change
NMG	1,360	-5.56%
KA	135	+8.00%
KCB	1,020	+0.99%
ACA	6,100	+1.67%
EABL	4,660	+2.19%
JHL	9,300	+7.14%

Interbank Foreign Exchange Market (IFEM)

Date	Amount Traded (Mn USD)	High	Low	Weighted Average
18/Mar/2019	3.67	2,315.00	2,298.90	2,300.34
15/Mar/2019	4.50	2,310.00	2,298.90	2,300.09
14/Mar/2019	4.30	2,310.00	2,298.92	2,300.09
13/Mar/2019	4.60	2,312.65	2,298.94	2,300.14
12/Mar/2019	3.15	2,315.00	2,298.93	2,300.16
11/Mar/2019	3.95	2,313.00	2,298.95	2,300.20
8/Mar/2019	4.50	2,310.15	2,298.98	2,300.23

Inter-bank Local Money Markets

Date	Volume (million-TZS)	High	Low	Weighted Average Rate (WAR)
18/Mar/2019	31,250	6.50	5.50	5.70
15/Mar/2019	41,250	6.50	4.50	5.49
14/Mar/2019	31,700	6.50	5.20	5.41
13/Mar/2019	40,100	6.50	4.50	5.58
12/Mar/2019	22,000	6.50	5.00	5.48

Tanzania Shilling On Average bases

The USDZTS traded at 2,340.0000 on Friday March 15. Historically, the Tanzania Shilling reached an all time high of 2360 in March of 2019 and a record low of 1014.30 in December of 2004.

Palladium hits record high above \$1,600/oz on plans for Russia export ban

* Palladium hits a record high of \$1,606/oz
 * Gold edges up for a third consecutive session
 * SPDR gold holdings post biggest daily gain since Jan

LONDON, March 19 (Reuters) - Palladium hit its highest ever on Tuesday, crossing the \$1,600 an ounce mark for the first time as news that Russia is planning to ban exports of precious metals scrap fuelled concerns over an already supply-constrained market.

Spot palladium was up 1 percent at \$1,600 an ounce at 1047 GMT, having hit a record high of \$1,606 earlier in the session.

"There have been rumours that Russia would restrict exports of some scrap materials. When the market is as tight as palladium is, sometimes such news can take on more significance than it should," said Philip Newman, a director at Metals Focus.

"It comes back to the fact that you have an underlined tight market, where demand is far outstripping global supply."

Russia's trade and industry ministry last week said the proposed ban on exports of precious metals scrap and tailings would last from May 1 to Oct 31.

Russia is a major producer of palladium, which is used mainly in catalytic converters.

News that China, the world's biggest auto market, will enforce stimulus measures to boost its tiring economy has also helped the case for the metal, analysts said.

Commerzbank attributed the spike in palladium prices to speculative buying interest.

Prices have nearly doubled since their mid-August lows and have already surged about 27 percent this year.

Meanwhile, gold held firm above the key psychological \$1,300 level as expectations that the U.S. Federal Reserve will strike a dovish tone on interest rates at its policy meeting this week kept the dollar under pressure.

Spot gold gained 0.3 percent to \$1,307.85, while U.S. gold futures were 0.5 percent higher at \$1,307.80.

"The dollar is under a little bit of pressure, providing some support to the metal," Capital Economics analyst Ross Strachan said.

Indicative of investor sentiment, holdings of the SPDR Gold Trust, the world's largest gold-backed exchange-traded fund, rose about 1.1 percent on Monday, their biggest one-day percentage gain since Jan. 18.

"The yellow metal has been on a very positive trajectory over the last six months as central banks have become notably more dovish around the globe and the dollar has hit a ceiling," OANDA said in a note.

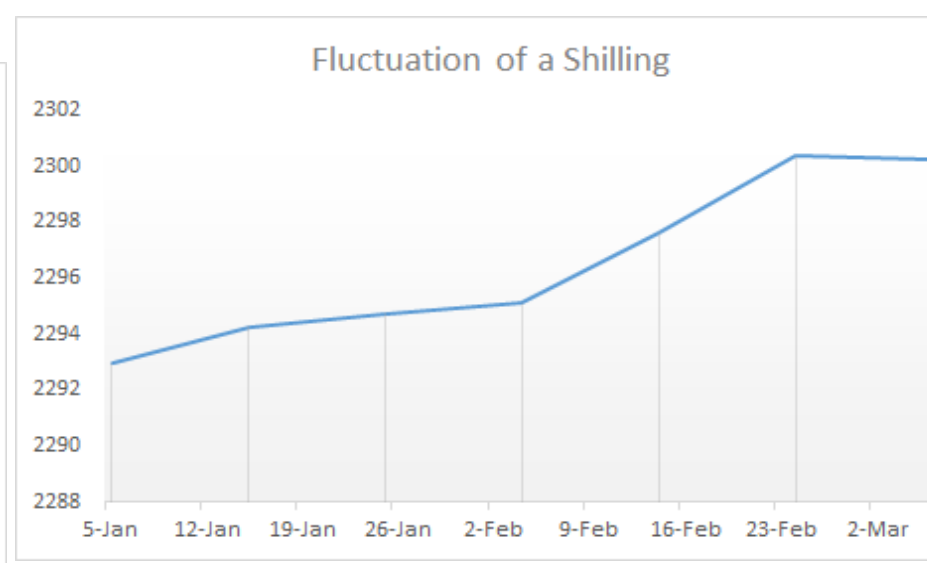
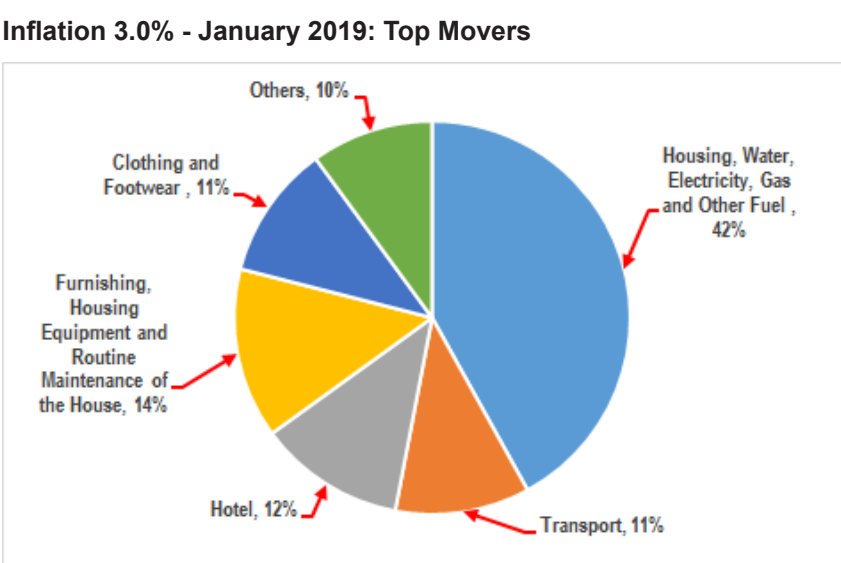
"With the global economic outlook a cause for concern, the environment looks very favourable for gold."

Among other precious metals, silver shed 0.3 percent to \$15.40 per ounce, while platinum gained 1.3 percent to \$840.55 per ounce.

All Share Index :19 March 2019

Africa	Actual	Change	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly
NSE-All Share	31042	84	-0.27%	-0.96%	-4.91%	-25.60%
JALSH-All Share	57072	303	0.53%	2.51%	2.53%	-2.04%
FTSE/JSE TOP 40	50681	293	0.58%	2.55%	2.69%	-1.71%
Egypt EGX 30	14655	255	-1.71%	-2.90%	-3.37%	-14.10%
Casablanca CFG 25	10,998	11.26	0.10%	-1.07%	-3.66%	-16.31%
Nairobi 20	2,904	7.76	0.27%	0.37%	-3.94%	-24.38%
NSE All Share	160	2.08	1.32%	3.11%	2.53%	-14.20%
DSEI	2,082	24.53	1.19%	-0.39%	-2.85%	-11.82%
TUN	6,797	33.34	-0.49%	-2.59%	-5.09%	-2.92%
GGSECI	2,411	6.16	-0.25%	-1.11%	-0.14%	-25.40%
SEMDEX	2,188	2.13	-0.10%	-0.15%	-0.58%	-4.91%
Gaborone	7,878	0.00	0.00%	-0.04%	0.02%	-9.13%
NSX Overall	1343	3	0.23%	0.70%	0.13%	-5.91%
Zimbabwe Index	428.93	17.02	-3.82%	-8.77%	-15.53%	48.65%

DSEI decreased 19 points or 0.93% to 2082 on Monday March 18 from 2057 in the previous trading session. Historically, the Tanzania All Share Index DSEI reached an all time high of 3686.97 in January of 2019 and a record low of 1161.30 in December of 2010.



Oil prices hover close to 2019 highs on OPEC output cuts, U.S. sanctions

SINGAPORE 19 (Reuters) - Oil prices were near 2019 highs on Tuesday, supported by supply cuts led by producer club OPEC.

U.S. sanctions against oil producers Iran and Venezuela are also boosting prices, although traders said the market may be capped by rising U.S. output.

U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) futures were at \$59.14 per barrel at 0746 GMT, up 5 cents from their last settlement and close to the 2019 high of \$59.23 reached the previous day.

Brent crude oil futures were up 20 cents at \$67.74 per barrel, also close to this year's peak of \$68.14 marked late last week.

In China, Shanghai crude futures, launched in March last year, bounced 4.5 percent from their last close to 468.2 yuan (\$69.71) per barrel, also near 2019 highs of 475.7 yuan a barrel hit during a brief spike in February.

In dollar-terms, this pushed Shanghai crude into a premium over Brent.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) on Monday scrapped its planned meeting in April, effectively extending supply cuts that have been in place since January until at least June, when the next meeting is scheduled.

OPEC and a group of non-affiliated producers including Russia, known as OPEC+, started withholding supply to halt a sharp price drop in the second-half of 2018, when markets came under pressure from surging output as well as an economic slowdown.

"The OPEC+ deal has brought stability to crude prices and signs of an extension have taken crude higher," said Alfonso Esparza, senior market analyst at futures brokerage OANDA.

Prices have been further supported by U.S. sanctions against oil exports from Iran and Venezuela, traders said.

Because of the tighter supply outlook for the coming months, the Brent forward curve has gone into backwardation since the start of the year, meaning that prices for immediate delivery are more expensive than those for dispatch further in the future, with May Brent prices currently around \$1.20 per barrel more expensive than December delivery Brent.

Outside OPEC, analysts are eyeing U.S. crude oil production, which has soared by more than 2 million barrels per day (bpd) since early 2018, to around 12 million bpd, making the United States the world's biggest producer ahead of Russia and Saudi Arabia.

Weekly output and storage data will be published by the Energy Information Administration (EIA) on Wednesday.

On the demand-side, there is concern that an economic slowdown will erode oil consumption.

Bank of America Merrill Lynch said in a note that economic "risks are skewed to the downside" and that "we forecast global demand growth of 1.2 million bpd year-on-year in 2019 and 1.15 million bpd during 2020".

Fuel Wef. Wednesday, 6th Mar 2019

Town	Petrol (TZS/Litre)	Diesel (TZS/Litre)	Kerosene (TZS/Litre)
Dar es Salaam	2,098	2,131	2,096
Arusha	2,191	2,195	2,286
Pwani	2,102	2,135	2,101
Dodoma	2,157	2,189	2,155
Geita	2,263	2,296	2,262
Iringa	2,162	2,195	2,161
Kagera (Bukoba)	2,313	2,346	2,312
Katavi (Mpanda)	2,306	2,339	2,304
Kigoma	2,329	2,362	2,328
Moshi	2,181	2,185	2,276
Lindi	2,141	2,236	2,155
Manyara	2,225	2,229	2,320
Mara	2,276	2,309	2,275
Mbeya	2,205	2,238	2,204
Morogoro	2,123	2,156	2,121
Mtwara	2,127	2,222	2,169
Mwanza	2,248	2,281	2,247
Njombe	2,190	2,223	2,189
Rukwa (S'wanga)	2,271	2,304	2,269
Ruvuma (Songea)	2,213	2,308	2,220
Shinyanga	2,227	2,260	2,225
Singida	2,188	2,221	2,187
Songwe (Vwawa)	2,214	2,247	2,213
Tabora	2,252	2,285	2,251

Foreign Exchange- Mar 18

	Actual	Chg	%Chg
EURUSD	1.1322	0.0003	-0.03%
GBPUSD	1.3291	0.0002	0.02%
AUDUSD	0.7088	0.0001	0.01%
NZDUSD	0.6842	0.0001	-0.01%
USDJPY	111.54	0.0900	0.08%
USDCNY	6.7168	0.0051	0.08%
USDCHF	1.0021	0.0004	0.04%
USDCAD	1.3346	0.0012	0.09%
USDMXN	19.2198	0.0202	0.11%
USDINR	68.5275	0.4105	-0.60%
USDBRL	3.8159	0.0028	0.07%
USDRUB	64.7945	0.0010	0.00%
US Dollar	96.57	0.0300	-0.03%
USDKRW	1,135.07	0.3700	0.03%

Exchange Rates for 19 / March /2019

Currency in 100 Units	Spot Buying	Spot Selling
EAST AFRICAN CURRENCIES		
Kenya SHS	2,263.98	2,282.08
Uganda SHS	57.87	61.99
Rwandian Franc	252.46	255.37
Burundi Franc	218.06	219.71
OTHER SELECTED CURRENCIES		
USD	227,756.44	230,034.00
Pound STG	301,663.40	304,772.05
EURO	258,412.45	261,019.58
Canadian \$	170,783.17	172,478.07
Switz. Franc	227,506.18	229,758.29
Japanese YEN	2,042.66	2,062.53
Swedish Kronor	24,708.87	24,945.13
Norweg. Kronor	26,729.78	26,984.41
Danish Kronor	34,633.44	34,974.46
Australian \$	161,707.07	163,370.15
Indian RPS	3,323.58	3,356.32
Pakistan RPS	1,554.93	1,631.45
Zambian Kwacha	18,837.00	19,137.60
Malawian Kwacha	291.33	310.81
Mozambique-MET	3,620.93	3,651.33
Zimbabwe \$	42.62	43.48
SDR	317,118.95	320,290.14
Gold (T/O)	297,515,528.65	300,465,810.12
S. African Rand	15,848.12	16,000.36
UAE Dirham	62,008.29	62,626.66
Singapore \$	168,546.17	170,206.44
Hong Kong \$	29,014.30	29,302.95
Saud Arabian Rial	60,731.81	61,335.86
Kuwait Dinar	750,358.90	757,288.65
Botswana Pula	21,204.12	21,600.19
Chinese Yuan	33,932.72	34,262.35
Malaysia Ringgit	55,877.44	56,380.88
South Korea Won	201.39	203.04
Newzealand	156,286.47	157,872.33

World Commodities (\$) 19 March 2019

Energy	Price	Day	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly
Crude Oil Brent	59.3189	0.52%	4.31%	4.22%	-6.43%
Silver	15.4188	-0.23%	-0.11%	-3.79%	-4.71%
Natural gas	2.8825	1.16%	3.58%	9.39%	7.80%
Gasoline	1.8939	0.48%	4.31%	18.50%	-3.67%
Heating oil	1.9961	1.17%	0.50%	-1.12%	2.37%
Ethanol	1.4131	-0.77%	7.79%	6.49%	-3.34%
Naphtha	534.62	0.45%	1.89%	7.01%	-5.48%
Propane	0.68	-0.09%	-0.01%	-13.01%	-
Uranium	27.05	-0.73%	-3.39%	-5.75%	-

CROPS, PRICE PER 100KG MARCH 18,

Region	Maize		Sorghum		Bulrush Millet		Finger Millet		Wheat		Beans		Round potatoes	
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High
Arusha	42000	43000	170000	200000	35000	38000	38000	40000	70000	72000	80000	82000	110000	155000
D'Salaam	55000	70000	145000	220000	70000	70000	80000	80000	110000	140000	130000	130000	180000	210000
Dodoma	46000	48000	150000	190000	31000	35000	32000	34000	65000	75000	160000	160000	150000	175000
Geita	48000	57000	125000	130000	100000	180000	175000	180000	NA	NA	165000	180000	120000	170000
Iringa	35000	37000	160000	200000	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	130000	150000
Kagera	55000	60000	136000	185000	90000	100000	100000	110000	120000	150000	NA	NA	95000	150000
Kilimanjaro	40000	40000	180000	180000	70000	80000	NA	NA	180000	180000	98000	98000	180000	180000
Kigoma	54000	54000	1400											

WORLD

'Our darkest of days': PM Ardern voices New Zealand's grief

WELLINGTON/CHRISTCHURCH

NEW ZEALAND Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern yesterday praised the bravery and courage by mosque worshippers as a lone gunman massacred their friends and family, saying the nation stood with its grieving Muslim community in this "darkest of days".

As preparations for the first burials were underway for the 50 people killed last Friday in the Christchurch mosques mass shooting, Ardern singled out three worshippers, including one of the first killed in the attack.

Hati Mohammed Daoud Nabi, 71, opened the door to the Al Noor mosque. Ardern said he "uttered the words 'Hello brother, welcome'. His final words".

"Of course he had no idea of the hate that sat behind the door, but his welcome tells us so much - that he was a member of a faith that welcomed all its members, that showed openness, and care," she said.

Ardern said she never anticipated having to voice the grief of a nation and ended her speech with the Arabic greeting "Alsalam Alaikum", meaning "Peace be upon you".

Australian Brenton Tarrant, 28, a suspected white supremacist who was living in Dunedin, on New Zealand's South Island, was charged with murder on Saturday.

Tarrant was remanded without a plea and is due back in court on April 5, where police said he was likely to face more charges.

"The families of the fallen will have justice," said Ardern, adding she would never mention the alleged gunman's name.

"He may have sought notoriety, but we in New Zealand will give him nothing. Not even his name."

The victims, killed at two mosques during Friday prayers, were largely Muslim migrants, refugees and residents from countries including Pakistan, Bangladesh, India, Turkey, Kuwait, Somalia and others.

Bodies of the victims were being washed and prepared for burial in a Muslim ritual process on Tuesday, with teams of volunteers flown in from overseas to assist with the heavy workload.

A wheelchair-using worshipper who survived the slaughter at the Al Noor mosque, but whose wife was killed, has offered an olive branch to the gunman, saying he would like to meet him and tell him "I still love you."

"I don't agree with what you did ... you took a wrong decision, a wrong direction, but I want to believe in you. That you have great potential in your heart," said Farhid Ahmed, 59.

The attack also left 50 people injured of which 30 are still in the



Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern speaks to representatives of the Muslim community, March 16, 2019

Christchurch hospital, authorities said. Nine of them are in a critical condition. One four-year-old child was transferred to a hospital in Auckland in a critical condition.

Gun law debate rages

The gunman used a semi-automatic AR-15 during the mosque shootings, police said. A New Zealand gun shop owner said the store had sold Tarrant four weapons and ammunition online between December 2017 and March 2018, but not the high-powered weapon used in the massacre.

Ardern has said she supports a ban on semi-automatic weapons and that cabinet has made in-principle decisions to change gun laws which she will announce next Monday.

"Part of ensuring the safety of New Zealanders must include a frank examination of our gun laws," said Ardern.

While some New Zealanders have voluntarily surrendered guns, others have been buying more from gun stores to beat the ban.

A gun club in the northern town of Kaitiā burned down early on Tuesday and police were treating the blaze as suspicious.

Simon Bridges, leader of the opposition National Party, said he wanted to get details of the changes to see if there could be bipartisan sup-

port in parliament. The Nationals draw support from rural areas, where gun ownership is high.

"We know that change is required. I'm willing to look at anything that is going to enhance our safety - that's our position," Bridges told TVNZ.

Ardern has said that Tarrant emailed a "manifesto" to more than 30 recipients including her office, nine minutes before the attack but it gave no location or specific details. In the document, which was also posted online, Tarrant described himself as "Just a ordinary White man, 28 years old".

Ardern was critical of social media platforms for allowing the distribution of hatred and division, including live broadcasts of the attack.

"We cannot simply sit back and accept that these platforms just exist and that what is said on them is not the responsibility of the place where they are published. They are the publisher. Not just the postman," she said.

"There cannot be a case of all profit no responsibility. This of course doesn't take away the responsibility we too must show as a nation, to confront racism, violence and extremism."

A consortium of global technology firms has shared on its collective database the digital fingerprints of more than 800 versions of the video of the mass shooting.

EU should stop 'politicking' around Crimea – Russian Foreign Ministry

MOSCOW

THE European Union and NATO should stop "politicking" around Crimea and need to listen to the peninsula's residents instead, the Russian Foreign Ministry said on Monday.

On Sunday EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini said that the EU will continue the policy of not recognizing Crimea as part of Russia.

"We would want the EU and NATO to stop politicking and to start listening to Crimeans.

It is time to recognize the democratic choice made by people of Crimea and Sevastopol, and to note positive changes in their lives as part of Russia, as this was already done by multiple unbiased representatives of social and political circles of Western countries," the foreign ministry said.

According to the foreign ministry, the EU and NATO continue making statements about the deteriorating human rights situation on the peninsula while ignoring the fact that "Russian Crimea is becoming stronger as a unique 'melting pot' of cultures and traditions of different peoples."

"Federal and regional authorities are consistently enforcing constitutional cultural, language and other rights of minorities, including Crimean Tatars and ethnic Ukrainians. Since Russia's reunification with Crimea, Russian, Ukrainian and Crimean Tatar languages became official languages in Crimea," the foreign ministry added.

The foreign ministry said that "the EU and NATO turn a blind eye to the actions of the Kiev regime and Ukrainian nationalists who block water and electricity supply to Crimea."

"Visa discrimination" of Crimeans continues even though it violates not only key international standards in the sphere of human rights, but also several fundamental documents of the European Union, the ministry noted.

Agencies

S. African minister lauds Chinese electronic giant for economic contribution

CAPE TOWN

SOUTH African Minister of Trade and Industry Rob Davies on Monday lauded Chinese electronic giant Hisense for its contribution to the economic development in the African country.

On a tour of a Hisense plant in Atlantis near Cape Town, the minister said he was happy to learn more about the achievements Hisense South Africa has made since the Chinese company set its foot on South Africa in the 1980s.

He spoke highly of Hisense's investment and technological transformation, social responsibility, the training mechanism for sustainable employment and localized supply of raw materials.

In 2013, Hisense and China-Africa Development Fund (CADF) jointly invested 350 million rand (about 24 million U.S. dollars) to establish the Hisense South Africa Industrial Park which covers an area of some 100,000 square meters with a construction area of 27,000 square meters.

The project was the largest investment by a Chinese household appliance enterprise in South Africa in the past 40 years.

From 2018 uptil now, Hisense made a further investment 72 million rand to extend its refrigerator production line, creating 120 direct jobs.

Equipped with a new U-shell production line and an additional 2,450 square meters of supporting facilities, the project has become one of the few that have the ability to locally produce high-end energy-saving ice-cooling and air-cooling refrigerators in the country,

with an annual production capacity of 400,000 units.

In addition to refrigerators, the plant also produces TV sets with an annual TV production capacity of 580,000 units.

Since establishment, Hisense has provided in the past six years more than 750 direct jobs for the Atlantis region, 95 percent of which are local employees.

The environmentally-friendly products made by the Hisense Atlantis plant have been sold to more than 10 countries, including Zambia, Botswana, Namibia, Mauritius and Mozambique.

For the past three consecutive years, the market share of Hisense TV units was No.1 in South Africa.

After being briefed by the Hisense management, Davies said Hisense has become a very important part of unprecedented direct foreign investment in South Africa over the past three years.

This has greatly helped lift South Africa's strategic position in the fast-growing African consumer market, Davies said.

Accompanying the minister, General Manager of Hisense South Africa, Liu Bin said in the future, Hisense South Africa will integrate the export and supply chain and cooperate with local logistics companies to export products manufactured by Hisense South Africa to other countries.

In the near future, Hisense plans to establish a research and development center in South Africa as it strives to play a bigger role in the local manufacturing industry, Liu said.

Xinhua

Brexit crisis: May plots a course around speaker's obstruction

LONDON

PRIME Minister Theresa May's Brexit plans were in disarray yesterday as her government sought to plot a way around the speaker of parliament's ruling that she had to change her twice-defeated divorce deal to put it to a third vote.

After two-and-a-half years of negotiations with the EU, Brexit remains uncertain - with options including a long postponement, exiting with May's deal, an economically disruptive exit without a deal, or even another EU membership referendum.

Speaker John Bercow blindsided May's office on Monday by ruling the government could not put the same Brexit deal to another vote in parliament unless it was substantially different to the ones defeated on Jan 15 and March 12.

Brexit Secretary Steve Barclay said the ruling meant a vote this week on May's deal was more unlikely but said ministers were studying a way out of the impasse and indicated the government still planned a third vote on May's deal.

"This is a moment of crisis for our country," Barclay said. "The ruling from the speaker has raised the bar and I think that makes it more



British Prime Minister Theresa May waits for the arrival of European Council President Donald Tusk prior to a bilateral meeting with European Council President Donald Tusk during an EU summit in Brussels. (File photo)

unlikely the vote will be this week."

"We always said that in terms of bringing a vote back for a third time we would need to see a shift from parliamentarians in terms of the support - I think that still is the case."

May is due at an EU summit in Brussels on Thursday at which she will ask for a delay to the March 29 Brexit departure set in law as the

British government tries to come up with a way to leave the European Union after 46 years of membership.

EU leaders could hold off making a final decision at that summit on any Brexit delay depending on what exactly May asks them for, senior diplomats in the bloc said.

"Now it looks like we have to wait till the week after the Council to

find out what happens," said one diplomat.

Speaker's spanner

Bercow said his ruling, based on a convention dating back to 1604, should not be considered his last word and the government could bring forward a new proposition that was not the same as those already voted upon.

Barclay, who last week said Brit-

ain should be unafraid of a no-deal exit, indicated the government was looking at different options and that circumstances, such as an extension or a shift in support, would indicate a change in context.

"The speaker himself has pointed to possible solutions, he himself has said in earlier rulings we should not be bound by precedent," Barclay said. "You can have the same motion but where the circumstances have changed."

"The speaker himself has said that where the will of the House is for a certain course of action, then it is important that the will of the House is respected."

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He ruled out May asking Queen Elizabeth to cut short the entire parliamentary session, known as prorogation, saying involving the 92-year-old monarch in Brexit was a bad idea.

"The one thing everyone would agree on is that involving Her Majesty in any of the issues around Brexit is not the way forward, so I don't see that a realistic option," he said.

Agencies

UNESCO, China to further enhance teachers' capacity in Africa

ADDIS ABABA

THE UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and China have reiterated their joint commitments to enhancing teachers' capacity in Africa towards the provision of quality education across the continent.

UNESCO and Chinese education sector officials made the joint commitment on Monday during a high-level continental meeting slated from March 18 to 21 under the theme "Joint Con-

sultation on Teachers Development in Africa."

The high-level consultative meeting commended the recently concluded UNESCO-China Funds-in-Trust (UNESCO-CFIT) phase II project, which has been under implementation since 2012.

The meeting further commended the Chinese government's "continued support" to UNESCO's efforts toward enhancing teachers' capacity through education and training.

"What we appreciated is that China

donated resources to UNESCO to implement the project in countries in all the planning, implementation and monitoring phases," Edem Adubra, Chief of Section of Teacher Development at UNESCO, told Xinhua on the sidelines of the continental meeting.

"It is a real tripartite partnership to reinforce the South-South Cooperation," Adubra added, as he outlined the role China has been playing towards the realization of the project's major goals.

China and UNESCO also announced

the third phase of the UNESCO-CFIT project, which is presently under study by stakeholders.

"This steady support by the Chinese government is different from other cooperation and contributions we normally receive," Adubra said, as he described the support from China as "punctual."

The UNESCO-CFIT project on "Enhancing Teacher Education for Bridging the Education Quality Gap in Africa" was launched in 2012 with funding from the Chinese government.

The project has so far benefited 10 African countries including Cote d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Ethiopia.

Guo Wei, representative of Chinese National Commission for UNESCO, said that "after 6 years of successful implementation, the project is now considered as a flagship project in the framework of the South-South Cooperation, and under the platform of UNESCO."

"The project has made positive contributions to teachers' education and training in Africa," the representative

said, adding it has also set a good example for member states which plan to implement similar projects.

"We are confident that the third phase will be more relevant to the local context and the need of the participating countries," she added.

This steady support by the Chinese government is different from other cooperation



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FILE PHOTO: Cast member Brie Larson poses at the premiere for the movie "Captain Marvel" in Los Angeles, California, U.S., March 4, 2019. REUTERS

Box Office: 'Captain Marvel' conquers again with \$69 million

LOS ANGELES

NEWCOMERS were no match for Disney's "Captain Marvel" at the domestic box office. The superhero blockbuster soared past the competition, bringing in \$69 million in its second weekend of release.

Marvel's first comic-book tentpole to spotlight a female superhero surpassed \$265 million in ticket sales domestically. Overseas, "Captain Marvel" crossed \$494 million for a massive global haul of \$760 million.

In less than two weeks, "Captain Marvel" has eclipsed the lifetime sums of numerous superhero adventures, including "Ant-Man and the Wasp" (\$623 million), "Iron Man 2" (\$624 million), "Thor: Dark World" (\$645 million), and "Captain America: Winter Soldier" (\$714 million). It's already the 22nd-biggest comic-book release ever.

After a sluggish start to 2019, it has been "Captain Marvel" to the rescue. Ticket sales are up over 3 percent from the same weekend in 2018, according to Comscore. As a whole, the domestic box office is still struggling to match last year's record with receipts pacing 19 percent behind 2018.

Paramount Pictures' "Wonder Park," an animated adventure set in an amusement park based on the imagination of a young girl, bowed in second place and had the best start among new releases. It arrived ahead of industry expectations with \$16 million when it launched in 3,838 locations, though it will need to pick up steam to justify its healthy budget.

Paramount spent nearly \$100 million to produce the film, not including marketing and distribution costs. Since the PG-rated "Wonder Park" appeals to a younger crowd, the studio anticipates moviegoing will gain traction as students will be out of school for spring break.

As expected, families accounted for 62 percent of "Wonder Park's" opening weekend audience. "Wonder Park," featuring the voices of Jennifer Garner, Matthew Broderick, John Oliver, and Mila Kunis, was not well received among critics. Audiences were slightly more enthusiastic, giving it a B+ CinemaScore.

Landing at No. 3 is CBS and Lionsgate's "Five Feet Apart," a romantic drama about two teenagers who meet and fall in love while being treated for cystic fibrosis. Directed by "Jane the Virgin" actor Justin Baldoni, "Five Feet Apart" generated \$13 million from 2,803

venues, a sizable start considering it carries a \$7 million price tag.

Starring "The Edge of Seventeen" and "Split" actress Haley Lu and Cole Sprouse, the film catered mostly to young females. Women represented 82 percent of opening weekend crowds, while 45 percent were under 18 years old.

Lionsgate has three films in the top 10 this weekend. The studio's "Tyler Perry's A Madea Family Funeral" nabbed fifth place, adding \$8 million for a domestic tally of \$59 million. From Lionsgate's Pantelion Films, "No Manches Frida 2" placed in sixth, earning \$3.8 million from 472 theaters. That result is on par with the first film, "No Manches Frida," which debuted with \$3.6 million before ending its box office run with \$11.5 million.

Other new releases include Focus Features and Participant Media's "Captive State." The fantasy thriller placed seventh on box office charts, debuting with a disappointing \$3 million from 2,547 theaters.

Directed by "The Rise of the Planet of the Apes" filmmaker Rupert Wyatt, "Captive State" was poorly received by both audiences and critics. It carries a C- CinemaScore, along with a 43 percent on Rotten Tomatoes.

Universal's "How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World" secured fourth place, picking up \$9.3 million from 3,727 locations. That takes the conclusion of the animated trilogy past \$135 million in ticket sales in North America.

At the specialty box office, Focus Features' "The Mustang" amassed \$76,000 when it debuted in four theaters, averaging out to \$18,950 per venue. The feature directorial debut of French actress Laure de Clermont-Tonnerre, which follows a convict who participates in a rehabilitation program that involves training wild mustangs, skewed toward women as females made up 66 percent of its opening weekend audience. The studio is expanding it to 50 theaters next weekend.

Meanwhile, Fox Searchlight's "The Aftermath" opened on five screens, earning \$57,000 over the three days (\$11,500 per location). The war drama stars Keira Knightley, Alexander Skarsgard, and Jason Clarke.

March looks to cap off a solid month at the domestic box office with Jordan Peele's "Us" arriving next weekend and Disney's remake of "Dumbo" hitting theaters shortly after. Both films are expected to debut with over \$35 million in ticket sales.

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Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry (30) drives to the basket against San Antonio Spurs center LaMarcus Aldridge (12) and forward Davis Bertans (42) during the first half of an NBA basketball game, in San Antonio, Monday, March 18, 2019. (AP Photo)

Spurs extend streak to 9 straight, beat Golden State Warriors 111-105

SAN ANTONIO

THE San Antonio Spurs aren't concerned with making statements. They just want to pile up as many victories as they can late in the season.

DeMar DeRozan had 26 points and nine rebounds, LaMarcus Aldridge added 23 points and 13 rebounds and Spurs beat the Golden State Warriors 111-105 on Monday night for their ninth straight win.

"We're just trying to get wins, man, that's all," Spurs forward Rudy Gay said. "We've had wins, we've had big wins, we've had some bad losses, (too). It just feels good to win the games we think we should."

San Antonio won its 11th straight at home and moved into fifth in the Western Conference following the Thunder's loss to Miami. The Spurs also clinched a winning record for the 22nd straight season.

Stephen Curry had 25 points after a slow start and Kevin Durant added 24 for the Warriors, who entered the game having won two straight. Golden State dropped into a tie with Denver for first place in the West with matching 47-22 records.

"That's the hottest team in the league and obviously really well-coached," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. "They were executing and I thought they outexecuted us, outcoached us. They deserved to win."

San Antonio's winning streak is second only to Golden State's 11 straight wins earlier this season. Remarkably, the Spurs' longest winning streak since 2016 comes directly after they went 1-7 for their worst Rodeo Road Trip ever.

San Antonio has beaten Golden State, Denver, Milwaukee, Oklahoma City, Portland and Detroit during its streak. All of those clubs are among the top six teams in their conference. "Guys are playing better," Aldridge said of the turnaround. "We're trying to be better defensively. Communication has been better and it's just winning time. I think everyone senses that."

Golden State was without DeMarcus Cousins and Andre Iguodala, who both sat with injuries, but remained within two possessions in the final minute.

The Warriors had to rally in the second half after a sluggish start.

Curry and Klay Thompson opened the game a combined 0 for 11, but the Warriors' defense allowed them to tie the game at 25 when Curry threw in a 61-footer to close the first quarter.

Curry finished 9 for 25 from the field and Thompson finished with 14 points on 5-for-18 shooting. Thompson said the "Splash Brothers" struggles were their own rather than anything the Spurs did defensively.

"Just missed shots," Thompson said. "That's all it is. Shots that we normally hit, too. Yeah, they're a smart disciplined team but it's not like we weren't getting to our spots and getting good looks. Just didn't go in." After trailing by 11 in the third quarter, the Warriors' offense awoke to silence the sold-out crowd with a 16-5 run to forge a 75-all tie. The run included a shakedown, step-back 3-pointer by Curry and a pair of quick passes from Curry to Draymond Green to Shaun Livingston for an emphatic dunk. Curry had eight points in the run.

"Every time we made a run, they countered and they made a run," Green said.

DeRozan scored 10 points in the final quarter, including a pair of pull-up jumpers over Thompson, to seal the victory.

Gay added 17 points for San Antonio and Derrick White had 12.

AP

With high-tech glasses, Japanese ALS patient makes the beat go on



Masatane Muto

TOKYO

THE music booms and lights flash as Masatane Muto, a wheelchair-bound disc jockey, uses his eyes to put on a show at a recent Tokyo music festival.

Muto, who lost the use of his hands to Lou Gehrig's Disease, wears a pair of

high-tech glasses connected to an app that controls music-mixing software.

"Through my performance, I hope to show that everybody should be given the chance to express themselves," Muto, 32, told Reuters Television after performing at the J-Wave Innovation World Festa.

Muto was a 27-year-old advertising executive when he was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease - a progressive neurological disease in which patients gradually lose control of most of their muscles, though mental function remains

unimpaired.

The disease, which gained prominence in 2014 through the "Ice Bucket Challenge" global video fundraising campaign, is terminal, with most patients dying within three to five years of their diagnosis. There is currently no treatment.

On the train home after his diagnosis, Muto vowed to make the rest of his life as innovative and creative as possible. He quit his job and founded the group "WITH ALS" to raise awareness of the disease and help other patients live their lives to the fullest.

Muto dreamed of being a disc jockey and tracked down the latest technology to make it happen.

Now a radio personality, he performs as a disc and video jockey under the moniker "EYE VDJ", mixing music with smart eyewear that detects his eye movements and allows him to use an app connected to music-mixing software. A three-point sensor on the nose pad of the JINS MEME glasses detects subtle electronic changes in the surrounding skin which are caused by blinking or movement of the eyes.

The eyeglasses sell for 27,300 yen (\$245) a pair, cheaper than many other eye-tracking devices. The source code for JINS MEME has been released to the public in the hope that others will find their own ways of using it, Muto said. "ALS is thought to be an incurable disease, but I believe hope is now growing for ALS patients to pursue their lifestyle and quality of life with the help of technology," he said.

Muto said his next dream is to perform at the opening ceremonies of the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2020.

"By then I may be bedridden, but I can perform with the help of technology and the support of many people," he said. (\$1 = 111.5700 yen)

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Pochettino: Man United built to win big things

LONDON

TOTTENHAM manager Mauricio Pochettino says Manchester United are a club built "to win big things" ahead of their high-profile Champions League quarterfinal against Barcelona, but admitted the Blaugrana are "one step higher" and should be considered favourites to lift the European Cup in June.

United have experienced a revival under interim manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, who took over at the club after Jose Mourinho was sacked in December, and remain in the hunt for a top-four spot in the Premier League in addition to their last-eight place in Europe.

However, Pochettino, who has been linked to the United job since Mourinho's departure, told reporters in Barcelona that the Red Devils still have some climbing to do in order to reach Lionel Messi & Co.

"I think the Manchester United team have been built during the past few years to win big things," Pochettino said, when asked to comment on the tie. "But winning important competitions such as the Champions League or the Premier League always depends on small details."

"Of course they have the players that are capable of making things difficult for Barcelona. But I think Barcelona are one step higher than Manchester United."

The former Espanyol player and manager added: "If there is a favourite team to win the Champions League, it is Barcelona."

"[Barcelona manager] Ernesto Valverde is doing a great job. Then they have players of an extraordinary level. And then they have Leo Messi. Then you have teams such as Manchester City or Juventus that will always have chances to win the competition because they are teams designed to do that."

Pochettino, whose Spurs side drew Manchester City in UCL the quarter-finals, was seen as the early favourite to take over on a permanent basis at Old Trafford before Solskjaer's stunning run of results made him the only

serious candidate for the job, sources told ESPN FC last month.

Despite the club's determination to seek a high-profile, experienced coach to replace Mourinho, sources said that Solskjaer moved ahead of Pochettino and Juventus coach Massimiliano Allegri – neither of whom have so far been approached about the United job.

Meanwhile, Manchester United have no plans to move for Gareth Bale if he is made available by Real Madrid in the summer, sources have told ESPN FC.

Bale, 29, is facing an uncertain future at the Bernabeu in the wake of criticism from supporters and the return of Zinedine Zidane as coach.

Last week, Bale's agent Jonathan Barnett told ESPN FC that the winger planned to "wait and see" how things go with Zidane's return before deciding on his long-term future.

And earlier this month Barnett said Madrid fans who whistled Bale when he was substituted in the home Clasico defeat to Barcelona were "a disgrace."

Despite being under contract until the end of the 2021-22 season, Wales international Bale has been reported to be a contender to be sold as part of Madrid's efforts to raise funds for a squad rebuild.

The 29-year-old is in Manchester, training with Wales at United's Carrington base ahead of Wednesday's international friendly against Trinidad and Tobago.

But sources said United would not be registering an interest with Real due to the prohibitive cost of signing the player and his age, with their recruitment plans instead set to be focused on young and emerging talent.

United have been long-term admirers of Bale, with former manager Sir Alex Ferguson having attempted to sign him from Southampton in 2007.

David Moyes tried and failed to persuade Bale to join when he left Tottenham for Real in 2013, while the club also attempted to sign him during the reigns of both Louis van Gaal and Jose Mourinho.

(AGENCIES)

Xavi says 48-team 2022 Qatar World Cup would be too long

MUMBAI

FORMER Spain midfielder Xavi Hernandez says FIFA should abandon a proposal to increase the number of teams at the 2022 World Cup in Qatar to 48 from 32.

The World Cup will feature 48 teams for the 2026 edition, to be co-hosted by the United States, Mexico and Canada, but FIFA President Gianni Infantino said last week increasing the number of teams for the 2022 tournament was "feasible".

Former Barcelona great Xavi, who won the World Cup with Spain in 2010 and is seeing out his career in Qatar with top-flight club Al Sadd, said 48 teams would not be the right option for 2022, however.

"It's too much and too long. Imagine 48 teams in Qatar, it will not be good in my opinion," he told reporters on Monday.

"It's still for the organisers to decide, but for now Qatar is doing everything

to prepare for 32 teams and it will be difficult to change it for more teams. Also, it's good for football to have 32. That's more than enough."

Should FIFA and Qatari organisers agree on a proposal to increase the number of teams, it would be put to a vote at the FIFA Congress in Paris on June 5.

Xavi, who was in Mumbai for a promotional event for Generation Amazing, a legacy programme initiated by Qatar 2022 organisers, also expected Qatar to acquit themselves well on the field at the tournament.

The tiny Gulf state stunned four-times champions Japan to win this year's Asian Cup and Xavi was not surprised by their breakthrough success.

"I thought the football there was the worst when I first went there," the 39-year-old said. "But they've improved a lot and very quickly since then, everybody saw it at the Asian Cup."

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Guardiola praying his players return injury-free for quadruple bid

LONDON

MANCHESTER City manager Pep Guardiola hopes his players return injury-free from the international break this month for a hectic run of fixtures that could define the Premier League champions' season.

City play eight fixtures in 29 days after the international break with the club fighting on three fronts – the league, FA Cup and Champions League – as they seek a quadruple having already won the League Cup last month.

They are currently second in the league with a game in hand, two points behind leaders Liverpool, while Guardiola's side also advanced to the FA Cup semi-finals and the Champions League quarter-finals.

"I pray that they come back fit," Guardiola told City's website here. "They have to go to their national teams... enjoy and play for their country, but I hope they can come back fit

like they are now.

"I just want them fit and here... With the fixtures we have in April we need everybody, it's crazy."

Guardiola confirmed those not involved with their national teams would have a week's rest before returning to training but counted on his injured players to make a comeback and contribute in any way possible.

"Everybody is going to play and Kevin (De Bruyne), Fernandinho, John (Stones), Benjamin (Mendy) – they are all going to be back soon and we need them. Even if some play 10 or 15 minutes here and there," Guardiola added.

"We need everybody because we have got to this stage where we are still in with a chance of winning three more trophies because of everybody. Not just 11 players, but everyone."

City's next game is a league trip to relegation strugglers Fulham on March 30.

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Man City's road to the quadruple is clear. Can they get there?

LONDON

MANCHESTER City are chasing history. Their trip to Craven Cottage to face Fulham on March 30 marks the first of a potential 15 games in 64 days that could end with Pep Guardiola and his players becoming football immortals.

No English club has ever achieved a clean sweep of every competition they have entered in a season. Manchester United famously won the Premier League, FA Cup and Champions League in 1999, while Liverpool pulled off the league, League Cup and European Cup in 1984. They also won a treble of cup competitions – FA Cup, League Cup and UEFA Cup – in 2001.

Having won the Carabao Cup with a penalty shoot-out win against Chelsea at Wembley last month, City are still in the hunt for an unprecedented quadruple and every victory takes them one step closer to succeeding in their quest. Guardiola admitted after Saturday's dramatic, and controversial, 3-2 FA Cup quarterfinal victory at Swansea that he was "tired" and in need of a break, but while the international fixtures offer a much-needed opportunity for the City manager and some of his players to catch their breath, it will only be a brief respite because the next two months promise to be hectic, draining and career-defining.

They head into their final 15 games on the back of a remarkable run that has seen them win 18 and lose one of their last 20 fixtures in all competitions. The one draw, against Chelsea at Wembley, still ended with victory on penalties; in essence, they've walked off the pitch having won 19 of their last 20 games. If they maintain that kind of form, the record books are likely to be rewritten but fatigue will undoubtedly come into play and they will have to overcome formidable opponents to win all four competitions.

Their route to the quadruple has now



Pep Guardiola

been confirmed, so what lies ahead for Guardiola and his team?

Premier League City have eight games to play in the Premier League and are currently two points behind leaders Liverpool having played one game fewer.

In the Champions League, City know that victory against Tottenham in the quarterfinals will set up a semifinal clash with either Ajax or Juventus, while only Brighton & Hove Albion stand between them and an FA Cup final encounter with Watford or Wolves on May 18.

The Premier League promises to be the toughest to win because City must play catch-up but in some ways, the intensity of their race with Liverpool could help rather than hinder.

Back in 1999, United and Arsenal were locked in a similar battle for supremacy – two outstanding teams who traded top spot on an almost weekly basis until United won the title on the final day of the season. It promises to be the same this

year, with City needing to win their game in hand – against United at Old Trafford – to erase Liverpool's two-point lead and reclaim top spot.

Gary Neville, a key member of United's Treble-winning side, said in his autobiography, "Red," that Arsenal's form and quality meant United "couldn't afford to relax for a minute. The opposition was so tough, we knew we had to raise our game." City have the same problem, or advantage, with Liverpool. If Klopp's team do not drop points, City will have to win all of their remaining games, including the derby at Old Trafford, so their focus will remain sharp and intense.

FA Cup

The next trophy to tick off will be the FA Cup and this, on paper at least, appears to be the least problematic competition remaining for Guardiola's men. Brighton, who haven't beaten City since 1989, sit five points above the Premier League relegation zone and they will be huge outsiders

in next month's FA Cup semifinal. If City win that one, then Watford or Wolves will stand between them and a domestic treble.

Champions League

If City had to choose between competitions over the final two months, it is the Champions League that Guardiola and City's Abu Dhabi hierarchy are most desperate to win. On its own, the European Cup is the pinnacle for every club, but if it turns out to be the final piece of a quadruple jigsaw, are City equipped to win it?

The quarterfinal against Spurs, whom they will play three times in 11 days, will test City in every department and these games will have a knock-on effect in the Premier League. Only time will tell whether that will be in a positive or negative sense.

If Spurs are overcome, then a semifinal against Ajax or Cristiano Ronaldo's Juventus will be a seismic occasion. City have never gone beyond the semifinal stage of the Champions League, losing against Real Madrid in their only appearance in 2016, so they will have to make club history if they are to reach the final in Madrid on June 1.

If they do, barring the shock of Porto reaching the final from the other half of the draw, City are likely to have to overcome one of Barcelona, Liverpool or United to win it.

There really is no easy option – from facing the genius of Lionel Messi, renewing the increasingly intense rivalry with Liverpool or facing neighbours United, City's 15th game in 64 days would be the biggest in the club's history and leave the players standing on the brink of greatness.

As difficult as it appears right now, the path is clear and Manchester City know exactly what they have to do, from this point on, to achieve what no team has done before.

(AGENCIES)

Messi goes interstellar with that chip vs. Betis

BARCELONA

HERE are three sentences whose words do no justice to the majesty of their content: In the depths of a molecular cloud, a star is born. Neil Armstrong walked on the moon. Lionel Messi chipped Pau Lopez in Barcelona's 4-1 win at Real Betis on Sunday.

All three of the above sentences represent events that are noteworthy on an intergalactic scale. They all mark moments where aliens, sitting peacefully in their suburban homes, looked up to the skies from their Sunday papers and said: "Things done changed."

Though I am not in possession of a telescope of sufficient strength, I comfortably assert that wherever the football gods were when watching Messi score his third goal last night against Real Betis, they each fell off their chairs. Those same football gods will forever tease that friend of theirs who, with the game won in the 85th minute, popped out briefly and missed seeing that in real time.

Messi is interstellar. That chip against Betis, one of three goals he scored on Sunday, is already travelling out to the edges of our known universe, shared feverishly in WhatsApp groups by different members of a crew as their ships travel at warp speed. Somewhere out there, on distant windswept worlds whose inhabitants have settled in to watch their favourite evening soap operas, a small broadcast about Messi's chip has just begun. "I am sorry," says the broadcaster, their voice suddenly so small and unusually hesitant. "In an interruption to scheduled programming..."

Messi chipped Pau Lopez, and we need to talk about what that means.

First of all, the chip itself does not belong in professional football. Professional football is a fast, furiously athletic sport. It is war and thunder, storm and fury. It is rage and hurricane. A chip is none of that. A chip is a ball that floats through the skies with the same gentleness as a couple taking a midsummer walk along the waterfront. A chip does not belong in professional football, and that is exactly why Messi put it there.

Messi chipped Pau Lopez because that is the last thing that the goalkeeper was expecting. Lopez, whom Messi had already beaten twice in that match, was probably anticipating that the forward, as he arrived in the area to strike the ball, would lash a shot low toward either



Lionel Messi

corner of the net. We know this because, as we carefully review footage of the crime scene, Lopez steps forward, off his line, perhaps preparing to dive to his knees.

Lopez, a diligent professional, puts his weight and his momentum on his toes, and perhaps – the second before Messi strikes that ball – he entertains the thought, at some profoundly subconscious level, that Messi might just consider putting the ball over him. If so, it is a thought that he immediately dismisses in irritation. Dear God, Pau, he thinks. Don't be ridiculous. You utter fool.

That said, we must not feel sorry for Pau Lopez. He's a well-paid professional, presumably rewarded in handsome fashion for the services that he provides to Real Betis. But it's easy to sense a faint element of sympathy for him.

When a goalkeeper watches a chip float over his head, he does so with a sense of hope-

lessness. In that moment, as Messi collected that pass and sent that chip soaring airborne, Lopez knew it was going in. He was a hapless witness to his own magnificent end.

Of course, when Messi did that to him, he did something few footballers can do. If most other footballers attempt that shot, the goalkeeper ends up simply catching it; either that, or the ball drifts harmlessly over the bar. But Messi is obviously nothing like most, if any, of his peers. The chip requires mastery of three specific techniques – spin, precision and disguise – and Messi simultaneously summoned them all.

If you watch that goal again, which of course you should, you will see at the instant of impact that Messi had his head bowed, with no indication as to what he would do next. He had cleared the ball for flight, an air-traffic controller plotting its path through the heavens. He then applied the spin – my God, the spin!

– slicing his foot beneath the ball at such speed that the motion must have cut the surrounding grass. And, of course, the ball, with the glorious inevitability of our slowly dying sun, rose and fell.

Across the Universe, all sentient creatures knew what they had seen. The supervillain Thanos, now resting in his garden at the edge of creation, glanced mournfully upward and lamented: "Dread him. ... Run from him. ... Messi still arrives." The home crowd at Betis, though opposed to Messi, made a gesture of the most moving beauty: They rose to their feet in applause, chanting his name. It's never an easy thing to do when it's your beloved team on the receiving end, but they had to acknowledge the majesty they'd witnessed with their own eyes.

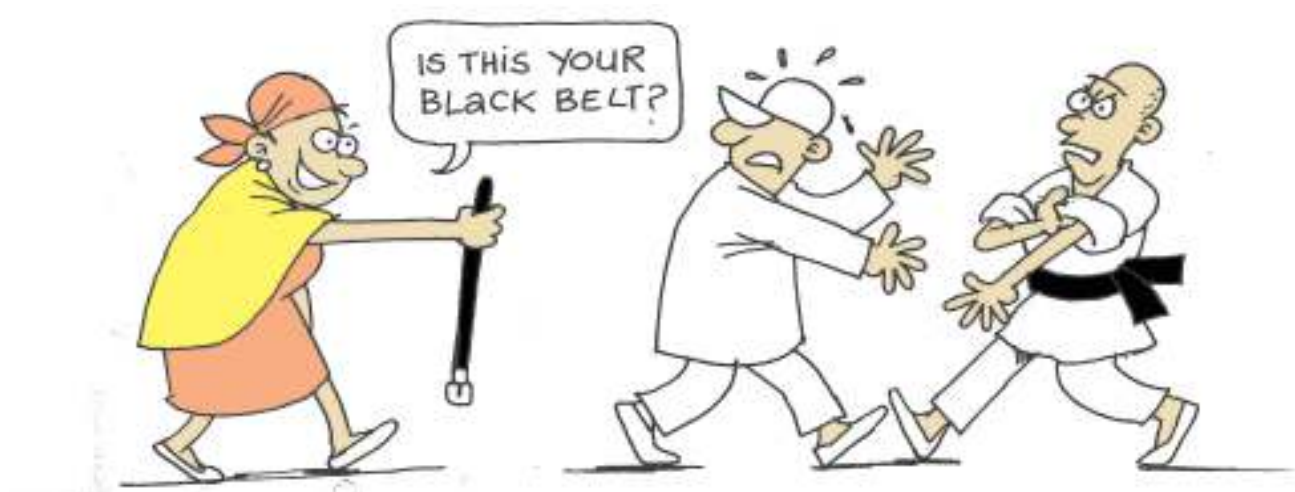
They did it because Messi transcends. "To transcend" – a verb defined by the Merriam-Webster Dictionary as "to rise above, or go beyond the limits of." During that passage of play, Messi transcended football.

He was truly a thing to witness. Of course, when he's off the field, Messi is utterly human: Just ask the taxman. On the field, though, he is frequently supernatural and, against Betis, he was something even more. The Merriam-Webster Dictionary helpfully provides another definition of "transcend" – to be prior to, beyond and above (the universe or material existence) – and we can think, yes, yes, that is it. Messi's goal against Betis was above and beyond the Universe: It was interstellar.

Against Betis, Messi did not merely chip Lopez; he did not merely walk on the moon. As he stood there, as we all admired the ball's elegant arc, the makers of our night sky commissioned a new star in celebration.

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MultiChoice announces opportunity for film stakeholders in Africa

By Guardian Reporter

MULTICHOICE Tanzania has announced a unique opportunity for film stakeholders in Tanzania and the rest of Africa, which is keen on revolutionizing the film production in the continent.

The company's Corporate Affairs Manager, Johnson Mshana, disclosed during the launch of the program, dubbed MultiChoice Talent Factory (MTF) Portal, it is a continuation of a special program which aims at bringing changes in film industry in Africa.

"The MTF, a program that was launched early in May, is keen on bringing changes in film industry in Tanzania and Africa in general," Mshana said.

"We started by sending four youths to a special camp for film production training at a special academy in Nairobi, Kenya, we then organized special training for storytellers in January and we have today come up with a special platform, which targets to bring revolution in the film industry in Africa," he noted.

Tanzania Film Board Executive Secretary, Joyce Fiso, said she thanks MultiChoice, given the firm has been in the forefront of efforts to bring revolution in the film industry in Tanzania.

"I personally watched the launch of the MTF program in Dodoma early last year and today we are launching a continuation of the same program," Fiso said.

"It is actually a special opportunity and I would like to use this opportunity to motivate all film stakeholders to make the most of this chance so they can learn, share knowledge and ultimately produce films with strong messages from Africa."

MultiChoice Tanzania Public Relations Officer, Grace Mgaya, noted the portal is open to all people, particularly film stakeholders in Tanzania and Africa in general.

"We believe through this program we will reach many more stakeholders and we expect quality production from Africa in future, thanks to positive results brought by the MTF program," Grace said.

The MTF portal is the third touch point of the initiative following the launch of three regional MTF Academies in West, East and Southern Africa.

The 12-month film training program gearing towards upskilling the next generation of passionate young film creatives launched in October last year and the MTF Masterclasses launched in January this year to upskill industry professionals.

The interactive online portal is aimed at profiling and connecting Africa's industry creatives and bringing pan-African talent and opportunities together in one place.

The digital portal will allow film makers across the continent to network, find talent and showcase their works.

Users of the portal- up-and-coming talent and industry professionals- can also network with each other, connect and collaborate. The MTF Portal will also provide information on the MTF Academies and Masterclasses.

Ganguly suggests extreme No. 4 choices for India

NEW DELHI

FORMER captain Sourav Ganguly has offered two extreme choices to end India's quest for the perfect number four batsman at this year's World Cup, suggesting they choose between a dour Cheteshwar Pujara and a daredevil Rishabh Pant for the role.

India continue to fret over the crucial batting slot after a series of candidates fluffed their auditions ahead of the World Cup in England and Wales.

Their last ODI series before the showpiece event did not suggest any remedy either, with Ambati Rayudu scoring 13, 18 and two in the first three matches against Australia while Pant scored 16 in the fifth.

Ganguly (pictured) caused quite a consternation by suggesting the



name of test specialist Pujara who played the last of his five ODIs in 2014.

"I suggest Pujara's name because he's in great form. We've seen how well he did in Australia," Ganguly said of the 31-year-old architect of India's first-ever test series victory

in Australia earlier this year.

Ganguly pointed out how Rahul Dravid, someone Pujara is often likened to for their similar batting approach, became part of India's ODI squad despite not being a power-hitter.

"I've seen Rahul Dravid playing

World Cup and excelling at number four and five. We used to assign him a role. So I suggest, if you don't have a ready number four batsman, you can consider Pujara," Ganguly told reporters on Tuesday.

In case it's too radical a choice, Ganguly also suggested the name of Pant, more a plunderer than an accumulator of runs.

The 21-year-old, who has built a growing six-hitting reputation, impressed in the test series in England and Australia and is expected to be India's second choice wicketkeeper behind Mahendra Singh Dhoni at the World Cup.

Pant has not been as impressive in one-dayers, but Ganguly attributed it to his limited chances that came only when Dhoni was either resting or recovering.

REUTERS

Azam FC eyes place in Federation Cup semis



Azam FC players take part in training session at the Azam Complex in Dar es Salaam recently to prepare for the ongoing Mainland Premier League and the Azam Sports Federation Cup. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

By Guardian Reporter

AZAM FC has begun preparing for the last eight stage's match of this year's Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) against Kagera Sugar minus four players that have earned a call up for their respective senior national soccer teams.

The game has been slated to take place at the Kaitaba Stadium in Kagera on March 29 and, as disclosed by Azam FC officials through the club's website, the outfit takes the encounter seriously with a view to booking a place in the CAF Confederation Cup next season.

Azam FC that will miss out on the training sessions, which started yesterday, include the side's skipper Aggrey Morris, defensive midfielder Mudathir Yahya (Tanzania), right fullback Nicolas Wadada (Uganda) and offensive midfielder Tafadzwa Kutinyu

(Zimbabwe). The quartet has reported to the respective national teams' training bases to shape up for the qualifiers for the 2019 AFCON finals, which will be played in Egypt.

Azam FC has been enjoying an impressive run in domestic competitions after interim coaches, Idd Nassor Cheche and Abdul Mingane, had taken over the squad's technical bench.

The club has registered resounding wins in four consecutive games, a situation that has impressed the club's supporters.

In the four games, Azam FC coasted to a 3-0 victory over Tabora's Rhino Rangers in the fifth round game of the ASFC, and the city giants, thereafter, thrashed African Lyon (3-1), JKT Tanzania (6-1) and Singida United (4-0) in the Mainland Premier League games.

Cheche has already made it clear he is waiting for his players in the training so he can give the latter tactics for the ASFC quarterfinal duel with Kagera Sugar.

The coach disclosed it is too early to comment on the game much as he admitted the match is, to his squad, almost like a final.

Azam FC is set to head to Kagera on March 25 to lock horns with Kagera Sugar in the last eight stage match.

The ASFC champions are set to represent the country in the CAF Confederation Cup next season, apart from receiving a trophy and cash prize of 50m/-.

Azam FC technical bench had already made it clear the side will go all the way to this year's tournament's final with the aim of winning silverware and competing in the CAF Confederation Cup

next season.

"The ASFC games are finals, we take them seriously. I appreciate the players are in great shape and everyone is playing his heart out when he gets opportunity to take part in a game," Cheche disclosed.

"I cannot disclose our preparations for the assignment. I'm waiting for the players today with a view to starting preparations for taking on Kagera Sugar."

The last eight stage of the ASFC will as well see African Lyon come up against Kiondoni Municipal Council FC, Lipuli FC face Singida United, Yanga, winners of the inaugural ASFC, lock horns with Alliance FC.

Morogoro's Mtibwa Sugar, winners of the ASFC in the previous season, kissed this year's competition goodbye in the fifth round as they were knocked out by KMC FC via penalties.

Flexibles by David Chikoko



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