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Prisons and JKT camps wade into oil palm farming

By Guardian Correspondent, Kigoma

THE Bulumbora National Service (JKT Bulumbora), Kwitanga Prison in Kigoma District and Ilagala Prison in Uvinza District also in Kigoma Region have started growing oil palm seedlings in response to the call from Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa (pictured) for palm oil production to reduce oil importation costs.

The acting head of 821 JKT Bulumbora Capt. Benitho Lubida said in heeding the call and in collaboration with the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI), the camp was preparing 100,000 'Tenela' oil palm seedlings for planting in their 2,000 acre farm.

Capt Lubida said for a start they have planted 19,600 seedlings while they continue to prepare more seedlings and have already prepared a 916 acre farm in response to the premier's call.

In collaboration with TARI the camp is preparing 500,000 "Tenela" seedlings to cater for six districts by various villages surrounding the JKT area to assist the government cut palm oil import costs.



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The Chief Warden of Kwitanga Prison, Dominic Kazimile, said the government wants to see the prison become a centre for growing high quality "Tenela" oil palm seedlings that yield large quantities of palm oil.

The prison intends to cultivate 6,000 acres and has already prepared 400 acres in their first phase plan, while growing 10,759 seedlings and removing aged trees planted way back in 1968.

On his part the Chief Warden of Ilagala Prison in Uvinza District, ASP Mangole Mbaruk said they have received 10,000 seedlings from TARI and have prepared 200 acres for palm oil farming.

Meanwhile TARI Director Dr Geoffrey Mkamilo was pleased by both JKT and Prisons in responding to the call from the premier as well as for keeping oil palm seedlings while preparing their farms for planting.

Speaking about JKT, Dr Mkamilo said there is a great opportunity provided by Lake Tanganyika, noting that the camp is ready to keep the seedlings for other areas in need.

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TARI-Kihinga director Dr Filson Kagimbo said they have come up with

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Amina Shabani (2nd-L), Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Finance and Planning ministry, presents the 'Best Presented Financial Statements in Large Banks Category' award for year 2018 to NMB Bank Plc Acting chief finance officer Benedicto Baragomwa in Dar es Salaam at the weekend after the bank scooped the National Board of Accountants and Auditors (NBAA) award for the second year running. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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By Henry Mwangonde

President John Magufuli yesterday joined Tanzanians to mourn the sudden death of the Infotech Investment Group chairman, Ali Mufuruki (61), who died in Johannesburg, South Africa where he was undergoing treatment.

In his message of condolence posted on his twitter account, the president said he was saddened by the death of his friend Mufuruki saying he will remember him for being patriotic as well as his efforts to develop the private sector and offering advice to the government.

Mufuruki, who was founder of the CEOs Roundtable of Tanzania (CEOrt) and the Africa Leadership Initiative (ALI) East Africa, died on Saturday night.

He fell ill in Dar es Salaam and was rushed to the Aga Khan Hospital. Shortly afterwards, he was airlifted to South Africa on Saturday afternoon, CEOrt chairman Sanjay Rughani affirmed to the media yesterday.

A businessman and author, Mufuruki was



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until recently the board chairman for Vodacom Tanzania and Wananchi Group Holdings but also held various other high level business advisory positions.

He also served as a trustee of the Mandela Institute for Development Studies and he is a co-author of the book, Tanzania's Industrialization Journey, 2016-2056.

Various individuals, politicians and those from the business community wrote to mourn the late Mufuruki, describing as a great son of the land who dedicated most of his time working to improve Tanzania's business sector.

Kigoma Urban MP and leader of ACT-Wazalendo, Zitto Kabwe said the late Mufuruki was a close friend and adviser, a humble person even when he differed with someone on various issues.

MeTL Group chairman Mohammed Dewji said he received the news of Mufuruki's demise with profound shock.

The Minister for Trade and Industry, Innocent Bashungwa, wrote in twitter saying

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TAWA: Wildlife poaching in forest reserve areas in massive decline

By Guardian Correspondent, Itigi

TANZANIA Wildlife Authority (TAWA) has succeeded to a large extent to reduce poaching in forest reserves after establishing special patrol groups, with these efforts enabling an increase of over 20,000 elephants in the reserves.

The TAWA officer in charge of the special unit, John Kaaya made this remark when closing two weeks of training for the Rapid Response Team (RRT) at Rungwa village in Manyoni District,



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Singida Region.

The war against poaching will succeed with cooperation among various institutions including foreign countries, exchange of intelligence and setting up common strategies for action, sharing of experience on poachers' methods and how the trophies are transported, he said.

Considering the high costs involved in the upkeep of wildlife, it is clear there was a need to unite these strategies with the aid of modern

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JPM: SGR Mwanza-Isaka dry port work starts soon

By Guardian Reporter

The government is set to begin the construction of new Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) from Mwanza to Isaka dry port, President John Magufuli announced yesterday.

The Head of State made the remarks yesterday, laying the foundation stone for the construction of a new ship, Chelezo and renovation of MV Victoria and MV Butiama at the Mwanza port, noting that the shipyard projects will cost 152bn/-.



"We are preparing to announce the construction of a new railway from here to Isaka. Do not ask me where I will get the money, but we will for sure get it," he declared.

The section, measuring around 220 kilometers, takes the SGR line to the city of Mwanza, on the southern shores of Lake Victoria. The dry port is located 485kms from Kigali and 982 kilometres from Dar es Salaam, along the Dar-Mwanza railway line.

The completion of the project will ease transportation in surrounding regions whereby since the 1996 when MV Bukoba capsized, transport has been problematic for Lake Victoria ports.

"This did not happen in the past because we never prioritized these issues as well as set aside

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enough of the revenue we collect to meet the challenges facing the people," the president stated.

Tanzania is currently constructing its Standard Gauge railway from Dar es Salaam to Morogoro and readying for other stages which upon completion, will stretch for 1,457 kilometers from Dar es Salaam to the shores of Lake Victoria.

The fast moving SGR trains offer an opportunity to reduce the time and high transport costs that neighbouring landlocked countries currently have to bear.

It is among ongoing mega infrastructure projects and is estimated to cost 14trn/- (\$ 6.5bn) over a five year period.

Tanzania signed an agreement with Rwanda one year ago for extending the

SGR line from Isaka to Kigali (covering 575 kilometres).

Recently, Tanzania, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) entered into an agreement to construct a standard gauge railway connecting the three countries to ease transportation.

Works minister Isaac Kamwewe said after the agreement was signed for the implementation of the project that SGR will connect the two landlocked countries with Dar es Salaam port.

Feasibility studies being conducted by HP Gulf of Germany for the grand railway project will be completed late next month, he said, not elaborating on the funding sources for the project.

With the SGR project, transport along the central corridor reaching Burundi, DRC, Rwanda and Uganda is set to vastly improve the movement of goods in the Great Lakes region.



Major Abel Gwanafyo, a supervisor with the MV Victoria and MV Butiama rehabilitation project being implemented in Mwanza Region, briefs President John Magufuli at the site of the project in Mwanza city yesterday on the progress made. Left is Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan. Photo: State House

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strategies to revive the oil palm crop as oil palm yields more oil per acre compared to other oil yielding crops such as sunflower.

Experts say that Tanzania has all it takes to grow and produce enough palm oil to meet local demands, but inadequate investment is bogging the sector down.

Despite the vast potential, the country relies on imported raw

materials for producing edible oils and soaps. Tanzania has more-or-less similar weather conditions with Malaysia from where it imports most of its palm oil. Malaysia is the world's second largest producer of palm oil while Tanzania is not even on the list of palm oil producing countries.

Tanzania imports 55.5 per cent of its total edible oil requirements despite having a vast and promising production potential in palm oil and sunflower sub-sectors.

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"Deeply shocked by sudden departure of our own Ali Mufuruki, your astute leadership in the business community will be missed. Your message on Nov.15th 2019 was sweet ending," the minister mourned.

A few years ago, Forbes Magazine and Ventures Africa ranked Mufuruki as one among Tanzanians with vast wealth, estimating his fortune at \$110 million.

Infotech has interests in property development and leasing, hospitality, advertising and mobile telecommunications.

Mufuruki was also a co-founder and partner at East Africa Capital Partners, a technology, media and telecommunications sector focused investment firm.

He also helped to create Venture Capital Fund Manager investing in the greater Eastern Africa region. A board room guru, the late Mufuruki once sat on or chaired Stanbic Bank (T) Ltd.

Ireland vows to support more Tanzania's battle against GBV

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

IRELAND's Ambassador to Tanzania, Paul Sherlock, has said that his country is committed to supporting Tanzanian institutions to respond to gender-based violence and violence against women and children to ensure that victims get full protection of the law.

He also said there is a need to strengthen reporting, investigation and prosecution mechanisms through building capacity of key criminal justice institutions in managing gender based violence cases and strengthening coordination across the criminal justice system.

He made the remarks over the weekend during the National Dialogue on Strengthening Criminal Justice Systems the meeting that was organised by Women in Law and Development Africa (WILDAF) attended by CSOs

members and government officials.

He said for a multitude of reasons, GBV cases are often unreported or under reported, undermining the health, dignity and security of survivors adding that the proportion of cases that make it to court are very low.

He said there are an immense number of challenges in protecting victims and ensuring effective access to justice.

"In my country, Ireland, we grappled with the very same issues. A 2014 study found that 79 per cent of women never report a serious physical or sexual assault by a male partner to anyone and many women were returning to homes where violence had occurred; and was likely to re-occur," he said.

He went on that allegations of abuse were not being fully investigated and legal system was failing some of the most vulnerable in our society

adding that such alarming statistics and the very strong advocacy by civil society organisations, led to a series of developments in policy, strategy, and legislation.

"Here in Tanzania the Embassy is working to support issues of gender inequality and to address gender-based violence across our work and that includes a commitment to strengthen capacity of the Tanzanian criminal justice system to respond to GBV," he said.

He called upon Tanzanians to take action to ensure that victims of rape and sexual violence wherever this crime may occur are given the full protection of the law adding that Ireland is ready to support CSOs and government in these endeavours.

Meanwhile, Commissioner for Human Rights Committee, Nyanda Shuli said that what we are seeing is

more crimes being brought to justice and the result has been an increase in the number in prison for these serious offences.

He said this change is happening because the society is changing and we have gained some understanding of the seriousness of these crimes and more victims are having the confidence to come forward and put their case.

"We should be proud that we live in a society that no longer shames victims of rape; that is prepared to confront child sex abuse, and has brought domestic violence out in the open but there is still more we can do," he said.

He said the dialogue provides an opportunity to share insights, to collaborate and to learn from each other as we continue to build a modern justice system, taking advantage of new technology and new approaches.



The Norwegian Ambassador to Tanzania, Elisabeth Jacobsen, speaks at the graduation ceremony for 14 students sponsored by Equinor Tanzania to undertake for specialised courses in Petroleum Geosciences, Petroleum Engineering and Project Management at the University of Dar es Salaam. Others are University of Dar es Salaam's Prof Ulingeta Mbamba (2nd-L), Equinor Tanzania resident manager Dr Mette Halvorsen Ottøy, Prof Egil Tjland of NTNU, Prof Jon Kleppe of NTNU, and Norad board representative Erik Holtar. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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technology, use of sniffer dogs and air patrols, he further noted.

Delivering a report from the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) the

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director for Ruaha/Katavi Zone, Aaron Nicholas said the establishment of the institution was spurred by an increase in poaching way back in 2013.

Apart from the training they offer, they also provided various equipments for the 200 RRT personnel - including 10 vehicles, two boats and other patrol

equipment, he stated.

Speaking on behalf of the Forest Reserve Managers from Rungwa, Kizigo, Muhesi, Rukwa, Lwafi and

Lukwati/Piti, the manager for Rukwa/Lwafi, Pascal Mrina said WCS started assisting RRT in the reserves since 2016 in collaboration with TAWA, who are

actual administrators of the reserves.

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Children with physical and mental disabilities, who are under the care of Baba Oreste Centre at Bunju B in Dar es Salaam, admire gifts from Time To Help officials who visited them yesterday after a two-kilometre charity walk meant to sensitise society on the need to support disadvantaged people. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

Government calls upon accountants, auditors to honour their profession

By Getrude Mbagu

THE government has urged accountants and auditors in the country to uphold ethics and basic principles in the profession while making sure that the public interest is all the time being prioritised for the country's development.

Speaking during the closing of the Accountant's Annual Conference in Dar es Salaam during the weekend deputy Permanent Secretary in the ministry of Finance and Planning Amina Khamis Shaaban said that the personnel should live up to their professional oaths and not just take it as a fashion, leading to massive mismanagement of public finances. "We are facing a lot of challenges where ethics and integrity among public servants have sharply been deteriorating, with many reportedly being involved in many corrupt practices," she said.

Organised by the National Board of Accountants and Auditors (NBAA), the three-day conference brought together over 2000 professionals from various public and private organisations inside and outside the country.

The event also went along with awards giving to the best presented financial statements of the year 2018.

Speaking on financial statements, Shaaban said that responsible financial reporting contribute significantly to ensuring that financial information put out by the entities is reliable and enables investors to make informed decisions as they participate in the capital markets.

She called on institutions to invest in producing quality financial reports to attract more investors in the country.

"Firms should ensure that the quality of their financial statements becomes the foremost thing to consider for their progress," she said.

Shaaban further said that "any professional accountant should remain impartial and loyal to ethical

guidelines when reviewing a company or individual's financial records for reporting purposes, manipulating financial records if allowed will affect industrialisation process."

During the event, Tanzania revenue Authority (TRA) and Tanga Cement PLC emerged the overall winners of the best presented financial statement for the year 2018 using the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) respectively.

The NBAA Executive Director, Pius Maneno said awards seek to promote integrated reporting through enhancing accountability, transparency and integrity in compliance with appropriate financial reporting framework.

The board has also sent stern warning for the people who call themselves accountants and practicing the profession without having the required qualities to stop doing so as legal action will be taken against them whenever caught.

She further said that the board will continue strengthening its efforts with the profession colleges in the country to ensure that they enrol more graduates.

NBAA chairman, Professor Isaya Jairo said the objective of the awards is to promote good corporate accounting in the domestic market. "This is the best platform for promoting professionalism and excellence in the presentation of financial statements of companies."

The award, held as the ultimate gauge for financial reporting prowess among companies in the country and which passes through a rigorous screening system overseen by seasoned judges with diverse backgrounds, involves companies using the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS).

Police in Mbeya hold three over killing

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

POLICE in Mbeya Region are holding three people allegedly for murder of one John Mwakarundwa (62) a resident of Nkunga village in an incident connected with witchcraft.

Speaking to reporters on Sunday, the Mbeya Regional Police Commander ACP Ulrich Matei said the incident

occurred on December 3 2019 at 5.15 pm in the village when the suspects attacked the deceased using sharp implements.

RPC Matei said the names of the suspects were being withheld pending investigations and that they had cut the deceased on the neck, the left cheek and the stomach.

He said information say that the

deceased was being accused of travelling to neighbouring Malawi to 'buy' witchcraft hence the fellow villagers were outraged saying that he was responsible for their miseries.

Matei said the suspects are alleged to commit the crime as an act of revenge, as after the murder the villagers were seen celebrating.

"The government cannot wade into these witchcraft beliefs, hence we shall continue questioning the suspects and after all evidence is collected they will appear in court," he said.

He called on the wananchi, particularly elders to throw away traditional beliefs that spur acts of violence including murder.



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Mining Council licensing director Yahaya Semamba has a word in Nzega yesterday with mining stakeholders who had just been awarded certificates of operation. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



A tour guide (R) briefs tourists during a visit to Kasoko Crater in Arusha National Park at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Daniel Sabuni



Jacqueline Msongozi (R), a Special Seats legislator from Ruvuma Region, and Ruvuma regional CCM chairman Oddo Mwisho (2nd-R) test sewing machines at the weekend during VETA-facilitated training for 85 women from all districts in the region. Photo: Correspondent Gideon Mwakanosya



Residents of Chemchem ward in Kondo District look on helplessly at the weekend at what remained of a lorry swept away by floodwaters. Photo: Correspondent Peter Mkwavila



Boaz Pius (gesturing), acting manager of the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency in Kwimba District, briefs Water deputy minister Jumaa Aweso (2nd-R) at the weekend on a water project meant to serve Mhando and Izizimba A villages. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



Sergeant Brighton John (in police uniform) from the Police Gender Desk in Shinyanga Region poses for a group photo at a recent event to mark the anniversary of 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. Photo: Correspondent Shaban Njia



Arusha regional commissioner Mrisho Gambo (in hat) cuts a ribbon to inaugurate a Toyota V8 donated by stakeholders for use by the Arusha Regional Traffic Police Commander's office. Photo: Correspondent Woinde Shizza



Rev Dr Gertrude Rwakatare (with microphone), Head of 'Mlima wa Moto' Mikocheni B Assemblies of God church, speaks in Dar es Salaam yesterday at the opening of this year's edition of seven days peace prayers. Photo: Selemani Mpochi

By Guardian Reporter

TRA emerges overall winner of 2018 NBAA's best-presented financial report

TANZANIA Revenue Authority (TRA) has scooped two awards including being the overall winner for achieving an excellent standard in preparation of its financial statements as per the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS).

The tax collection body was announced the winner during the National Board of Accountants and Auditors (NBAA) annual awards held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend.

TRA emerged the winner for the category of government's agencies and became overall winner in institutions, agencies, companies and different

organisations, which have done well in preparing well financial statements on their day-to-day operations.

Speaking soon after receiving the awards, TRAA commissioner general Dr Edwin Mhede described the award as an important cornerstone to improve the existing strong governance framework and control processes

that promote financial reporting transparency, accountability and high level of data integrity.

He also commended the authority's financial department for the award possible.

"I commend all people who have made TRA to top in this year's awards. I am sure everyone played his part

for submitting correct reports to the authority. So, this achievement is for us all," said Dr Mhede.

According to him, correct reports are the basis for better planning of the organisation. "What we've seen today is one of our achievements," he said.

Last year, TRA was also announced the winner by the National Board of Accountants and Auditors (NBAA) in the same category.

Tanzania adopted International Accounting Standards/Internal Financial Standards (IFS/ISA) and

auditing standards in 2004. In order to encourage compliance with international and local accounting standards, the board has been conducting voluntary best presented financial statements competition to all entities in Tanzania.



East Africa Television (EATV) and East Africa Radio presenter Ian Dialo interviews BancABC's head of treasury and capital markets, Briton Mwasamengo (L), at the twin stations' studios in Dar es Salaam at the weekend as part of a business promotion campaign known as 'Kibiashara Zaidi'. Photo: EATV

Arusha tech college introduces heavy duty machinery maintenance courses

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

SPECIAL courses in 'heavy duty equipment' maintenance, repairing and handling at diploma levels have been rolled out in Arusha to equip Tanzanians with skills to handle large forms of industrial machinery.

The Head of Department of Automotive Engineering, at the Arusha Technical College, Dr Peter Mashingo, said the maiden training sessions for the first batch rolled last October: "It will take trainees three years to complete the diploma course," he explained.

He was of the view that bulldozers, excavators, combine harvesters, giant tractors and other heavy duty equipment used in the country's productive, extractive and agricultural industries are in dire need of qualified personnel to repair, maintain and handle them.

"These machinery are usually taken to Nairobi, South Africa or even shipped overseas for maintenance or repair, when the need arise, but in synch with the new industrial policy, we are grooming local Tanzanians to undertake the heavy task," said Dr Mashingo.

Tanzania is currently undertaking major infrastructural projects involving heavy pieces of mobile machinery requiring regular maintenance and due to the seen demand the automotive department at ATC is now offering programme namely Diploma in Heavy duty Equipment Technology.

The Arusha Technical College has fully equipped, computerized laboratory to diagnose all types of vehicles and according to the department head, it is high time the government starts using the facility to repair state vehicles and government cars at lowest costs.

Meanwhile, the Principal Instructor, Engineer Joseph Kotini said the ATC has taken initiative to promote the department so that members of the public can make use of the modern vehicle repairing workshop at ATC.

"That is why the Arusha Technical College is participating in the 2019 installment of the 'Arusha Automotive Show,' taking place at the Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium.

"All people who import cars can bring the vehicles for inspection at ATC," he added saying they will also give free advice to car owners and vehicle importers.

The Arusha Technical College has also decided to formulate a new training programme aimed at producing new-age mechanics that will be in better position to handle modern breeds of vehicles.

Through its Automotive Engineering Department has just that formed a new training cooperation with local vehicle agencies here, motor repairing centers and car fleet operators, to be grooming new-age vehicle experts to meet the demand of such digital mechanics that will eventually be in better position to handle modern vehicles' engineering.

With the government banning the import of cars older than ten years, which means the mechanics older than ten years in business, should either thin to new careers or upgrade their skills.

An advisory committee between the Arusha Technical College and Arusha-based car dealers such as Toyota Tanzania, Arusha Arts Limited, CMC Motors, Al-Saif Motors Limited, Hanspaul Automechs Limited, Abercrombie & Kent Limited and MC Automobiles met a few years ago to discuss the proposed cooperation.

ATC has developed tailor made automotive engineering curriculum which has been submitted to National Council

for Technical Education (NACTE) for approval and in coming up with it, the college has to consult the motor vehicle industry experts to see what they specifically wanted from the workforce who will be graduating from the programme.

The Hague based, PUM Netherlands Senior experts organisation is assisting ATC on the new 'Practical Training for Technicians,' programme, the organisation connects entrepreneurs in developing countries and emerging markets with senior experts from the Netherlands that boasts at least 30 years of experience in a business environment.

These senior experts voluntarily devote their knowledge to the execution of short-term, solid consultancy projects with support from the CCHO foundation of Netherlands which supported the ATC-PUM project to the tune of 60,000 Euros.

In the end vehicle experts will be produced in Tanzania at the Arusha college instead of having dealers send their workforce to be taught the skills in Nairobi, South-Africa and even overseas like in the past.

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Three confirmed dead as two trucks involved in road crash

By Guardian Correspondent, Rungwe

THREE people have died in a road accident in Mbeya Region after two vehicles collided head-on at Ibula village Kiwira Ward in Rungwe District.

Speaking to reporters in his office during the weekend, the Mbeya Region Police Commander ACP Ulrich Matei said the accident occurred around 10.00 am at a place famously known as Kanyengele or 'Airport.'

RPC Matei said the vehicles involved were a Howo oil tanker with reg no T257CZA and a trailer with reg no T597CRR owned by Camel Oil of Dar es Salaam and a canter delivery van with reg no T480CLY owned by Rungwe Spring Water Ltd.

He mentioned the names of the deceased as including the driver of the tanker Frank Sangumo AKA Chota resident of Morogoro Region and his turn-boy identified by one name of Silas and the driver of the canter van Nelson Samson (35).

He said the cause of the accident was the oil tanker which experienced brake failure that made the tanker to swerve and rammed onto the incoming truck.

He said the oil tanker was carrying diesel fuel from Dar es Salaam to Malawi and the canter van was travelling from Tukuyu to Mbeya.

He said apart from the deaths the two vehicles sustained extensive damage, and it is believed that the driver of the fuel tanker did not take steps to inspect his brakes system before the journey.

He said the bodies of the deceased have been preserved at Rungwe District Hospital waiting for burial procedures.

Matei called on drivers of big trucks to make periodic inspections of the brakes systems before starting their journeys and when passing on areas of steep gradients especially when they enter Mbeya Region that is home to many mountains.

He said as of now police in collaboration with other stakeholders on road safety have allocated special sites for drivers to inspect their vehicles before descending down steep mountains.

He also called on wananchi using the roads to be extra careful, especially when walking on foot, riding motorcycles or bicycles to avoid being hit by passing vehicles.

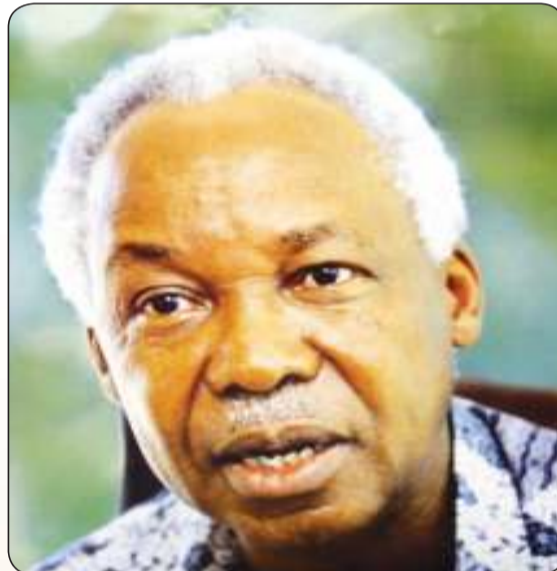


Prof Honest Ngowi of the Dar es Salaam campus of Mzumbe University makes a presentation in the city on Friday at a workshop on the participation of youth in leadership, organised by the Tanzania Gender Networking Programme. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

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SMEs reminded to certify products to access local, and international markets

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

STAKEHOLDERS of consultative meetings between government, traders and investors have been sensitized on opportunities for SMEs to access quality mark free of charge and new roles of the Tanzania bureau of Standards.

Speaking during the meeting, TBS director general Dr Yusuf Ngenya, informed stakeholders on opportunities that they could benefit from after meeting standards requirements during production.

He said the organisation will certify quality of their products for three years without any payment to enable them access local and foreign market.

Dr Ngenya said the government has established the programme to enable SMEs to produce quality goods and expand market of their products.

He further urged SMEs and other interested persons to make use of the opportunity especially during this time when the government has been insisting on industrial economy.

“TBS as a facilitating institution helps SMEs to certify their goods free of charge, it is for their own good in order to avoid unnecessary block to access local and abroad markets,” Dr Ngenya said.

He said once they certify their goods it would help them to produce sustainable products which would be sold anywhere including in zonal markets such as SADC.

Dr Ngenya explained that TBS aims at supporting traders to conduct their activities for the benefit of the whole country, without interfering with laws.

He added that due to its importance, the organisation has participated in the meetings which have enlightened various issues regarding standards.

According to him, the organisation would continue sensitizing the public on standards issues for both local and imported goods.

The meeting which was held in Coastal Zone and attended by 13 ministers aimed at finding solutions to challenges facing traders and investors.

Similar meetings have been held in Eastern Zone regions of Morogoro, Coast and Dar es Salaam.

China-funded water project helps Z'bar on schistosomiasis control

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

A China-funded water supply project has been put into use in Zanzibar as a measure to strengthen schistosomiasis control.

The project, which includes a well, a pumping station and pipelines, will provide safe water to about 2,500 residents in the Mtangani community on Pemba Island.

Schistosomiasis is an acute and chronic disease caused by parasitic worms released by freshwater snails. Infection occurs when larval forms of the parasite, released by freshwater snails, penetrate the skin during contact with infested water.

As a tropical island, Pemba has a dense network of streams and rivers, thus creating a favourable environment for freshwater snails to grow and residents are easily got infected with schistosomiasis when drinking, washing food utensils or doing laundry in streams or ponds. With the new project inaugurated recently, residents of Mtangani community can now use the alternative source of safe water from the well, instead of the infested water from nearby ponds.

Zanzibar Minister for Health Hamad Rashid Mohamed thanked China for financing the project and its continued cooperation with Zanzibar in areas of health.

Meanwhile, citizens of Pemba island, who have battled schistosomiasis infections for decades, have found relief recently, thanks to intervention of a Chinese medical team.

Since 2017, the Chinese medical experts from Jiangsu Institute of Parasitic Disease were dispatched to Pemba and managed to enhance detection of schistosomiasis and treat hundreds of patients suffering from the disease.

The experts have been visiting remote villages in Pemba to conduct tests and encourage local communities to adopt hygienic practices that would boost efforts to contain schistosomiasis that is spread through infested waters.

Civil aviation industry starved of skilled staff, reveals TCAA

By Guardian Correspondent

SHORTAGE of local flight pilots and other skilled aviation industry staff has been identified as one of the impediments to achieving the modern aviation sector that the nation is aiming at, the acting director general of Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA) Vallery Chamulungu has said.

In order to improve the situation TCAA has started to raise awareness among the young learners in primary and secondary schools to motivate them to opt for air transportation studies.

Chamulungu said in order to have skilled personnel which is the prerequisite for the healthier aviation sector, the authority since this year has stated to reach out young learners in schools to generate and reinforce awareness on aviation matters to Tanzania students.

According to Chamulungu the awareness raising programme focused on essay writing and the students were told to compose an essay on the roles of the Air Tanzania in the national development.

He said the authority received more than 100 essays from Dar es Salaam, Arusha, Shinyanga, Mtwara, Morogoro, Pwani, Mbeya and Kilimanjaro.

The acting managing director availed this during the International Civil Aviation Day held on December 6, 2019 which also marked the 75 anniversary of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

The function that was held in TCAA headquarters in Dar es Salaam also awarded the winners of the essay writing competition.

He noted that the civil aviation is challenged with insufficient local staff like certified flight pilots, technicians, air craft engineers and other flight attendants and in most cases it is has been difficult to find such staff.

He said the essay writing competition is targeting under 14 primary and secondary school students and it is expected to be one of the authority's ongoing programmes.

"We have embarked on this drive because we need to raise awareness and inform our kids from the scratch on the issues of the aviation sector. We need to groom... ensure that we have people with passion in air transportation," he said.

The chairperson of the essay evaluation panel, Abubakar Noor, from National Transport Institute, noted that the panel received more than 102 essays in which five students passed the competition.

According to Noor, the evaluation team decided that during the event the winners have to make oral presentations, to talk about their essays in order to ascertain whether it was their own work or someone else's.

Albet Dida emerged the overall winner and was awarded a laptop, other runner-ups were Hazeifa Amirali, Alpha Mbise, Maurreen Silayo and Yvone Lyaru, all presented with certificate of appreciations.

140 villages in Mbeya Region connected to power - REA

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

140 villages in Mbeya Region have been connected to electricity through Rural Energy Agency III (REA III) thereby making things easier for the lives of many household including their economic activities.

This was revealed at the weekend by Tanzania Electric Supply Company's Communications and Customer Service Officer for Mbeya Region Shamu Lameck when he spoke to this paper.

Shamu said the first round of REA Project

III is being implemented in all districts of the region by Steg International Service, a contractor from Tunisia.

He said the implementation begun May 2018 for a period of 24 months and that it is divided in two groups, each with three district councils.

The first group, he said, incorporates Mbeya Busokelo and Rungwe district councils wherein 110 villages are in the project, including villages from Ileje and Mbozi in nearby Songwe Region.

He said the project's cost is 25.4bn/- and

is of great benefit to the wananchi as right now many economic activities are taking place in the villages that have already been connected to power. He said the second group involves Chunya, Kyela and Mbarali district councils including Momba District in Songwe Region where 58 villages will benefit, and the project's cost is 20.5bn/-.

He said up to now the implementation of the project is 49 percent complete and they expect the contractor will complete it in the agreed time as per the contract.

He said the challenges being faced include

the wananchi's reluctance to allow the power infrastructures to pass through their areas and their low response in connecting themselves to power. "In this project we targeted 7,549 customers to have power connected, and we have succeeded in that, but also we have succeeded to erect 168 transformers in a 332 km network."

However he called on the wananchi to protect the power infrastructures, including agreeing to let power lines pass their areas so as to enable the government complete the project for their own benefit.



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Revenue from minerals should support education sector more

As we celebrate the 58th anniversary of our Independence, it pays to take a fresh look at one of the deficiencies that instantly became apparent for post-independence Tanganyika and which founding president Mwalimu Julius Nyerere was most concerned with - education.

The state of education was among the three issues that gave the new nation sleepless nights - the others being poverty and disease, but with education accorded the utmost priority.

Surely, education is the only way that would enable the new nation not only to stand up and sustain itself but also develop, or all talk about our having achieved independence would make little sense.

The priority was clear - by then, the Education ministry consumed more than 40 per cent of the entire government budget. Consider this: in 1964 the government abolished school fees for government-run secondary schools, largely because many students from poor families could not afford the amounts of money involved. With that, secondary school education was free in the strict sense of the word, and this was later extended to university education.

Mwalimu Nyerere did not end there - his government nationalised some secondary schools run by religious organisation, officially so that the sons and daughters of Tanzanians heading poor families could also be enrolled there and receive education for free.

Looking back, few can say these were not the right steps - and they worked wonders. When the government then said education was a vehicle for development, it knew what it was saying and meant it.

The government also kept underscoring the need for quality education and, by and large, that is exactly it was - despite it being free.

For it's not always true that the best things in life are only obtained at a cost. Huge numbers of Tanzanians, including many who were later to hold high posts in the government or other public and

private institutions, will admit that they attained those positions through free education - from secondary upwards.

We are always mobilised to seek education for ourselves and our kith and kin, many suggesting that the future will only be a land of plenty and prosperity if one is armed with quality education - quality education.

Indeed, no one disputes that education is costly, but the alternative - ignorance - is also costly not only to the individuals concerned but more so to the nation. This is because, all things considered, it is the government that bears the foremost responsibility in seeing to it that the people get education. But as decades went by, something started going wrong in the education sector - in particular the plummeting of standards, though there is no 'official' consensus here.

Could it be that subsequent administrations were overwhelmed by the growing population and the ever-rising growing school enrolments that outpaced the available resources?

It could well be so, but we must not forget that ours is a rich country blessed with many kinds of minerals. Fortunately, the government has now publicly sworn to see to it that the education sector rises again. We have seen how it is refurbishing infrastructure in aged schools and putting up new ones, not to mention the 'extended' abolition of school fees and improvements in the welfare of teachers.

This definitely merits applause. At the same time, though, we strongly recommend that the government give consideration to two issues to enable the country's education sector to flourish all the more and all the faster.

Firstly, it ought to explore the possibility of setting aside a certain percentage of proceeds from minerals specifically to go into boosting the education sector's budget.

Secondly, it should enact a law requiring ministers, Members of Parliament and other highly placed government officials to enrol their children in government schools, which is common practice even in highly developed countries.

Only collective efforts will make agro-livestock sector to tick more

EASILY one of the most challenging areas in the government's efforts is to ensure markets for most direct producers, from those engaged in agriculture to those directing their efforts to livestock rearing, and there are those moving to start industries.

There are two types of market needs, and there is a vast difference in the manner in which the government is expected to enable the people engaged in the sectors to realise their dreams.

The first group is that of natural producers of specific materials in the sense of producing as a communal activity, where livestock keepers especially fit the bill, as unchanging.

Crop cultivators also often produce communally in the sense of a traditional occupation. However, when pricing or market outlets deny them realisation of expectations, they can switch crops to something else though it often takes years for them to surrender.

Faced with such negative turns, the government usually prefers to remobilise peasants to traditional crops with accentuated efforts to obtain markets, regardless of whether such efforts are successful or deceptive.

Some of that indecisiveness either for the peasants or for the government is being keenly felt at present. That must be one of the reasons the Agriculture ministry has been going around with reassuring messages.

These are to the effect that the government is doing the most it can to help farmers and livestock keepers to get reliable markets for their products, not by seeking markets abroad but by mobilising investment in agro-industry.

The government is telling anxious stakeholders that it will not rest until producers have the markets, the cornerstone of that effort being value

addition - which is what one can rapidly understand by talk of 'mobilising investments'.

It is an idea that industrialisation enables agro-sector producers to be assured of markets, locally and outside.

Deciding whether poor countries should produce crops or abandon them or refuse to make any importation would mimic a strategy attempted in the 1970s in some countries. It appears favoured again today, but elaborate precautions have been taken to ensure that it is the private sector that builds industries. Statistics show that the population is getting increasingly urbanised, but it is also true that there is no firm anchor for productive occupations in urban areas as the rate of unemployment is noticeably high.

Many are regularly compelled to retrace their steps to rural areas as they have put up some savings, or at least they are assured of a decent dwelling place and reasonable chances of a market for their goods. Current policy clarification where prices of farm produce will not be artificially dampened by prohibition of exports is likely to draw more youths into agriculture.

Thus assurances by our Agriculture ministry about availability of markets for products are positive in more than one way, including that it all points to respect for the markets and the promise of decent prices for farmers' produce.

For instance, livestock producers already have a ready market for meat, but even here prices are falling for lack of buyers now that earnings have dampened a bit. When it comes to milk, the markets are more selective and it is unclear how far the industry can be widened and consolidated, which constitutes crucial food for the government and all stakeholders in the respective sectors and sub-sectors.

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IMPERIAL Germany took over control of Tanganyika in the late 19th century but, after World War I its territory became a British mandate, as designated by the League of Nations.

The country's decolonisation started after the end of World War II, when Tanganyika became a United Nations trusteeship territory under British control.

In 1954 Tanzanian politician Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere (pictured) and several colleagues of his formed the Tanganyika African National Union (TANU), which was later to become the leading force and political vanguard in the struggle for the state's sovereignty.

It was argued then that Tanganyika would possibly only be ready for political independence no fewer than 25 years from 1957 - that is, by 1982, at the earliest. That was the period when outstanding TANU members like John Ruppia; the three Kleist Sykes brothers - Abdulwahid, Ally and Abass; Dossa Aziz; El-Hajj Makatta Mwinymwana; and Maalim Kihere, a famous and prosperous businessmen from Tanga, sponsored Mwalimu Nyerere to travel to the US and address the UN Assembly in New York.

It's now a whole 58 years after Tanganyika's Independence. In honour of the historic achievement, it is important for the nation to come together and rejoice.

The celebration should include tracing the history of the country's socio-economic development, particularly the evolution of its agricultural sector, with a view to highlighting the achievements made, the constraints encountered and the challenges met along the way - and from there think of, and agree on, the way forward.

The efforts the government made in the 1960s and the 1970s to foster economic growth, by then under socialism (Ujamaa) and self-reliance policies, were effectively applied.

As the country moved from a state-commanded economy to a market-based one in the mid-1980s, the government fought to keep pace with the changes, laying enhanced emphasis on the driving of reforms in the financial sector.

The turning point in the country's financial sector development started in earnest in the 1990s, following the implementation of the recommendations of a special commission, including the liberalisation of the financial sector as a way of complementing the economic reforms which started in 1986.

Following the Commission's recommendations, a number of laws were enacted to pave the way for the licensing of new banks and various other financial institutions as well as to

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allow for market-determined financial resource allocation and financial asset prices.

The enactment of the Bank of Tanzania Act of 1995 provided the bank with the autonomy it needed in playing its core role of maintaining price stability in the economy, mainly through the use of market-based policy instruments.

The economic and financial reforms coupled with prudent monetary and fiscal policies, among others, were instrumental in easing inflation and boosting economic growth.

Inflation declined from over 30 per cent prior 1990 to the current single-digit level, whereas real GDP has been growing at an average of 7 per cent in the last decade, partly thanks to a sharp increase in commercial banks' credit to the private sector.

Before independence, the central bank's role as related to regulating the supply of money in Tanganyika was played by various entities. For example, during the German colonial era, the German East African Company, which administered the German East Africa colony up to 1903, was one with that mandate.

This role was later taken over by the German government until 1918 when Britain took over in Tanganyika. The East African Currency Board (EACB) was established in 1919, with the main objective of supplying and controlling the issue of currency in East Africa.

The EACB made its first issue of currency after the introduction of the pound/shilling system - in 1921. In 1956, the board began to play the role of fiduciary issuance, thus providing

case with the Bank of Tanzania Act of 1965 in use.

The government took deliberate efforts to free the economy from financial repression, including the elimination of state controls and the introduction of market mechanisms. This laid the foundation for the introduction of indirect instruments of monetary management.

Measures were taken in certain crucial areas, including the imposition of ceilings on government financing, devaluation of the shilling to reflect prevailing market conditions, and structural measures meant to eliminate controls in the foreign exchange market.

The central bank's primary objective is to formulate and implement monetary policy, the plan being to maintain price stability and ensure balanced and sustainable economic growth.

To achieve this objective, BoT is required to ensure a steady and acceptable rate of increase in the money supply; also an appropriate rate of increase in domestic bank credit expansion so as not to place undue demand pressure on productive resources, and that must be consistent with the money supply objectives.

These relate to having realistic market-determined interest rates and a level of foreign reserves enabling the central bank to intervene in the foreign exchange market from time to time.

The idea would be to smoothen out reversible short-term fluctuations of the shilling's exchange rate and to meet import requirements, external obligations and unexpected foreign exchange requirements in times of crisis.

Also important alongside ensuring a stable exchange rate for the national currency are the protection and development of sound and well-managed banking institutions (financial stability), having effective financial markets, improving efficiency and effectiveness in the payment system, as well as effectively managing the country's foreign exchange reserves.

In spite of the positive developments registered in the financial sector, though, access to microfinance services by the majority of Tanzanians is still a challenge - this particularly for the low-income segment of the population.

Given this situation, the Bank of Tanzania badly needs to intensify its collaboration with other stakeholders so as to ensure that there is a more business-friendly environment that is, in part, capable of promoting a vibrant and effective microfinance industry in the country.

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Gains and losses of irregular migration

While opening a newspaper or watching a TV program we are every day made aware of the plights of irregular migrants. Some recent examples among many – on 24 October, 39 Chinese nationals were found dead in a lorry trailer in Essex. They had apparently frozen to death within a refrigerator container with temperatures as low as -25C (-13F). This while tragedies occur almost daily on the Mediterranean Sea. On 26 November, a rescue vessel found a boat almost completely sunken. It had three dead bodies aboard. Fifty-five migrants were saved. Three of them were in a critical condition, and one died after reaching Melilla in Spain, where the migrants were brought in. Three children were among the survivors, though a further ten individuals were reported missing. Nowadays, such news items pass by almost imperceptibly. Every day, thousands of unfortunate human beings are trafficked all over the world to suffer underpaid, hazardous work, or prostitution.

The general image of global migration tends to be gloomy. Populist parties convey the impression of an avalanche of unwanted foreigners inundating our beloved homelands. If I discuss policy issues with colleagues, friends, and relatives, negative perceptions of immigration tend to make their appearance. Polarized political and media debates on migration seldom allow much space for evidence, knowledge, strategic implications and historical insights.

It is easy to ignore that international migration is a complex phenomenon touching on a multiplicity of

economic, social and security aspects. It is associated with geopolitics, trade and cultural exchange. Accordingly, migration provides opportunities for businesses and communities. In countries of origin and destination migration has improved people's lives. However, acknowledging this does not imply that all migration takes place under positive circumstances. In recent years an increase in displacement has occurred, due to conflict, persecution, environmental degradation, and lack of human security and opportunity. The UN refugee agency UNHCR currently estimates that there are 25.9 million refugees worldwide, of which 80 percent live in places neighbouring their countries of origin.¹

In 2019, the global number of international migrants reached an estimated 272 million, comprising 3.5 percent of the global population.² Actually a small minority since an overwhelming majority of people remain within their country of birth.

It cannot be denied that migration may generate benefits for migrants, their families, and countries of origin. Wages earned abroad tend to be considerably higher than those for similar jobs at home and migration tends to have a positive impact on human development, particularly in areas such as education and health. According to a World Bank report from 2016 migrants from the poorest countries, on average, experienced a 15-fold increase in income, a doubling of school enrolment rates, and a 16-fold reduction in child mortality after moving to a developed country.³

Globally, remittances are now more than three times



the amount of official development assistance, at the same time as migration result in the transfer of skills, knowledge, and technology and thus foster economic and social development in origin countries.

Migration also generates economic and other benefits for destination countries. Among other results, immigration can have positive effects through an increased labour supply in sectors and occupations suffering from shortages of workers, not only evident in high-skilled sectors, but also in lower-skilled occupations. The immigration of young workers might also ease pressure on pension systems of high-income countries with rapidly aging populations.⁴ Contrary to popular perceptions, an OECD study found that the difference between the taxes migrants pay and the benefits and government services they receive generally is quite small and in most of the analyzed OECD countries immigrants paid

more in taxes than they received through benefits.⁵

Accordingly, stories about hapless or deceitful migrants, ruthless human traffickers, and constant tragedies are not constituting the entire truth about international migration. Trafficking is a crime that has to be deterred and penalized. The United Nations defines human trafficking as:

the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation.⁶

I recently obtained an insight into immigration when I in Rome met a successful migrant who told me his life story. A tale of hard toil, stubborn determination

and lifelong planning, with a happy ending.

Through a good friend of mine I had ended up as dinner guest with a man of a Bangladeshi origin and his family. He was proud owner of a car repair workshop. A steady income made it possible for him to support his family, invest in his business, afford a nice apartment and a car. He was even able to invest some of his income and support relatives back in Bangladesh. Over a sumptuous meal in a modern apartment, my generous host told me his life story.

He had been born to poor parents in Dhaka and orphaned already at the age of seven. His wife was also an orphan from a poor background. They married very early and had stayed true to one another ever since. Early on he judged that the only possible advance in life for a poor boy like him was to join the army. For twenty years he served in the armed forces and learned to be a driver and car mechanic. Ex-

periences he later used after having been recruited as a migrant worker to the Gulf States, and most successfully in Singapore, where he finally had been able to save the money needed for realizing his ultimate goal – to migrate to Europe, make a living there and bring his family over for a better, more secure life.

In the neighbourhood of his home in Dhaka he had for many years been in contact with a “travel- and job organizer” who had told him he would be able to bring him to Italy and that it would cost him approximately 30,000 euros. This became the driving force for all of my host’s endeavours. He experienced many setbacks, but never lost hope. Several years ago he was finally prepared to leave for Europe, putting all his trust in the men working for the “travel organizer”. I asked him:

– How could you bring your entire life’s savings into the hands of this man? You could easily have been

lost or killed along the perilous trail through Asia and Europe. What was the guarantee that you would be able to make a living in Europe? And ... who was this guy? A human trafficker?

– No, he was not a Mafioso. He was a businessman, well known by his clients. I knew he could not afford taking the risk of losing a client like me. If he had been a crook. If he had fooled his clients on their way to Europe and pocketed their money. If he had not planned and paid for every step of the journey and guaranteed the safe transfer of a client of his, he would have been lost. Everyone in my neighbourhood knew him and his business. He could neither overcharge me, nor lose me. It is an extremely risky business.

– Nevertheless, many are fooled, lost and killed.

– Quite true, but such unfortunate victims are generally desperate people. They have not planned and worked for the venture during so many years as I had. They had not inquired

enough, neither about the risks involved, nor about the men they put their trust in.

It took more than half a year to reach Rome. We traveled by busses, lorries and on foot. Through India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, Romania, Hungary, and Slovenia. It was worrisome and I was often scared, nervous and impatient. We were captured in Ukraine and it took almost three months to get us out of that country and we also encountered problems in Moldova. However, these mishaps had been taken into consideration beforehand and true to our original agreement the travel arranger succeeded in keeping his word.

I did not know anyone in Rome. The arrangement was that I began selling things in the street. Gradually, I advanced to selling fruits and finally found work in an auto repair shop. I am a skilled mechanic, my work was appreciated and words about my expertise spread among the customers. After some years I could open my own business. From then on life changed for the better. I could bring over my family. We found suitable husbands for my two daughters and finally a son was born to me. I’m a fortunate man.

It may be stated that my Bangladeshi acquaintance had been “trafficked” since he migrated to Italy through irregular means provided by people who made a profit. However, he denied that he had been exploited. He assured me that he had made a carefully calculated business deal with people who guaranteed him passage to Italy and to a certain degree acclimatization to that country. It had been a win-win deal for the people who took him to Italy, for himself, his family, his country of origin and Italy as well. **IPS**

The changing distribution of world population

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In addition to its unprecedented rapid rate of demographic growth during the past 75 years, world population's distribution across the planet has changed significantly over the past seven decades. The momentous global changes in humanity's geographic distribution pose serious social, economic, political and environmental challenges and disquieting implications for the future.

The proportion of world population living in more developed regions is half its 1950 level, 16 versus 32 percent, and is expected to decline further to 13 percent by 2050. This transition is the result of substantial differences in the rates of population growth among the major regions of the world.

The relative demographic standing of Europe's population has changed substantially during the recent past, falling from 22 percent of world population in 1950 to 10 percent today and projected to decline further to 7 percent by midcentury. In the opposite direction, Africa's population has nearly doubled its share of world population during this period, increasing from 9 percent in 1950 to 17 percent in 2020.

As the sizable differences in the demographic growth rates of those two continents are expected to persist well into the future, Africa's population is expected to be more than triple the size of Europe's population by mid-



century. And by the close of the 21st century, Africa's population is projected to be nearly seven times as large as Europe's population, 4.3 billion versus 0.63 billion, respectively.

Differing rates of demographic growth have also resulted in significant changes in the ranking of countries by population size. Among the top ten largest populations, for example, the number of more developed countries has decreased from six in 1950 to two today and is expected to decline to one country, the United States, by 2050.

Again, African countries, which were not among the top ten largest populations in 1950, have experienced the most relative gains in de-

mographic ranking during the recent past. Consequently, by 2050 three African countries, Nigeria, Ethiopia and the Democratic Republic of Congo, are expected to be among the world's top ten largest populations.

Another momentous change in the distribution of the world's population is its rural/urban composition. During the past seven decades a literal revolution in urban living has occurred worldwide. The proportion of world population residing in urban areas has increased from a minority of 30 percent in 1950 to a majority of 56 percent today and is expected to increase further to nearly 70 percent by 2050.

While the growth of the urban population has oc-

curred worldwide, it has been more substantial for less developed regions. The proportion of the populations residing in urban centers in less developed regions has nearly tripled, jumping from 18 percent in 1950 to 52 percent today.

The far-reaching urban transition continues to be well underway. By midcentury two-thirds of the population of less developed regions, some 5.8 billion inhabitants, is expected to be living in urban centers.

In addition to increased levels of urbanization, the population sizes of urban agglomerations have increased significantly over the past 70 years. In 1950 there was a single city megacity, New York, with a pop-

ulation of 10 million or more inhabitants. Today there are 33 megacities and that number is projected to increase to 43 by 2030.

Some of the most rapid population growth of megacities during the past few decades occurred in Africa and Asia. Since 1990, the populations of no less than ten megacities, including Delhi, Shanghai, Dhaka, Lahore and Lagos, have tripled in size.

Rapid population growth is expected to continue over the coming decade for many of the megacities in less developed regions. The population of Kinshasa, for example, which grew from 3.8 million in 1990 to 13.2 million in 2018, is projected to reach 22 million by 2030,

making it the world's tenth largest megacity at that time.

It is widely recognized that urbanization offers a large variety of social, economic and cultural benefits, opportunities and freedoms. In addition to employment and career development, urban residents have ready access to education, health care, social services, cultural institutions, recreation and government agencies.

It is also acknowledged, however, that urbanization places stresses on social services, infrastructure and the physical environment that can make urban living difficult, especially for low income groups. This is particularly evident in the cities of less developed regions.

The increasing proportions the world's population residing in the rapidly growing urban centers of less developed countries pose serious developmental challenges for local and national governments. The basic needs of daily living for those growing urban populations, including food, water, housing, electricity, employment, education, health care, transportation, security, telecommunication, sanitation and waste management, are not meeting increased demands and desired goals.

Most recently, the populations of many large cities are facing the effects of climate change. In addition to having to deal with flooding, rising sea levels, droughts, fires and higher temperatures, many cities, especially those in Bangladesh, China, India,

Indonesia and Pakistan, are now confronting air pollution. In addition to the increased risks of morbidity and mortality, ambient air pollution has enormous economic and social costs, with cities in low- and middle-income countries suffering the biggest burden from this environmental challenge.

The failure to adequately meet the fundamental needs and aspirations of urban populations is having serious consequences, particularly in the less developed countries. In addition to rising poverty levels, shortages of water, food and energy and worsening environmental conditions, those consequences include social unrest, political instability, civil violence and armed conflict.

Furthermore, those consequences will not remain confined within national borders, but will have international repercussions for neighboring countries as well as distant countries in more developed regions. Among the likely repercussions are calls for increased development assistance, requests for emergency/humanitarian relief services, rising numbers of internally displaced persons and asylum seekers, and substantially more men, women and children actively seeking to migrate to wealthier nations by both legal and illegal means.

The development and improvement of urban living is among the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to be achieved

by 2030. Goal II of the SDGs aims to make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable, including emphasis on housing, health, energy, public transportation, environment, cultural heritage, employment and business opportunities.

While some developmental progress has been achieved in a number of cities in the recent past, governments are by and large falling behind in their efforts and commitments to the SDGs. The lack of progress is most evident among cities in less developed countries, which have experienced rapid demographic growth.

In brief, increasing proportions of a growing world population are located in less developed regions with rising concentrations living in their urban centers. By 2030 about 4 billion people, or about half of the world's population, will be living in the cities of less developed regions.

Government authorities of those cities in cooperation with national leaders need to take urgent action now, including formulating appropriate policies, undertaking comprehensive planning and establishing effective programs. To do otherwise not only greatly handicaps the achievement of desired development goals, but it also undermines the provision of essential basic services and fundamental infrastructure required by the world's growing urban populations in less developed regions.

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When I think of the incredible challenges we must confront in the face of a changing climate, my mind focuses on young people. Eventually, they will be the ones either to enjoy the fruits or bear the burdens resulting from actions taken today.

I think of my 9-year-old granddaughter. By the time she turns 20, she may be witness to climate change so profound that it pushes an additional 100 million people into poverty.

By the time she turns 40, 140 million may become climate migrants—people forced to flee homes that are no longer safe or able to provide them with livelihoods. And if she lives to be 90, the planet may be 3–4° hotter and barely livable.

Unless we act.

We can avoid this bleak future, and we know what we have to do—reduce emissions, offset what cannot be reduced, and adapt to new climate realities. No individual or institution can stand on the sidelines.

Our efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through various mitigation measures—phasing out fossil fuels, increasing energy efficiency, adopting renewable energy sources, improving land use and agricultural practices—continue to move forward, but the pace is too slow.

We have to scale up and accelerate the transition to a low-carbon economy. At the same time, we must recognize that climate change is already happening and affecting the lives of millions of people. There are more frequent and more severe weather-related events—more droughts, more floods, more heat waves, more storms.

The adaptive age: Nobody can stand on the sidelines in fighting against climate change



IMF managing director Kristalina Georgieva

Ready or not, we are entering an age of adaptation. And we need to be smart about it. Adaptation is not a defeat, but rather a defense against what is already happening.

The right investments will deliver a “triple dividend” by averting future losses, spurring economic gains through innovation, and delivering social and environmental benefits to everyone, but particularly to those currently affected and most at risk.

Updated building codes can ensure infrastructure and buildings are better able to withstand extreme events. Making agriculture more climate resilient means investing more money in research and development, which in turn opens the door to innovation, growth, and healthier communities.

The IMF is stepping up its efforts to deal with climate risk. Our mission is to help our members build

stronger economies and improve people's lives through sound monetary, fiscal, and structural policies.

We consider climate change a systemic risk to the macroeconomy and one in which the IMF is deeply involved through its research and policy advice.

On the mitigation side of the equation, this means intensifying our work on carbon pricing and helping governments craft road maps as they navigate their way from brown economies dependent on carbon to green ones that strive to be carbon free.

Carbon taxes are one of the most powerful and efficient tools at their disposal—the latest IMF analysis finds that large emitting countries need to introduce a carbon tax that rises quickly to \$75 a ton in 2030, consistent with limiting global warming to 2°C or less. But carbon taxes must be implemented

in a careful and growth-friendly fashion. The key is to retool the tax system in fair, creative, and efficient ways—not just add a new tax.

A good example is Sweden, where low- and middle-income households received higher transfers and tax cuts to help offset higher energy costs following the introduction of a carbon tax.

This is a path others can follow, strategically directing part of the revenues that carbon taxes generate back to low-income households that can least afford to pay. With the revenues estimated at 1–3 percent of GDP, a portion could also go to support firms and households that choose green pathways.

While we continue to work to reduce carbon emissions, the increasing frequency of more extreme weather like hurricanes, droughts, and floods is affecting

people all across the world.

Countries already vulnerable to natural disasters suffer the most, not only in terms of immediate loss of life, but also in long-lasting economic effects. In some countries, total economic losses exceed 200 percent of GDP—as when Hurricane Maria struck Dominica in 2017.

Our emergency lending facilities are designed to provide speedy assistance to low-income countries hit by disasters. But the IMF also works across various fronts on the adaptation side to help countries address climate-related challenges and be able to price risk and provide incentives for investment, including in new technologies.

We support resilience-

building strategies, particularly in highly vulnerable countries to help them prepare for and rebound from disasters. And we contribute to building capacity within governments through training and technical assistance to better manage disaster risks and responses.

We work with other organizations to increase the impact of our climate work. One of our most important partnerships is with the World Bank, in particular on Climate Change Policy Assessments.

Together, we take stock of countries' mitigation and adaptation plans, risk management strategies, and financing and point to gaps where those countries need investment, policy changes, or help in building up their capacity to take the necessary action.

Moving forward, we must also be open to stepping in where and when our expertise can help, and there are other areas where we will be gearing up our work. For example, we will be working more closely with central banks, which, as guardians of both financial and price stability, are now adapting regulatory frameworks and practices to address the multifaceted risks posed by climate change.

Many central banks and other regulators are seeking ways to improve climate risk disclosure and classification standards, which will help financial institutions and investors better assess their climate-related exposures—and help regulators better gauge system-wide risks.

The IMF is offering support by working with the Network of Central Banks and Supervisors for Greening the Financial System and other standard-setting bodies.

Central banks and regulators should also help banks, insurers, and nonfinancial firms assess their own exposures to climate risk and develop climate-related “stress tests.” Such tests can help identify the likely impact of a severe adverse climate-driven shock on the solvency of financial institutions and the stability of the financial system.

The IMF will help push forward efforts around climate change stress testing, including through our own assessments of countries' financial sectors and economies. Careful calibration of stress testing for climate change will be needed, because such testing requires assessing the effects of shocks or policy actions that may have little historical precedent.

All these efforts will help ensure that more money will flow into low-carbon, climate-resilient investments. The rapid increase of green bonds is a positive trend, but much more is required to secure our future. It is that simple: we all need to intensify our efforts to work together to exchange knowledge and ideas, to formulate and implement policies, and to finance the transition to the new climate economy. Our children and grandchildren are counting on us.

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Genesis smiles and holds her hand up proudly to answer questions in class. She claps her hands in support of her classmates when they answer the teachers' questions correctly. “I miss my cousins and aunts in Venezuela, she says.” Her smile fades and her lips tighten. She struggles to hold back her tears. “I can't return. I want to stay here in my school, with my new friends.” Her smile returns, as she resolutely states: “I want to become a lawyer, so I can help solve problems.”

Genesis is too serious for her 12 years of age. Like millions of displaced children, she suffers from being uprooted and she dreams of solving problems that no one that young should ever experience. Genesis is at a crossroads.

We can ensure she takes the road of a continued quality education that offers her a pathway towards achieving her dream. Without our support, she will be forced the other way, risking to succumb to the very problems she wants to resolve: conflict, violence and abject poverty.

Genesis is one of the millions of forcibly displaced children around the globe. She attends class at the 'Centro Etnoeducativa Indígena' school in Maicao, in northern Colombia. The school is supported by World Vision through Education Cannot Wait's First Emergency Response investment implemented by Save the Children, PLAN, IRC and World Vision.

Forced to flee, displaced with a dream



As we leave Genesis, we are acutely aware of the urgent need for funding to allow her to continue her education. Education Cannot Wait's US\$7 million emergency support to the region - without which Genesis would not have gone to school - will come to an end in June 2020.

The urgency for continued funding prompted ECW, UNICEF, Save the Children and INEE to conduct a joint mission to Colombia and Ecuador. These are

two of the countries at the heart of the Venezuelan regional crisis, which is projected to be the world's largest forced displacement crisis in 2020 - exceeding the Syrian crisis.

The mission concluded that Education Cannot Wait must seek to extend its support through a multi-year investment for quality education. Today, the ECW Executive Committee approved this recommendation. Now, ECW and partners have to mobilize the re-

sources.

The Regional Refugee and Migrant Response Plan for 2020 calls for US\$1.35 billion, of which US\$571 million (4 per cent of the total appeal) is required to deliver quality education to 244,000 children, only 17 per cent of the actual number of children in need.

Yet, how do we mobilize this amount for one crisis for one year, alone? And how do we explain a failure to respond to those

minimum requirements to Genesis?

Globally, a total of 68.5 million people are forcibly displaced, of whom over half are children in need of an adequate education. Of this number, 25.9 million are refugees, including some 13 million children.

The majority of refugee children struggle with disrupted or poor education, 75 per cent of adolescents do not attend secondary school and 3.7 million

refugee children are completely out-of-school.

Beyond the Venezuelan regional crisis, forcible displacement continues to grow in the Sahel region of Africa, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Syria and Ethiopia, just to mention a few.

In the Arab region, despite representing just 5 per cent of the global population, the Arab states account for 32 per cent of the global refugee population and 38 per cent of the internally displaced global population.

In the same vein, the number of people across the globe who need humanitarian assistance is rapidly escalating with a total of 168 million people (of whom over half are children). The total financial requirements for one year alone amount to nearly US\$29 billion, according to the just launched Global Humanitarian Overview 2020.

168 million people on our globe are dependent on humanitarian aid! How is this possible in the 21st century? What have we done to our world? What are we leaving to the next generation as our legacy? It is time to act. If not now, when?

In two weeks, the world will gather in Geneva for the Global Refugee Forum. Will this be an opportunity to turn the tide, at least for the millions of refugee children and youth forced to flee, yet holding on to a dream?

Let us hope that the Global Refugee Forum becomes a turning point for action. That leaders see things from

afar and within, and recognize the relation between themselves, those in need and universal values.

These are values grounded in international law and manifested in political will to action. Because in resolving problems of human suffering in the face of conflict and forced displacement one has to translate values into action. This means comprehensive action matched by financing to produce sustainable outcomes.

Together with our partners in the United Nations, host-governments, strategic donors, civil society and private sector, Education Cannot Wait has just reached close to 2 million girls and boys. Another 7 million children and youth must be reached by 2021.

In Uganda, the government just announced that the Education Cannot Wait investment in the Response Plan for Refugees and Host Communities for South Sudanese refugees is a success story. Still, another \$80 million will be required in 2020 for Uganda alone to prevent disruption of this positive model.

Indeed, much more needs to be done. To deliver on the Education Cannot Wait target of quality education to 9 million children and youth in forced displacement and protracted crisis by 2021, US\$1.8 billion is required.

Is it possible? Yes, provided that we are driven by the same intense desire as Genesis: that all we want to do is to solve problems, alleviate human suffering and empower the next generation.

The Global Refugee Forum may be the test.



Mariam Ngizo (L) and Philipina Kobelo, both from the President's Office (Public Leaders Ethics Secretariat) pictured yesterday taking local government officials at Nyerere village in Chamwino District, Dodoma Region, through the basics of ethical conduct and practice it was at a sensitisation seminar. Photo: Correspondent Peter Mkwavila

1,000 vulnerable children due to benefit from NHIF services starting next year

By Correspondent Joseph Mwenda-pole

OVER 1,000 vulnerable children will next year benefit from the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) cards, thanks to the initiative made by a charity organisation—Time To Help.

Public Relations Officer of the charity organisation, Mbwana Kintendo made the pledge over the weekend when speaking during the handover ceremony of various items to Baba Oreste centre for children with mental and physical disabilities in Dar es Salaam.

The organisation organised two-kilometre charity walk over the weekend aimed at sensitising the community to help children with different disabilities in the country and give them all the rights they deserve.

Mbwana said his organisation came with the idea to provide insurance cards to children with disabilities to enable them get quality health services when they fall sick

as part of community services.

"In 2020 we intend to provide more than 1,000 insurance cards to different centres that take care of children who live in difficulties and those with disabilities, we promise that in execution of our idea we will give priorities to Baba Oreste centre because we believe these children need more community support and care," he said.

Mbwana said recently, his organisation issued health insurance cards to more than 50 children that are taken care of at different orphanage centres in Zanzibar.

He said Time To Help which is a global organisation was established in 2006 here in Tanzania aiming to help the needy in areas of education, health, food, shelter and water from family level to schools all around the country.

"We have been building new classrooms where there is a need and renovate the old ones to look good, we also built modern toilets

at different schools and this move aims at creating good learning environment for Tanzanian students to complement government's efforts in improving education in the country," he said.

He cited examples of some schools benefited from the aids as Kawe B Primary School, Boko, Temboni, Kifuru, Kisarawe, Adris Abdul Wakili from Mpiji Majohe and Golani in Kimara Dar es Salaam adding that many schools will be reached by his organisation in the near future.

Ismail Abdala from Baba Oreste Centre said communities must stop the current trend of ignoring children with disabilities whereby in some families the children are hidden inside their houses.

"We are not supposed to hide children with disabilities we must expose them to centres like this where they get different skills and at the end of the day they would be of great importance to the society," he said.

EALA hails Kenneth Madete and Alex Obatre Lumumba for dedicated service

By Guardian Reporter

THE East African Legislative Assembly late yesterday paid special tribute to the clerk, Kenneth Namboga Madete and the deputy clerk, Alex Obatre Lumumba, upon completion of their tenure of service to the community last week and for their dedicated service.

The motion moved by Paul Musamali commended the duo for their steadfast and loyal service to the Assembly and wished them well in their future endeavours.

deavours.

Musamali cited human resources as key to the community and said both Madete and Lumumba had exemplified total commitment and dedication. "Due to the very nature of their work and because of their attitude and the value attached to the people they served, the accolades were deserving," Musamali said.

The legislator cited a number of achievements realized over the period the clerk and his deputy were at the helm.

"During the tenure of Madete, EALA was granted a sub-accounting status and for the entire period, the Assembly audited accounts were never qualified. It is during the period that the Assembly pursued a proactive approach to ensure the growth of the staffing levels bringing on board six senior clerks/committee clerks, the creation of two deputy clerk positions, creation of a senior public relations officer and the elevation and grading of some posi-

tions from the general staffing category to that of the professional level," Musamali said.

The mover also attributed the negotiating skills of the two executives as key resulting in among others, in growth of budget and activities of the Assembly.

"Through the skills of the clerk and deputy clerk, the Assembly attracted support of USD 5 million (spread over five years from the Association of European Parliamentarians with Africa (AWEPA) in 2009 in support of the

public hearings and the capacity building needs of EALA members, staff and committees," Musamali said.

"The success of the first EALA-AWEPA programme will soon pay off with a new programme following new designs which have already been discussed," Musamali added.

The member moved the motion under Articles 49 and 59(1) of the Treaty and Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure.

During debate, Dr Pierre Celestin Rwigema said the outgoing clerk

and deputy clerk had gained vast experience and urged the partner state from which they hail to take advantage of their skills and utilize them effectively.

Kasamba Mathias reminded the House that a number of colleagues had also exited the Assembly upon expiry of their terms. Last year when in Nairobi, the Assembly reminded the Council of Ministers to extend contracts of exiting officers in the interim period, although it was not possible," he said.

Utilise youthful workforce to spur industrialisation agenda, government urged

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

THE government should fully utilise youthful workforce if it is to realise its industrialisation agenda, experts have suggested.

They were speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday during the Annual Youth conference that has been organised by TGNP Mtandao. The conference is themed: "Participation of the youth in leadership and fourth industrial revolution."

TGNP's Executive Director Lilian Lihundi said: "The youth is a crucial group expected to bring positive development for any country."

She urged that the country can grow economically if it would only utilise youth, who are more than 60 percent of the country's population.

"The government has the capacity of getting positive contribution of the youth on economy if there will be policies and conducive environment for this group to invest," she noted.

Liundi said TGNP Mtandao believed that measures should be taken to empower this group to be aware of the policies and plans touching their daily lives.

"We believe on empowering the youth to be able to participate in leadership and in economic activities, would improve their good relationship with the government."

She said it was unfortunate that many projects targeting the youth were being prepared from the beginning without fully involving the youth. And that restricts the participation of the youth in those projects.

According to Lilian, the annual youth conference was to ensure the youth are able to see the opportunities at their disposal and participate in the fourth industrial revolution.

Meanwhile, Prof Honest Ngowi of Mzumbe University, speaking on the meaning and importance of the fourth industrial revolution technology, has urged the youth to be future ready, daring and risk takers.

"You have to change to be able to go with the rapid technological changes taking place globally now. You have to be digital natives," he urged.

He said the world was now digital, thus, youth have to be digital natives.

Prof Ngowi said that since the youth were forming a larger part of the Tanzanian population and national manpower, the government should not let it go, because it will be an opportunity lost!

He urged them to be fast learners so as to cope with the coming fourth industrial revolution technology.

Prof Ngowi advised the youth to go for high skill jobs over repetitive/routine jobs, so as to address unemployment challenges facing them.



Vocational Education and Training Authority (Veta) public relations officer Dora Tesha (R) briefs Industry and Trade deputy minister Stella Manyanya (3rd-L, in blue) at the 4th industrial products exhibition held at the Julius Nyerere fair grounds in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala.

African politicians asked to develop legal instruments to fight climate change

By Isaiah Esipisu

AFRICAN legislators have been challenged to come up with legal frameworks for climate change to enable countries avoid catastrophes and reactionary emergencies that eat up their budgets.

"African countries are spending up to 3.9 percent of their GDPs on climate emergencies, which in many cases have not been budgeted for," said Dr. James Murombedzi, the head of the Africa Climate Policy Centre (ACPC) at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA).

During an event on the sidelines

of the ongoing 25th Conference Of The Parties (COP25), the U.N. climate negotiations in Madrid, Spain, climate experts, civil society organisations and U.N. representatives observed that legislators in African countries should mainstream climate change in all their national development plans as a way of adapting to the phenomena.

This comes at a time when the East African region is experiencing unprecedented floods due to the 300 percent above average, heavy downpour that is occurring during what is supposed to be a short rainy season. Over the past two weeks, floods have killed more than 100

people in Kenya alone, displacing hundreds of households, breaking river banks, dams and even houses.

According to meteorological scientists, this is due to the irregular oscillation or variation of Sea Surface Temperatures - a climate-related phenomenon known as Indian Ocean Dipole.

The floods in East Africa are occurring just months after Cyclones Idai and Kenneth swept through the Southern Africa region affecting more than 2.2 million people in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi.

In general, analysis from Save the Children show that in 2019 alone, over 1,200 people died

as the result of cyclones, floods and landslides in Mozambique, Somalia, Kenya, Sudan and Malawi, leaving at least 33 million people at emergency levels of food insecurity or worse. This has had a huge financial implication on countries, humanitarian agencies and individual families running into millions of dollars.

"What are we going to tell our people?" asked Roger Nkodo Dang, the President for the Pan Africa Parliament during an event at COP25. "As African legislators, we need to play our role, and then speak with one voice to call for funding so as to develop resilience," he said.

According to Gareth Phillips, the manager for Climate and Environmental Finance at the Africa Development Bank (AfDB), African politicians can take advantage of low-hanging fruit in terms of climate action, but only if there are sound legislative frameworks in place.

"We can start by enacting legislation that; encourages renewable energy targets and non-fossil fuel obligations, the removal of fossil fuel subsidies, while at the same time providing subsidies for renewable energy, and observes the energy efficiency standards, building standards and performance," said Phillips.

UK institute, UDSM help young learners apply science concepts

By Francis Kajubi

THE Institute of Physics of the United Kingdom (UK) has said that new scientific innovations should be linked to business perspectives for good solutions of problems facing the world.

Speaking at the climax of this year's Future STEM Business Leaders programme by the Institute of Physics UK (IOP) and the University of Dar es Salaam, Rachel Youngman, IOP Chief Executive Officer, said science is a solution to global challenges such as climate change, clean energy sources and artificial intelligence.

"If we can help young people to know how they can use science through good research linked to business models and solutions the world will be more than a better place to live in. Radical ideas are coming from students that can help bring solutions to these social challenges," said Youngman.

Both public and private sector entities should empower high school learners by offering training stints and funds especially for science students so as to connect their innovations to business concepts that can be applied in solving social problems and in entrepreneurship, she said.

"About 40 schools in Dar es Salaam took part in this year's Future STEM

from which six schools were short listed to present their scientific ideas. We look at ideas that can help in bringing solutions, solutions that are business in turn," the UK expert explained.

The secondary schools shortlisted were Tusiime, Baobab, Temeke, Chang'ombe, Shamsiye and Jangwani that won the competition with an idea of making an ultrasonic repellent for suppressing mosquitoes without killing them. "We are looking forward to extend the programme to Arusha in the next year," she stated.

Josephine Meela, environment specialist from People and Environment Management (PEM), a non-governmental organisation, who was one of the competition judges, said students should be taught to be competent practically more than theoretically.

"If science is not brought to real life then it is helpless. All ideas that have been presented mean a lot to our society if adopted. We call upon the government and the private sector help these students make their ideas real by investing in them."

"With this program students are given a platform to pitch their business ideas to a panel of judges, and those with the most developed ideas get an opportunity to do a six-week internship with a business mentor," she said.

The activist insisted that students



Jangwani Secondary School students celebrate after emerging overall winners of Future STEM Leaders program event held in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. Photo: Francis Kajubi

need a good foundation integrating applied and practical aspects of STEM. "Doing this at school level ensures that students are better prepared to be innovative and entrepreneurial at university, which in turn makes it easier for them to develop innovative and sustainable solutions to solve community problems."

Five students from Jangwani sec-

ondary school invented the idea and are looking forward to present the idea in different workshops for the purpose of finding financial support to implement it.

Pauline Haule, a PCB student and who led the Jangwani secondary school group, said that they benefited a lot from the program as the school received stationeries as a reward for

their win. They look forward to be attached to Gongali Model Co. in Arusha for a six week internship to learn leadership skills on different departments.

"We are glad to take part in this initiative as an institute that plays a critical role in building students' abilities on how to apply science in solving real problems in our societies," said Dr Askwar Hilonga, director for Gongali Model.

Makange Manyelo, the Dar Tekno-Hama business incubator facilitator, said the IOP Future STEM Business Leaders program has added some valuable lessons to students who now understand that understanding science is not only about passing national examinations but also solving community problems.

Edmark (T) fetes anniversary, gears to set foot in Zanzibar

By Beatrice Philemon

EDMARK Tanzania will be soon open a new branch in Zanzibar to extend its services and reach out to more clients.

Edmark (T) assistant operations manager, Kola Oye Kola made this observation on Saturday at the just ended 7th anniversary of Edmark Tanzania event held in Dar es Salaam.

"Registration is ongoing right now. We need to register our product again, get a taxpayer identification number (TIN), access business license so that we can do business in Zanzibar to help people improve their health status, lose weight, diabetes, attain wealth and total well-being," he said.

He said in Edmark Tanzania they are anchored on four pillars that bring success as gratitude, abundance, love and compassion and these pillars keep their company growing.

The uniqueness of its products and the high quality products that they have in business make Edmark Tanzania get more customers and ably compete across the country.

Highlighting major achievements for Edmark Tanzania since it started its local operations in 2012 he said for seven years, Edmark Tanzania has registered a total of 16620 distributors across the country, awarded 13 dream cars worth 450m/- to their distributors and helped change lives of people through promoting healthy lifestyles.

Nissan Murano, Toyota Crown Royal, Toyota Harrier, Volkswagen Tavares, BMW X5, Nissan Escudo, Toyota Prado, Porsche and Toyota Raum are some of the car models that were awarded to distributors, he stated.

The firm also issued travel opportunities to their distributors in the United States, Dubai and Malaysia, while in 2018 about 53 distributors travelled in Malaysia free of charge. Six travelled to the US while the other 32 distributors travelled to Malaysia for leadership capacity building by attending seminars on leadership and networking, marketing for professionals in doing business.

The company has been giving back to the community by sponsoring free medical checkup for more than 200 people and sponsoring free meals for some community members, apart from awarding three houses to their business partners.

The firm also organized a football match that was quite interesting, as cleaning different areas in its neighbourhood from Namanaga to Edmark Office in Kinondoni district to help make the environment clean.

Highlighting on the car raffle draw that was organized by Edmark Tanzania for the public to win a new Mercedes Benz Luxuri-

ous on Saturday last week, he said Amani Sajila emerged the overall winner in this year's competition and took the Mercedes Benz Luxurious worth 40m/-.

He said Sajila emerged winner among 16620 people who participated in the raffle while the car raffle draw was conducted by the local environmental officer from Msasani Ward.

Edmark Tanzania used that event to present awards to the best achievers to recognize and show appreciation for what they did in business and help Tanzanians improve their health status.

The company awarded Eng. Mohamed Mpinga, retired doctor Salma Abdi, Aloyce Shirima and Hamisa Magasha as newest Crown Managers. The award was handed over to them by Edmark Tanzania operations manager, Kenneth Retome.

Salome Mpinga and Dativa Moshan took home a Double Crown Managers award at this year's anniversary, while Jovine Mbalikira and the Mwakitalu couple won the Diamond Manager Award.

Speaking after receiving awards, Aloyce Shirima expressed gratitude to the company for selecting me as newest crown manager and urged entrepreneurs selling Edmark

products to follow the pillars of good business that bring success as Gratitude, Abundance, Love and Compassion.

"These four pillars will help your business grow, shine and attract more customers to purchase your products," he affirmed.

He called on entrepreneurs to love what they do, love people and work with everyone because love is the only way that will help them to survive in business and their business grow.

Furthermore, concentrating on the Edmark education system and attending different seminars offered by the company will help them provide best services to their customers, he stated.

"I would like to thank the outstanding team I have working with me on my business every day for their hard work and dedication as well as Edmark staff."

For her part, Edmark Tanzania marketing manager, Marylyn Pilapil noted that the company has focused its efforts in serving its fast-growing network of distributors standing at around 16620 active independent distributors across the country.

She said Edmark advocates the Feel Good spirit as a company guided by the four Pillars of success, namely Gratitude, Abundance,

Love and Compassion.

With an effective range of products that aid in weight loss and maintenance, distributed through a network marketing strategy by a global family of distributors, Edmark is able to share business opportunities with everyone, right from the grassroots in every country.

Edmark's journey in Tanzania began way before the branch officially opened in March 2012 and the growing demand for Edmark products gained the attention of the management and business development teams.

A notably increasing number of consumers and distributors purchased products and registered their distributorships from branches in Kenya and Uganda.

Also ever since planting its seed in the country, Edmark Tanzania has germinated into a hub for distributors and consumers of Edmark in Tanzania coming from Mwanza and Zanzibar as well as nearby countries like Malawi, Angola and Congo, the manager added.

Isles to host global cassava initiative scientists, partners

By Guardian Correspondent

SCIENTISTS, experts and scaling partners of the African Cassava Agronomy Initiative (ACAI) of the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) are set for their 4th annual review and planning meeting.

The aim of the Zanzibar meeting is to discuss and profile the progress made in cassava agronomy and how such efforts address the low yield per hectare on farmers' fields in Nigeria and Tanzania.

Across Africa, yield per hectare of cassava is about nine tonnes, as opposed to Asia with more than 20 tonnes. This undermines African cassava farmers' competitiveness in the export market.

The ACAI meeting, scheduled to run from today through Thursday, is widely expected to present an opportunity for the entire ACAI team to get together, celebrate successes of the project, discuss challenges and plan for the fifth and final year.

The project coordinator, Dr Pieter Pypers, says this year's meeting will have less of plenary presentations but more of poster sessions, a world café, breakout sessions and information booths where scientists, knowledge exchange experts and partners will showcase and share ideas.

"The meeting will also be about scaling and dissemination and how we have started gaining momentum with Akilimo. The first day will be entirely devoted to how we have been putting our tools to use within the extension activities of our partners. Only on the last day, we will talk about science," the coordinator says.

Akilimo is the mobile agronomy advisory tool developed to serve as the face of ACAI's decision support system.

It combines data, prediction models, software infrastructure and interfaces, using pragmatic and user-centred approaches to provide information in ways that are attractive and useful to partners, extension workers and cassava farmers.

Apart from ACAI team members, partners leading the dissemination of ACAI Decision Support Tools through extension work in Nigeria and Tanzania expected at the meeting include Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA), Farm Concern International (FCI), UWAMWIMA, Minjingu, Psaltry International, 2Scale and NOTORE.

Technical partners working to strengthen Akilimo (V-AMO 321 service, eSOKO digital solutions and Arifu chatbot) will also be present at both sessions.

The organisers describe Tanzania's exquisite Unguja Island as presenting a unique venue for this year's ACAI review meeting - and as a real gem, a beautiful place boasting an interesting history, beaches, sun, palm trees, and great food.

"We will take the opportunity to enjoy some of the pleasures that Zanzibar has to offer. But Zanzibar is also a place where cassava is grown," said Dr Pypers, noting that cassava is a very important crop for Zanzibari farmers, both for food and for cash.

"Together with the Zanzibar Agricultural Research Institute (ZARI) and our partners - Farm Concern International and UWAMWIMA, we want to demonstrate some of the very interesting work that has been conducted here," the coordinator underlined.



Edmark Tanzania members and distributors celebrates at the company's 7th anniversary at an event in Dar es Salaam at the weekend

Digital experience economy to unleash huge opportunities

THE digital experience economy will bring huge market opportunities for China and the outside world, as technology has profoundly affected consumer behavior and raised the expectations of potential customers, a white paper said on Wednesday.

The term digital experience economy refers to a broad range of economic activities that drive systematic changes in all industries through digital transformation, with data as the key production factor and next-generation information technology as the cornerstone, the research paper said.

China's digital experience economy

market has been expanding, with the scale of information consumption constantly growing, according to the White Paper on Digital Experience Economy Development.

The research report was conducted by the China Center for Information Industry Development and AbobeInc, a US-based computer software company. The paper was released on Wednesday in Beijing.

Liu Fawang, a deputy chief engineer with the China Center for Information Industry Development, which is a leading Chinese think tank, said in the digital age products and services are

optimized while consumers have higher requirements for their experiences.

"The global digital experience economy is becoming a new high ground for technology and industry competition. China is a major player in terms of this," Liu said at a news conference.

Li Yongjian, a researcher at the National Academy of Economic Strategy under the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, said the digital economy has a pillar position in the national economy, and the digital experience has greatly

affected the economic and social life of people.

"The digital experience economy has brought new types of trust and partnership. Social media has become one of the most important parts of their daily needs," Li said.

According to the report, mainstream technologies in a digital experience economy should feature real-time feedback, personalized experience based on data mining, and scalability for providing quality experiences.

It noted that companies are facing challenges in adapting to the

constantly evolving digital experience economy. To address the difficulties, they must first face the transformation toward a digital experience, evaluate and then adjust their strategies, the report said.

Nathan Farner, head of China strategy and operations of Adobe Digital Experience, said the emerging technologies like artificial intelligence, virtual reality, the internet of things, and 5G will greatly promote the evolution of global business models and create huge market opportunities for China to develop a digital experience economy.

To succeed, companies need to foster experience-enabled businesses, Farner said.

Brands that meet the high expectations of customers and provide them with a seamless and outstanding experience will have an advantage over their counterparts in the industry, he said.

China has introduced a variety of measures to bolster the digital economy. In September 2018, the National Development and Reform Commission issued guidelines on developing a stable digital economy and expanding employment.



A boy experiences a VR device at the 2019 China International Consumer Electronics Show in Qingdao, East China's Shandong province (XINHUA)

Putin says Russia will not stop gas transit through Ukraine

SOCHI

COMMISSIONING of the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline does not mean that Russia will abandon gas transit through Ukraine, President Vladimir Putin said on Friday at the meeting with the German business executives.

"The pipeline of the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline is close to completion now; its commissioning will make possible to double potential Russian gas supplies over the Baltic route," Putin said.

This will be an extra contribution to satisfaction of the demand in Germany and other countries," he said. "I would like to stress that this is a purely commercial project.

The government is not actually participating in it. I reiterated many times to avoid any interpretations and would like to say once again - it does not mean at all that Russia intends to stop transit through the territory of Ukraine," the president said.

The talk on the gas transit is di-



rectly related to economic viability, according to Putin. "The issue is not in the territory, the issue is in economic viability," he added.

Russian and Ukrainian companies will hopefully find a mutually acceptable solution for natural gas transit to European countries, Putin said.

"As you are aware, we are holding talks with our Ukrainian part-

ners now. They are underway in Vienna. As I see, bargaining positions are stated from both sides, fairly difficult for implementation, to put it straight," the president said.

"However, I hope participants in these negotiations, business companies in the first instance, will find acceptable solutions for them," he noted.

Qualcomm says China to lead the world in 5G scale

MAUI

CHINA will lead the world in the 5G scale and Qualcomm expects to increase business with China in the 5G transition, Qualcomm President Cristiano Amon said in an exclusive interview with Xinhua.

"China is likely going to have the largest 5G rollout and network," Amon said on the sidelines of Qualcomm's annual Snapdragon Tech Summit held this week in Maui, Hawaii. "The scale in China's deployment plans makes 5G ubiquitous with nationwide coverage as fast as possible."

"In terms of taking the importance of 5G as the future of Internet, I think China is doing the right thing with an accelerated rollout of this technology," he said.

In June, China granted commercial-use 5G licenses to the country's top three telecom operators - China Telecom, China Mobile and China Unicom, as well as China Broadcasting Network. Many Chinese tech companies unveiled their 5G smartphones.

According to the China Academy of Information and Communications Technology, 5G technology is expected to create more than 8 million jobs by 2030.

"I believe China understood since the very beginning that 5G will be the essential infrastructure to connect to the Internet. And the numbers that the three operators had made public are incredible," Amon said.

"If Chinese operators execute on its plans, we will see 1 million 5G base stations by the end of 2020. And that is going to build the infrastructure that will not only connect billions of smartphones, but multiple billions of others smart devices and industries that will benefit from 5G," he said.



China is set to become the world's largest provider of 5G mobile phone services as some telecoms operators in the United States and South Korea have begun introducing the technology in their home countries. (File photo)

In his opinion, China regards 5G as fundamental infrastructure for the society, which gives the country the advantage on the scale and the commitment to its deployment.

5G touches many industries, not only cell phones, but also smart cities, automobiles, healthcare and other sectors. It is now understood by governments worldwide that 5G is so important and no country will benefit from being late to 5G, Amon said.

Unlike the deployment of 3G and 4G networks when China was behind other key markets, the country is now in the forefront of 5G transition with other leading economies, Amon said. "I believe that is a sign of the maturity of the Chinese economy today," he noted.

Optimistic about the progress of the Chinese mobile ecosystem, Amon noted that it is very consistent with the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). "As the mobile ecosystem follows the relationship

and the expansion of the Chinese economy through all those different countries, it is likely to be very competitive in the transition to 5G."

He cited the examples of Chinese tech companies such as Xiaomi, OPPO and OnePlus. Phones of Xiaomi are now in the portfolio of virtually every operator in Europe, while OnePlus is growing in the United States, traditionally a very difficult market.

"Through slush funds, bribes, gifts, and graft, Ericsson conducted telecom business with

"We have now two vibrant companies of China's ecosystem in the U.S. market, one is OnePlus and the other one is Motorola-Lenovo, with the new Razor being a great innovation in the market," he said.

China's mobile ecosystem will take the opportunity of the 5G transition to grow outside China and establish a very strong position in the markets such as Southeast Asia, Latin America, Eastern and Western Europe and the United States, Amon said.

Saying he is "super excited" about Qualcomm's business in China, he applauded the win-win cooperation between Qualcomm and its Chinese partners, such as Xiaomi, OPPO, OnePlus, vivo and Motorola.

Amon called the cooperation an example of successful relationship between the two countries, adding that it allows Chinese partners to not only grow in domestic consumption, but also expand outside China with the BRI.

"We are not backing down on our China cooperation. We're increasing our cooperation in resources towards or partnerships in China in the 5G transition," he said.

According to Amon, despite the current China-US trade frictions, Qualcomm's business with China is increasing, rather than decreasing. "I expect that to continue in 2020 and 2021 as we go to this 5G transition."

At the summit, Qualcomm unveiled two new 5G Snapdragon mobile platforms -- Snapdragon 865 and 765/765G. It also announced the world's first 5G-supported extended reality platform, modular 5G mobile platforms and new 3D sonic fingerprint technology.

Defining the role of Qualcomm as an enabler of mobile ecosystem and partnerships, Amon said that 5G has unlocked an era of the "Invention Age."

Xinhua

Ericsson to pay over \$1 billion to resolve US corruption probes

WASHINGTON

SWEDISH mobile telecoms company Ericsson (ERICST) has agreed to pay over \$1 billion to resolve probes into corruption, including the bribing of government officials, the U.S. Department of Justice said on Friday.

The bribery took place over many years in countries including China, Vietnam and Djibouti,

and the department said. The total charges include a criminal penalty of more than \$520 million, plus \$540 million to be paid to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in a related matter.

The company admitted it had conspired with others to violate the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) from at least 2000 to 2016 by engaging in a scheme to pay bribes and to falsify books

and records and by failing to implement reasonable internal accounting controls, the Justice Department said in a statement.

"Certain employees in some markets, some of whom were executives in those markets, acted in bad faith and knowingly failed to implement sufficient controls," Ericsson CEO Borje Ekholm said in a conference call on Saturday.

"I view what has happened as

a completely unacceptable and hugely upsetting chapter of our history."

Ericsson used third parties to pay bribes to government officials to secure and keep business, authorities said. Consultants were retained to create slush funds and transfer money to third parties, according to one of the complaints.

One of the company's subsidiaries, Ericsson Egypt Ltd,

pleaded guilty in the Southern District of New York to a charge of conspiracy to violate the anti-bribery provisions of the FCPA.

Pleading guilty can bring additional severe sanctions, including the revoking of licenses, but the company can negotiate waivers to ensure they can continue to operate.

"Through slush funds, bribes, gifts, and graft, Ericsson conducted telecom business with

the guiding principle that 'money talks,'" U.S. Attorney Geoffrey Berman of the Southern District of New York said in a statement.

Ericsson said it had reviewed its anti-corruption program and taken measures to improve its ethics and compliance.

It has said previously it was cooperating with U.S. authorities and that it would make a \$1.2 billion provision in relation to the probes.

Carl Mellander, chief financial officer, said the amount was fully covered by a provision the company made in the third quarter and added it would not impact any financial targets.

"While the amount for the settlement today is significant I can confirm that we will be able to manage the associated cash outflow with available funds," he told the conference call.



The night market in Urumqi

China's 5-year anti-terror efforts stabilise Xinjiang, win popular support

THE top Chinese counter-terrorism official stressed the country's achievements in the past five years in the crackdown on terrorism in the Xinjiang region and slammed the US "Uyghur human rights act" for its fabricated stories laded with twisted facts.

The US House of Representatives passed the act Wednesday morning, Beijing time.

Addressing a press conference on Wednesday, Liu Yuejin, the counter-terrorism commissioner of China's Ministry of Public Security, expressed strong opposition to the act and slammed it for wantonly smearing Chinese policies and counter-terrorism measures as well as misrepresenting the human rights situation in Xinjiang.

The move fully reveals the US' double standards on counter-terrorism and its intention to interfere in China's domestic affairs in the name of "human rights," Liu said, expressing strong resentment and opposition to the act.

Besides, Liu also stressed the significant achievements China has made in countering the menace of terrorism in Xinjiang. No violent or terrorist activity took place in the past three years in the region and residents' sense of security also hugely improved, according to Liu.

He recalled the dire situation in the 1990s when the Xinjiang region was reeling under the threat of terrorism with frequent attacks, seriously damaging people's livelihood and safety, and trampling their dignity.

Once upon a time, the "East Turk-

istan" forces organized and triggered thousands of secession and violent activities in the Xinjiang region, killing a large number of innocent people and hundreds of police officers, incurring countless property loss, Liu said.

To battle this havoc, China launched a five-year counter-terrorism campaign, which has effectively curbed the tendency, safeguarded local stability and restored the safety of the locals. The measures managed to garner popular support of the 25 million Xinjiang residents, including the international community, according to Liu.

The US act criticizes the Chinese government with accusations like "infringing upon human rights of ethnic minority people."

In response to the accusation, Liu stressed that China always conforms to the law in counter-terrorism operations and protects people's human rights to the utmost extent. "There is no so-called problem of 'infringing upon human rights' as the US claims."

China enhanced international cooperation to fight illegal terrorist activities by "East Turkistan" forces in recent years, according to Liu.

The country has joined 12 global counter-terrorism conventions and played an active role in international multilateral mechanisms, including international criminal police organization, Shanghai Cooperation Organization and Association of Southeast Asian Nations Regional Forum, Liu added.

Global Times

Hong Kong police commissioner watches flag-raising ceremony in Beijing

BEIJING

TANG Ping-keung, the new commissioner of police of China's Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), led a delegation of the Hong Kong Police Force to watch the flag-raising ceremony in Beijing on Saturday morning.

This was the first time for him to watch the national flag being raised at Tian'anmen Square, Tang told reporters after the ceremony.

He said he was very excited and felt the strength of the country, which further strengthened the confidence and determination to ensure strict law enforcement by the Hong Kong police.

Hong Kong police will unite all social sectors and pool positive energy in fighting violence, protecting the rule of law and maintaining stability to achieve the goal of ending violence and chaos and restoring order as soon as possible, Tang said.

He added that the Hong Kong Police Force will resolutely safeguard Hong Kong's rule of law and social order and contribute more to maintaining the region's prosperity and stability as well as the smooth and sustained implementation of the principle of "one country, two systems."



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World leaders reaffirm commitment to advancement of landlocked developing countries at UN

UNITED NATIONS

WORLD leaders have reaffirmed commitment to helping advance the world's 32 landlocked developing countries (LLDCs) through a political declaration adopted by an ongoing UN meeting addressing these nations' special needs and challenges.

The Political Declaration of the High-level Midterm Review on the Implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action (VPOA) for LLDCs for the Dec-

ade 2014-2024 was adopted Thursday at the General Assembly plenary meeting.

By the political declaration's terms, the heads of state and government, ministers and high representatives, reaffirmed their commitment to the full, effective and timely implementation of the VPOA.

They also proposed durable, transparent, accountable and effective partnerships between LLDCs, transit countries and their development partners. In November 2014, the 2nd UN

Conference on LLDCs held in Vienna adopted the VPOA, which aims to achieve inclusive and sustainable economic growth and reduce poverty for LLDCs and ensure the integration of LLDCs into the global economy.

In Thursday's declaration, world leaders noted that, since 2014, many LLDCs have placed structural economic transformation at the center of national development plans.

They have "adopted strategies for diversification and upgrading of their economies, industri-

alization, export promotion and private sector development," the declaration recognized.

However, it said, these countries have made limited progress towards achieving structural transformation, with limited manufacturing and industrial capacity to create high-value-added products, and the economies of some landlocked developing countries even show signs of de-industrialization.

Leaders observed that LLDCs and transit countries should consider promoting a corridor

approach to improving trade and transit transport, calling upon these countries to reduce travel time along the corridors, promote regional connectivity and maximize associated economic opportunities.

They also urged these countries to develop regionally integrated, sustainable, climate- and disaster-resilient transport infrastructure.

Further, they called upon development partners and multilateral development banks to support landlocked developing

countries in strengthening trade financing.

Leaders encouraged landlocked developing countries to continue making improvements in the regulatory environment for business, in particular for micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, in his opening remarks to the meeting, said that in adopting the declaration, states must help turn LLDCs into land-linked places of prosperity and opportunity. "We need

the right policy mix, increased investment, reliable transit infrastructure, efficient customs operations and improved access and use of technology," he said.

UN General Assembly President Tijjani Muhammad-Bande said LLDCs are "at risk of being left behind."

Noting that one third of their populations live in extreme poverty, he said "many of these nations continue to struggle in the shadows of historical injustices." Also addressing the meeting was Kinga Singye, foreign secretary

UK PM promises lower immigration if he wins election

LONDON

BRITISH Prime Minister Boris Johnson promised lower immigration if he wins power in an election on Thursday, but said he was not hostile to allowing foreigners to work and live in Britain overall.

Britain votes on Dec 12 in an election which will decide the fate of Brexit and the world's fifth largest economy with a stark choice between Johnson's pro-market Conservatives and the socialist-led opposition Labour Party.

"Numbers will come down because we'll be able to control the system in that way," Johnson told Sky



Xinhua

News. "And what I don't think is right is to have an uncontrolled and unlimited approach to that."

Johnson (pictured) has promised a points-based approach to controlling immigration. He said his focus would be cutting down on unskilled migration, but that there would be scope for high skilled and other workers to come to Britain.

"I'm not hostile to immigration ... I'm a believer in allowing people to come to this country and I think if they have talents and they want to do things and make their lives in the UK and they can contribute to our country - fantastic."

American Samoa declares measles outbreak, closes schools

PAGO PAGO

THE government of American Samoa declared that the US territory has an outbreak of measles, a move that will lead to the closure of public schools starting Monday and a ban on gatherings in parks.

In its announcement Friday of the measles outbreak, the government says the territory has nine cases of the disease. Five of those infected had been traveling outside the territory.

As for the other four people who tested positive for measles, "we're suspecting that is local transmission - meaning that it's most likely, that some of these travelers did transmit the measles virus to them, causing them to be sick," Health Department Epidemiologist Dr Aifili John Tufa said.

Tufa said in a television broadcast that samples from those infected were sent to Hawaii for testing and the results came back Thursday, resulting in the move to let the public know that "we are currently in the state of emergency" and a "measles outbreak."

In the neighboring independent nation of Samoa, more than 60 people have died, mostly children, from the measles and more than 4,000 were infected since the outbreak started in mid-October, health officials said.

American Samoa will get a measles vaccine shipment from the US Centers for Disease Control and Protection on Monday, Tufa said.

Data presented by health officials early this week during a cabinet meeting shows a 99.7% vaccination rate for mumps, measles and rubella in the territory, officials said.

But Tufa said that more needs to be done to up the rate for the 1-5 year age group which is currently at 84.7% "The number one way to stop the spread of measles is to immunize," he said.

The developments in American Samoa came after dozens of Hawaii



In this file image made from Nov 25, 2019, file video, a New Zealand health official prepares a measles vaccination at a clinic in Apia, Samoa. (PHOTO / AP)

health care workers returned to their homes across the state after voluntarily providing measles vaccinations to thousands of residents of the independent nation of Samoa, officials said.

A team of 76 health care workers and support staff went to Samoa for a two-day medical mission to ensure residents in the independent nation of Samoa were immunized from the highly contagious virus, the Honolulu Star-Advertiser reports.

"You have scores of people dying, and the society is paralyzed," said Honolulu surgeon Paulus Tsai. "Basically life has come to a standstill for the island."

Samoa declared a state of emergency and complete shutdown of government and business operations while vaccination teams searched for residents susceptible to the disease, health officials said.

About 34,000 people were immunized over two days, officials said.

"Of all the efforts to save children around the world, immunization has the most dramatic impact. Everybody

came together with their aloha to unite and support Samoa and attack this disease head-on in a way that will make a permanent difference in the lives of the people," Straub Medical Center family physician Dale Glenn said.

The mission was coordinated by medical doctor and Lt. Gov. Josh Green who worked with Samoan leaders, the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, officials said.

More than 500 people and groups responded ready to volunteer about 4,200 kilometers southwest of Hawaii, officials said.

"I hope the younger generation will realize health care can also touch other people's lives and can be a way for them to make things better for their society. It's protecting their future generations," Tsai said.

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Chinese envoy calls for progress on UN peacekeeping

UNITED NATIONS

A Chinese envoy on Friday called for the improvement of UN peacekeeping through mandate optimization, capacity building and partnerships.

"Since 1948, the Blue Helmet has become the symbol of the United Nations, bringing peace and hope to the world. In the face of the new situation and new challenges, UN peacekeeping needs to keep pace with the times and strive for improvement," said Wu Haitao, China's deputy permanent representative to the United Nations.

Improving peacekeeping performance is closely linked and mutually reinforcing with optimizing operation mandates, enhancing capacity building and forging partnerships, he told an event on how to improve UN peacekeeping performance.

Wu said that improving the operation

mandate is the foundation. "The mandate needs to be realistic, actionable, and targeted instead of trying to be everything everywhere."

He asked to stick to political settlement. Prioritizing political settlement needs to cut across the life cycle of each peacekeeping operation. "No matter how the situation evolves, we need to stay committed to the basic principles governing peacekeeping operations," he said.

Wu urged the international community to pay serious attention to the actual needs of troop-contributing countries (TCCs), especially those from the developing world, and provide them with the required resources for peacekeeping, saying that enhancing capacity building is the key.

The UN Secretariat should develop uniform standards for the organization, training, and supervision of peacekeep-

ers, he said.

While strengthening peacekeeping performance, it is necessary to ensure the safety and security of peacekeepers, Wu added.

Wu also stressed the need for strong partnerships in peacekeeping. "Host countries, TCCs, and fund-contributing countries should form synergy. The UN should also continue to deepen its cooperation with regional and sub-regional organizations."

In evaluating peacekeeping performance, there should be indicators for both peace and development, he said. "Peacekeeping operations also need to create safe and stable environments for host countries to achieve poverty eradication and promote peace through development so as to secure sustainable peace."

Xinhua

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'Simplicity is genius': Joshua boxes smart to reclaim titles



Defending champion Andy Ruiz Jr., left, takes a jab to the face during his fight against Britain's Anthony Joshua in their World Heavyweight Championship contest at the Diriyah Arena, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. (AP Photo)

RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA

ANTHONY Joshua jumped up and down in the ring with his massive entourage, celebrating being around \$70 million richer and having three world heavyweight belts back in his possession.

For the British boxing superstar, it was well worth this controversial trip to Saudi Arabia.

In the first heavyweight title fight to be held in the Middle East, Joshua toyed with an out-of-shape Andy Ruiz Jr. over 12 unimpressive rounds to win a unanimous points decision, reclaim the WBA, WBO and IBF belts, and avenge a stunning upset by his Mexican-American opponent six months ago.

Joshua got his game plan spot on, using his lighter frame to outmaneuver Ruiz, relying on his longer reach to stay clear of trouble, and selecting his moments to go on the attack.

In the final seconds of a bout fought in the early hours of Sunday in a relatively cool 19 Celsius (66 F) for this part of the world, Joshua was almost running around the ring and Ruiz – exhausted and outfought – was planted in the middle, urging him to come closer.

"Sometimes simplicity is genius. I was outclassing the champion," Joshua said.

"I am used to knocking people out, but last time I got hurt so I gave the man his credit. I said I would correct myself again."

Two judges gave the fight to the Briton 119-110, and the other awarded it to him 119-109.

Ruiz put on 15 pounds since the first fight to weigh in at 283 pounds (128 kilograms), making him the second heaviest boxer to fight for a world heavyweight title. He said he hadn't prepared hard enough for the rematch and got "boxed around."

"The partying got the best of me," Ruiz said of his brief time as champion, during which he also went on talk shows, had an audience with the Mexican president and bought new cars for himself and his parents.

"I didn't prepare how I should have. I gained too much weight. I don't want to give excuses, he won ... If we do a third fight, you best believe I'm going to get in shape. I'll be in the best shape of my life."

Whether Joshua agrees to that remains to be seen. There is no rematch clause this time round and Ruiz, short with quick hands, is an awkward opponent.

Joshua proved he had another side to his boxing skills other than a big punch. His ca-

reer is back on track, for sure, but his reputation might be sullied for other reasons.

The fight was played out to a backdrop of concerns that Saudi Arabia was using this and other big sporting events to divert attention from its human-rights violations. They include the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi last year in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul.

Joshua has shrugged off concerns that he was being used in what some, like human rights organization Amnesty International, called a "sportswashing" exercise, and he thanked Saudi Arabia for hosting the fight afterward.

Women who attended the fight at the outdoor, purpose-built, 15,000-capacity Diriyah Arena did not appear to be segregated, as they have been in sports stadiums in Saudi Arabia since being allowed into them for the first time last year.

Indeed, it felt just like any other venue once the action got underway, with a pro-Joshua crowd chanting the usual repertoire of songs about their fighter and jeering Ruiz. To make Joshua feel even more at home, there was a rare downpour of rain in the desert just before the fight and at times during the afternoon.

Ruiz knocked down Joshua four times on the way to a seventh-round win in New York in June that was regarded as one of the biggest upsets in the history of heavyweight boxing.

There was none of that drama in the rematch, with Ruiz rarely connecting cleanly with Joshua. When he did, it was with punches to the back of the head that earned him a ticking-off from the referee.

Ruiz finished the fight with blood across his face, having been caught with a right hook by Joshua in the first round.

There were straight lefts from Joshua in the fourth and ninth that rocked Ruiz back, and a right hook in the fifth that also hurt the deposed champion.

"I just wanted to put on a great boxing masterclass and also show the sweet science of this lovely sport. It's about hitting and not getting hit," Joshua said.

"Sometimes with certain fighters you have to box smarter. I understand what Andy brought to the table so I had to decapitate him in a different way."

AP

Five candidates who could replace Patrick Aussems at Simba SC

BY CORRESPONDENT MICHAEL MWEBE

SIMBA Sports Club are on the lookout for a new permanent head coach following the bold call to get rid of Patrick Aussems.

The Belgian was the club's third permanent manager since billionaire Mohamed Dewji took over the club in 2017, but despite winning the Mainland Premier League silverware and Community Shield in the previous season and qualifying for the CAF Champions League quarter finals, he was fired last week.

Assistant coach Dennis Kitambi has been promoted to the position of interim head coach, while the search for Aussems' replacement is in progress.

Who should they appoint to take charge of the Msimbazi Street club's den? We look at five possible candidates that could be a replacement for the sacked Belgian.

Milutin Sredojevi 'Micho'

The well-travelled Serbian is currently jobless after leaving Zamalek where he won the 2019 Egyptian Cup but became the latest victim of eccentric chairman Mortada Mansour following back-to-back defeats to TP Mazembe in CAF Champions League and EN-PI in Egypt top flight.

Micho had a stint at Simba's rivals, Africans (Yanga), as head coach and it remains to be seen whether Simba can be tempted to bring him with that past which is an unnecessary baggage in the politics of Tanzania's football.



Pierre Lechantre

His knowledge of East Africa football is unrivalled having coached not only in Tanzania but also Uganda, Rwanda, Sudan and Ethiopia at both club and national team level.

However, salary might be a challenge coming from Zamalek where he was reportedly earning a \$100,000 per month and also at Orlando Pirates where he was in the upwards of \$40,000.

He has also been linked with the vacant Al Hilal head coach job. Al Hilal are in the CAF Champions League Group Stage making them more appealing to Micho.

Pierre Lechantre

Having won the league

title and only got eliminated by Al Masry on away goals rule in his brief stint with Simba, the experienced French coach would be welcomed back with open arms from Simba bosses and fans alike.

A former AFCON Cup winner as Cameroon head coach, Lechantre is renowned for his tactical discipline which proved to be a clashing point with Simba philosophy of attacking football.

He does not cheap which is another financial concern for the Msimbazi Street club's board of directors to consider and evaluate though his continental experience could be just what Simba are looking

ahead of another expected CAF Champions League campaign next season.

Didier Gomes Da Rosa

Another coach that would be available immediately is former Guinea's AC Horoya head coach Da Rosa. The Frenchman felt the inevitable sharp axe of Horoya's owner, Antonio Souaré, despite qualifying for the group stage of the CAF Confederation Cup this year.

He has coached in East, North, Central and West Africa clubs such as Ethiopia's Coffee, Rwanda's Rayon Sports, Cameroon's Cotton Sport and Algeria's CS Constantine.

Benston Chambeshi

The veteran Zambian coach has already been linked to Simba but he is contracted at Nkana. That could prove a major stumbling block for Simba as they would have to offer compensation.

Many Simba fans are not thrilled by the Chambeshi rumours as they feel he does not have either enough experience or achievements for a club of their stature but importantly does not boast a rich continental CV at club level.

Florent Ibenge

Two back to back losses at the opening CAF Champions League group stage matches, the AS Vita 'life-time' coach might be tempted to call it quits and move to Simba.

However, that is a long shot, Ibenge is like Wenger to AS Vita. Unless he feels he has taken the club as far as it can go and Simba would offer him a fresh start in a new country Ibenge's move to Simba remains a wild dream.

Employees, families mark TICTS Day in style

BY GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT

EMPLOYEES of Tanzania International Container Terminal Services Limited (TICTS) and their families have marked a family day, known as TICTS Day, in style as they gathered at Kigamboni, Dar es Salaam at an event that was filled with non-stop fun and fair as part of end year activities.

Speaking while addressing the more than 2000 attendees at Fun City, Kigamboni, the TICTS Chief Executive Officer, Horace Hui, said he was glad to be joining the company at a time when the Family Day was being marked.

"I have joined at the right time, I respect Family Day and I want to be part of this huge family," he said adding that it was glad to see the employees with the families where he engaged with them one on one and took photos including playing with some of the children.

Commenting on the Family Day, the Chairman of the Organizing Committee, Gerald Shayo, said this was an important day for all staff and their families as it was time to know each other.

"We do this every year as a way to end the year but also get to mingle and have fun with our families as you can see there are lots of activities for everyone it is indeed a big family and we are all enjoying," he said. He thanked the management for ensuring this event is held every year as employees and their families always look forward to it and it is a special way to end the year.

One of the employees, Tobias Kidimbo, said this was his eleventh Family Day as an employee of TICTS and the event



The Tanzania International Container Services (TICTS) Chief Executive Officer, Horace Hui shares a light moment with some of the children who attended the TICTS Family Day at Fun City, Kigamboni over the weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TICTS

was getting bigger and bigger every year.

"This year's event is bigger, with many games and as parents, we are glad to see our children enjoying themselves and the adults interacting as families," he said.

He noted that it was also encouraging to see the CEO joining them at the event and talking directly to employees and their families.

Another employee, Shaibu Athumani, said this was his second Family Day where he

and his family had great fun.

"It was nice to meet other families and enjoy meals together, our children have played together it is indeed a wonderful event and we thank TICTS for ensuring that it happens every year," he said.

Simmons hits 3, scores 34 points to lead 76ers past Cavs

PHILADELPHIA

BEN Simmons hit another 3-pointer, and his coach wants him to keep on firing.

Simmons hit his second career 3 and scored a career-high 34 points, and the Philadelphia 76ers didn't need Joel Embiid's help to rout the Cleveland Cavaliers 141-94 Saturday night.

Simmons made 12 of 14 field goals, including his only 3-point attempt, and hit 9 of 12 free throws in 26 minutes to help Philadelphia improve to 11-0 at home.

"I was locked in," Simmons said.

Simmons' jump shot – or lack thereof – has been a hot topic in Philadelphia. He entered the season 0 for 17 from long range.

Coach Brett Brown has repeatedly said shooting is a part of Simmons'

game that will develop with time. After Saturday's performance, Brown publicly upped the ante and called for more from his All-Star point guard.

"This is what I want," Brown said. "I want a 3-point shot per game, minimum. ... He will be liberated. His world will open up and, in many ways, so will ours."

Embiid sat out with a left hip contusion.

Darius Garland had 17 points for the Cavaliers, who have lost six in a row and 12 of 13.

"They were going downhill on us all day long," Cavaliers coach John Beilein said.

Philadelphia has been projected to be an NBA title contender, but the 76ers haven't been able to consistently field its starting five of Simmons,

Embiid, Josh Richardson, Tobias Harris and Al Horford. They have only started nine games together due to injuries and Embiid's two-game suspension for fighting Minnesota's Karl-Anthony Towns.

The 76ers needed little more than Simmons in a dominant first half that ended with them ahead 77-36.

Simmons attacked the basket often and showed off a rarely seen mid-range game when he drained an 11-foot jumper with 6:04 left in the second quarter. That had 76ers fans cheering, but it was just an appetizer for Simmons.

With 3:41 left in the half, Simmons took a cross-court pass from Trey Burke and knocked down a 3 from the left wing. That sent the sold-out crowd into a frenzy, and the roars continued when Simmons finished

an alley-oop dunk from Burke on Philadelphia's ensuing possession.

Simmons received a standing ovation at the next stoppage.

"I'm getting more comfortable learning my spots and just adjusting," Simmons said. "I'm trying not to force it, trying to play the game I know how to play. Hard work pays off. Stay in the gym and keep working."

Simmons finished the tremendous four-possession sequence with assists on Philadelphia's next two trips, first to Horford for a 3-pointer and then to James Ennis III for a jumper.

Finally, Simmons ended the first half scoring with a 9-foot jumper for a 41-point lead entering the break.

WINNING BIG

The 47-point margin of victory is tied for third-most in Philadelphia

history. The club's greatest victory is a 62-point rout of the Knicks on Dec. 25, 1960 prior to the move to Philadelphia when they were the Syracuse Nationals.

Brown knows what Beilein is going through trying to resurrect the Cavaliers, having accumulated just 47 combined wins himself over his first three seasons during Philadelphia's rebuilding process.

The 76ers coach said prior to the contest that he believes Beilein is wired to be successful in the NBA after compiling 829 victories in 40 years of coaching at the college level. The coaches embraced after the game with Brown offering some words of encouragement.

Meanwhile, in Dallas, with Kristaps Porzingis joining Luka Doncic in the Mavericks lineup this season, the Maver-

icks expected to be better. But Boban Marjanovic?

Doncic scored 28 points in 26 minutes, Porzingis had 13 points and the 1,500th rebound of his career and Marjanovic had season highs of 15 points and 16 rebounds to help Dallas rout the New Orleans Pelicans 130-84 on Saturday. Doncic also had nine assists and six rebounds.

Dallas led 64-52 at halftime. Doncic already had 20 points, and Marjanovic scored 11 points, nine in the second quarter.

"(Marjanovic) did a great job," coach Rick Carlisle said. "The group in the second quarter really did a good job of giving us a 10-point lead. He was a big part of it, getting it to him with a smaller guy on him. He was doing a lot of damage."

AP

Messi hat-trick breaks La Liga record as Barca put five past Mallorca

MADRID

LIONEL Messi broke yet another record by hitting his 35th La Liga hat-trick on Saturday as Barcelona thrashed Real Mallorca 5-2 to keep pace with Real Madrid at the top of the table.

A trio of vintage Messi finishes contributed to five stunning Barca goals, the best of them arguably belonging to Luis Suarez, whose brilliant backheel capped a free-flowing move, involving seven different players.

"I knew I had a little gap, my last resort was to try a backheel," said Suarez.

"I was surprised," added Barcelona coach Ernesto Valverde. "It was an extraordinary goal."

But at the end of a week in which Messi claimed a record sixth Ballon d'Or, it was the Argentinian etching his name into the history books again after pulling clear of Cristiano Ronaldo's 34 La Liga trebles to stand alone.

"Unbelievable," said Valverde. "It was a celebration of the Ballon d'Or."

The efforts of Messi and Suarez overshadowed Antoine Griezman's opener but that was impressive too, the Frenchman applying a sumptuous chip after being assisted by his own goalkeeper Marc-Andre ter Stegen.

An exhibition of creativity at Camp Nou allowed for the occasional lapse in defence and Mallorca's Ante Budimir twice reduced the deficit to 2-1 and 4-2, even if a comeback never looked likely.

Instead, Messi underlined his status as the world's finest footballer with another sublime performance, instant evidence for why he was presented with his latest Ballon d'Or trophy on the pitch before kick-off.

Messi now has 12 goals this season, the highest in the division and one ahead of Real Madrid's Karim Benzema, who had scored one and set up another in an equally comfortable 2-0 victory over Espanyol a few hours earlier.

It means Madrid and Barcelona are back level on points at the top of the table, with Barca ahead on goal difference. Sevilla, in third, are four points further back.

Benzema's own irresistible form in parallel with Messi adds an intriguing sub-plot to the upcoming Clasico on December 18, which looks increasingly likely to decide who will sit first over the Christmas break.

"We're talking about Karim a lot recently, in a good way," said Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane. "He's

getting older and that's made a difference, his maturity.

"None of us are perfect. But he's asked to chase and he does it. He's asked to score and he does it. I can't ask for more, only that he keeps doing it."

After rocky starts, La Liga's most successful two clubs also appear to be hitting their stride ahead of what is shaping up to be a crunch meeting in 11 days' time.

Messi in this mood will be hard to stop. For his first goal, he cut in from the right and bent the ball into the top left-hand corner and his second was almost a carbon copy, Suarez setting it back for his partner to hit the same spot.

In between, Budimir latched onto an excellent reverse pass by Salva Sevilla to briefly give Mallorca hope after Griezmann had opened the scoring, racing onto Ter Stegen's through ball and scooping it over Manolo Reina.

Suarez hit the post and then stumbled after skipping around Reina but he made up for both two minutes before half-time with arguably the goal of the night.

Ten passes, involving seven different players, ended with Suarez with his back to goal and somehow the Uruguayan dug out a superb shot with the back of his foot that span into the far corner. Frenkie de Jong had been instrumental in the build-up.

Budimir capitalised on a rare Ter Stegen error to head in before Messi completed his hat-trick with seven minutes left. Sergi Roberto pulled back for Suarez, who set it up for Messi. His shot clipped the crossbar on its way in.

French connection - Earlier, Benzema gave the assist to his compatriot Raphael Varane before scoring his 15th goal of the season.

Varane's goal came in the 37th minute after Benzema had bundled through on the edge of the box. With his left foot, Varane stabbed into the far corner.

Vinicius Junior, lively on his first start since October 19, might have made it two after tearing away on the break but he failed to beat Diego Lopez at his near post.

Benzema also missed from a Vinicius cross but finally got his goal with 11 minutes left. He threaded in Fede Valverde with a smart reverse pass and then continued his run, before meeting the pull-back and finding the corner.

Defeat means Espanyol stay 19th in the table, five points adrift of Mallorca in 17th.

AFP

Man Utd's Fred on fan abuse: 'Backward society'

MANCHESTER, ENGLAND

MANCHESTER United midfielder Fred blamed an alleged racial incident that marred Saturday's Manchester derby on "a backward society."

Television images circulating on social media showed a Manchester City fan making a gesture in front of United's Fred during the Premier League game. The player also appeared to have been struck by at least one object.

"Unfortunately, we are still in a backward society. [It is a shame] we still have to live with that in 2019. On the field, I didn't see anything. I saw it only in the locker room afterwards," Fred told ESPN Brazil after United's 2-1 win over City.

"The guys showed me. He even threw a lighter and it hit me. I try not to care about that. I try to look ahead.

"Unfortunately, this is happening in some stadiums. It happened here, it happened in Ukraine with some friends. It's sad, but we have to keep our heads up and forget about that. We can't give them any attention because that's all they want. I spoke to the referee after the match, they will do something about it and that's all.

"We are all the same regardless of skin color, hair and gender. We came from the same place and we

all go to the same place when it's all said and done. Thank God I have a lot of friends here in the locker room who hugged me, like Lingard. I don't want to think about it. I just want to move on."

Manchester City said they were investigating a fan for the incident, releasing a statement saying: "Manchester City FC are aware of a video circulating on social media which appears to show a supporter making racial gestures during the second half of the match against Manchester United this evening," the club said. "Officials from the club are working with Greater Manchester Police in order to help them identify any individuals concerned and assist with their enquiries.

"The club operates a zero tolerance policy regarding discrimination of any kind, and anyone found guilty of racial abuse will be banned from the club for life."

United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer said midfielder Jesse Lingard had also been targeted.

"I've seen it on the video; it was Jesse and Fred and the fella must be ashamed of himself. It's unacceptable and I hope he will not be watching any football anymore."

Anti-racist campaign group Kick it Out said on Twitter that it had received a high number of complaints about incidents at the game.

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United's Solskjaer delivers perfect reply to his doubters

MANCHESTER, ENGLAND

MANCHESTER United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer went into a crucial week of fixtures with critics questioning whether he was the right man for the job of restoring the club's fortunes.

But those sniping at the Norwegian will surely be a little quieter now after, in the space of four days, he masterminded victories over two of the most respected managers in the game, Jose Mourinho and Pep Guardiola.

After beating Champions League runners-up Tottenham Hotspur at Old Trafford, Solskjaer's young side enjoyed a memorable 2-1 triumph over back-to-back champions and domestic treble winners Manchester City on their own patch on Saturday.

The United fans, who celebrated the victory at the end of the game with the manager and players, have not been the source of criticism of Solskjaer - indeed the Norwegian has enjoyed strong backing from supporters who attend games at Old Trafford and those who travel away.

The noise tends to come from social media, talk-radio and pundits who are quick to judge from short-term results, which is a particularly inappropriate approach given the task Solskjaer has been given of creating a new, more youthful team, out of the mess he inherited from Mourinho almost a year ago.

Marcus Rashford, whose three goals and all-round performances in both this week's wins, showed he has the talent and attitude to become a real long-term favourite at the club, summed up the situation well.

"It's been an inconsistent start to



Ole Gunnar Solskjaer

the season, it's a young team, and we've been trying to get the right fundamentals and the only way to get consistency is to go through these hard times," he said.

"You have to stick with the manager and process. If we do that we've got something to be excited about in the future."

The recent draws with Sheffield United and Aston Villa, were a reminder that much work remains to be done but the response means Solskjaer's side are now fifth in the league, five points behind fourth-placed Chelsea.

United are the only team to have

taken points off leaders Liverpool, with an October draw at Old Trafford, and they have beaten second-placed Leicester City, Chelsea and now City.

ATTACKING STYLE

As Mourinho pointed out in midweek, United's counter-attacking style is much better suited for games against the top teams and that was certainly the case at the Etihad.

Dan James and Anthony Martial provided pace and penetration down the flanks while Rashford continued to show his improvement in understanding the flow of attacks and his positioning within them.

In midfield Scott McTominay is now looking a Premier League quality defensive lynch-pin with Brazilian Fred flowering as a result of a regular run of starts. Jesse Lingard provides attacking options but showed another side of his game by effectively neutralising City's deep midfielder Rodri.

Defensively, United showed a solidity that hasn't always been there this season but they still needed outstanding saves from their Spanish keeper David De Gea to leave with the three points.

Solskjaer certainly feels that progress is being made.

"I've seen the improvement since I came, the boys have had to reshape the squad, change culture of the squad, the way we want to play," he said.

It could, given the chances United created before and after their first-half goals, have been an even more emphatic result and the way they approached the game, with real self-belief, shows that something is working at the club's Carrington training ground.

"I was so happy with the way we started the game, we created big chances, looked like we'd score. The intent was there to go forward, not about keeping it, slowing it down we go for the kill and should have been 3-0 or 4-0 up," Solskjaer said.

"But you have to defend well, the way we prepared for this game, you follow this (City) team for three years, they're so good and I am very pleased with how they dealt with everything, our boys."

REUTERS

Derby defeat suggest Man City dominance may be ending

MANCHESTER, ENGLAND

OLD and slow: They are two adjectives you do not usually associate with Manchester City, but as Manchester United inflicted the champions' fourth Premier League defeat of the season with a 2-1 victory at the Etihad, Pep Guardiola's players suddenly looked like precisely that.

That City looked so out of character was largely down to Ole Gunnar Solskjaer and his young United team, who, in the first half in particular, tore Guardiola's side apart with their blistering pace on the counterattack in the form of Marcus Rashford, Daniel James, Jesse Lingard and Anthony Martial. United, whose goals came from Rashford and Martial before half-time, were dominant in midfield too, with Scott McTominay outstanding once again as a defensive shield in front of the back four.

But while every visiting player produced arguably their best performance of the season, this was still a day when City looked like a shadow of their true selves.

Yet are their "true selves" now what we saw during the 179th Manchester derby? The evidence of the 90 minutes against United suggested that the City of the past two seasons -- the team that won the title with 100 points in 2017-18 before winning a domestic treble last term -- is no longer the one that we see out on the pitch.

For two seasons, Guardiola's City were incredibly consistent and one of the best teams of the Premier League era, but they now sit third in the table, 14 points behind runaway leaders Liverpool. The 32 points that City have banked so far is the lowest points total of Guardiola's managerial career after 16 games, so these are strange times for City and their manager.

"We need to keep clean sheets and strikers maybe need to put more away," City defender Kyle Walker said after the United defeat. "[United] had a game plan and it worked.

"You can't fault [Guardiola]. He has won numerous trophies. I can't put my finger on it."

Every team has its own cycle or shelf life, so perhaps we are now seeing the end of City's period of dominance. Liverpool look set to dethrone them as champions this season -- Jurgen Klopp's team are already European champions following last season's Champions League triumph -- and for the first time since Sir Alex Ferguson retired in 2013, United look like they



Pep Guardiola

may finally be on an upward trajectory again.

Tellingly, both Liverpool and United have beaten City this season by playing with pace on the counter. City remain a team that tries to beat opponents with a possession-based game, but their rivals have found a way to beat them, and that has coincided with Guardiola's team showing signs of wear and tear.

They failed to replace captain Vincent Kompany following the defender's summer move to Anderlecht -- a mistake that has haunted City since Aymeric Laporte was ruled out for six months with a knee injury earlier this season

-- and this defeat against United also exposed the absence of a top-class left-back in Guardiola's squad. Benjamin Mendy's performances have led to Guardiola lacking trust in the Frenchman's defensive discipline, and neither Angelino nor Oleksandr Zinchenko has measured up in his place.

Fernandinho (34) and David Silva (33) are both expected to leave at the end of the season, while Sergio Aguero (31) is injured again and his replacement, Gabriel Jesus, has repeatedly shown himself to be incapable of filling in for the prolific Argentine. Raheem Sterling and Kevin De Bruyne are still world-class

performers and both players are approaching the peak years of their careers, but two years ago, City had six or seven world-class players.

Now, they need to start planning for a rebuild because they cannot rely on Fernandinho, Silva and Aguero for much longer, and the youthful energy of United's players exposed the lack of zest within the City side.

Replacing personnel is one thing, but maintaining motivation is another challenge, and even the best managers have struggled to keep players hungry once they have won repeatedly. Ferguson achieved it at United for more than 20

years, but the Scot rebuilt his team perhaps four or five times. Guardiola has never stayed at a club long enough to do that even once, but if he remains at City beyond the end of this season, he will have to find a way to rebuild and ensure the desire is there to catch Liverpool and fend off a United revival.

Despite this defeat, the gap to Liverpool and his team's performances this season, Guardiola insisted after the game that he still believes in his City squad.

"I know who we are as a team," he said. "I am delighted to work with these guys. We have to think about what we have to do and think about the next game."

"It doesn't matter if it's six, eight or 14 points [behind Liverpool], we have to continue. We are a fantastic team."

Guardiola is right. This remains an outstanding City team, but perhaps their best days are behind them and a rebuild is needed.

United waited too long to build again at Old Trafford once Ferguson retired, and they are still paying the price for that. City need to heed the warning of their neighbours' mistake and avoid repeating it themselves.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



Simba SC set to announce head coach

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Simba's CEO, Senzo Mbatha

By Correspondent Michael

Mwebe

SIMBA Sports Club will announce their head coach on Wednesday, the club's Chief Executive Officer Senzo Mbatha said at a colourful annual general meeting held in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

Simba have been searching for a new head coach following the sacking of Belgian Patrick Aussems

last week.

Assistant coach Dennis Kitambi was promoted to the position of interim head coach.

"We have an important match

against our rivals next month, January. I would like to assure you preparations and everything concerning this game are done. Players will be at camp and an-

nouncement of who will be our new head coach and the technical bench will be officially out on Wednesday," Senzo told Simba members at the meeting.

Many top coaches have been linked with the Msimbazi Street outfit head coach job, including the recently sacked Zamalek boss Milutin Sredojevi 'Micho'.

Others are Zambia's Beston Chambeshi, Democratic Republic of Congo's Florent Ibenge, Danish Kim Poulsen, Frenchman Partrice Carteron, who has since joined Zamalek, Didier Gomes Da Rosa and Pierre Lechantre.

The new coach would become Simba's third permanent coach since billionaire and club chairman Mohamed Dewji, aka Mo Dewji, took over the running of the club in 2017.

Former Police Tanzania and Lipuli FC coach, Selemani Matola, has returned to Simba and is set to deputize the new head coach, among changes in the technical bench, with the whereabouts of Kitambi and the fitness coach remaining unknown.

On his part, Mo Dewji emphasized they would bring a coach with enough experience and achievement for a club of their stature.

"This week, we are bringing a new coach, a coach with the caliber to manage national champions. We are hiring a quality

coach," Dewji said in his concluding remarks.

The club also announced the second phase of the Bunju Complex will cost 2.5bn/- and is expected to be completed ahead of the 2021/22 season.

The scheme will see training operations for the first choice squad of Simba, nicknamed 'Msimbazi Reds', and the club's academy football and facilities, come together at Bunju complex.

The project will provide the club with good training facilities, including an elite performance center for the first team and state-of-the-art training center for its development squad teams, nutritional center, canteen and hostels.

"The second phase of construction at Bunju Complex will involve building of a hostel with rest rooms, gym, technical bench office, kitchen and canteen, nutritional center, performance analysis center a technical center. The project will cost 2.5bn/-, of which as a member and chairman of the board of Directors I will contribute 500 million," Mo Dewji said.

The phase one construction of the complex, located in Boko area include two pitches, a natural grass surface and an artificial turf surface which were open for public viewing on Saturday but will be officially launched in January.

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Heartbreak for Himid, Banda, Maguri, Samatta's Genk win

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA's football players, who play outside the country, had different results in their clubs' respect matches, which took place last weekend.

The Guardian looks back at the past weekend's South Africa Premier Soccer League, Egypt Cup, Jupiler Pro League and the Zambia Super League matches involving Tanzania's players.

Abdi Banda made his fourth consecutive start this season and played the full 90 minutes as his South African Premier Soccer League club, Highlands Park lost 2-0 to SuperSport United on Friday night.

The Tanzanian defender has excelled in his centre back role and is thriving in his third season since his arrival from Tanzania's Simba to South Africa's Baroka where he spent two seasons.

Against SuperSport, Banda reached a personal milestone of 50 competitive appearances in Africa's most lucrative league. It was his first loss since he started playing having recently returned from a groin injury that forced him to miss the start of the season with his new team.

Himid Mao's ENPPI crashed out of the Egypt Cup, losing 4-3 to Al Tersana on penalties. After playing very well as an advanced midfielder, Mao had his spot kick saved by Al Tersana goalkeeper.

ENPPI are sixteenth in the 18-team Egyptian League with 4 points after 6 games. ENPPI's Egypt Cup exit comes only a week after they had upset giants, Zamalek, with a 2-1 victory over the latter to register their first maximum points this season.

Himid is Tanzania's senior national football team 'Taifa Stars' vice-captain who switched to ENPPI after his first Egyptian team, Petrojet, were relegated last season.

In Belgium Mbwana Samatta contributed for 90 minutes as his outfit KRC Genk ended a total of eight matches without a win by overcoming Cercle Bruges 2-1 in a Jupiler Pro League match played on Saturday night.

KRC Genk are eighth in the 16-team Belgian top flight division with 25 points after 18 games. They are six points from the playoff spot.

Samatta has scored 10 goals this season and is heavily linked with a move to the English Premier League in the forthcoming January transfer window.

Embattled Zambia Super League side Nakambala Leopards which is home to Tanzanian striker Elias Maguri suffered another home loss when they went down 2-0 to Lumwana Radiants on Saturday afternoon.

Nakambala Leopards had earlier sacked head coach Zeddy Salleti and his assistant Linos Makwaza but that could help them end their winless run which leaves them in the relegation zone.

Maguri is the club top scorer with five league goals to his name despite missing the start of the season. He joined the club after a short unsuccessful spell with KMC FC in the Mainland Premier League last season.

Embattled CSA appoint Jacques Faul as action CEO

JOHANNESBURG

CRICKET South Africa (CSA) have appointed administrator Jacques Faul as acting chief executive and hope to conclude negotiations with former test captain Graeme Smith to take over as director of cricket next week, the governing body said on Saturday.

The CSA decided to appoint Faul at a special board meeting on Saturday after a chaotic week in which they suspended CEO Thabang Moroe over governance concerns, had three board members resign and lost key sponsor Standard Bank, who will not renew their contract when it ends in April 2020. "Jacques Faul did not hesitate for a moment when I asked him to be acting CEO," CSA president Chris Nenzani told a news conference.

"He has been acting CEO in the past and said he would come in to lend his support and put his shoulder to the wheel for (the) country."

Nenzani confirmed that former International Cricket Council CEO Dave Richardson had been first choice for the position, but the latter said he would rather play a supporting role given other commitments.

"Richardson's role will be to offer support and be available when required

to put his services at the disposal of CSA. That ticks the box in terms of having stability at management level," Nenzani added.

Nenzani said Moroe's disciplinary hearing will be handled by an independent body from outside of CSA and that the process should not exceed six months. Nenzani added that discussions were continuing with Smith, the most successful test captain in cricket history with 53 wins, over the key role of director of cricket, with a four-test series against England due to start on Dec. 26.

He said both parties had committed to a deadline of Wednesday to come to an agreement.

CSA needs a long-term replacement for Otis Gibson, whose deal was not renewed after a dismal World Cup in England.

"We have not yet agreed a contract, but with time of the essence, we need things to move as fast as we can. We have engaged with Graeme and he has agreed that by next week Wednesday, all the negotiations around the contract will be concluded so that we can enter into an agreement.

"Once you put your director of cricket in place, then processes around coaching and selections kick in."

Caravans' cricketers crash out of DRCC Caravans T20 competition last four

By Guardian Reporter

EFFORTS by Caravans' cricketers to inch closer to lifting DRCC Caravans T20 tournament's trophy for the second year in a row have hit snag, given they conceded 35-run loss to Saint Gobain Strikers in a pulsating last four stage clash of this year's edition, which took place in Dar es Salaam on Saturday.

Sanjay Bom was the eventual winners' hero after he had nailed a half century, which in the end helped his squad dethrone Caravans.

He deservedly was presented with man of the match prize after the clash, which took place at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) venue.

After winning the toss Saint Gobain Strikers chose to bat, notching 144 runs for the loss of seven wickets in 20 overs.

They were dealt a bow early on in the innings, following early dismissal of their openers, Kishen Kamania and Vikram Rathore.

Kishen and Rathore were dismissed by Caravans' Jitin Singh and Mohamed Omary, with the batsmen managing one run apiece.

Issa Kikasi, batting at number three, stepped at the crease to improve his team's pursuit of a challenging target and ended his spell with 30 runs which included two fours and two sixes.

Top order batsman, Jatin Darji, managed to withstand Caravans' for some time as he recorded 15 runs.

Bom, later on, displayed his aggressiveness at the crease, notching 50 runs which included six sixes.

Experienced performer, Ashish Kamania, as well showcased his prowess, boosting the club's pursuit of an imposing score with his 25 runs which



Saint Gobain Strikers' batsman, Kishen Kamania, in action against Estim in a Group B clash of this season's DRCC Caravans T20 tournament, which took place in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF NIKHIL PUJARA

included two sixes.

Caravans' Jayaraj Malayil and Singh ended with two wickets apiece in their respective four-over spells.

Needing 145 runs to win Caravans showcased plenty of zeal early on in the chase, with openers Manoj Kumar and Omary notching 37 runs and 16 runs respectively.

Kassim Nassor, batting at number three, had a relatively frustrating spell at the crease, managing 16 runs before

he was dismissed by Strikers' Darji. It happened to be a big blow to Caravans given Nassor has turned out to be a consistent performer for the team.

Caravans' efforts to reach the target were thwarted by batting collapse they experienced thereafter, with none of the rest of the batsmen managing double digit figure.

Caravans were, in the end, skittled for 109 runs all out in 19.3 overs.

Strikers' Ajis Rabadiya and Darji ripped Caravans' batsmen apart, ending their respective bowling spells with three wickets apiece.

Kamania compounded Caravans batsmen's misery, in which he ended his spell with two wickets and leaked 27 runs in four overs.

Caravans had led the rest of the competitors in Group A, heading to the last four stage. Strikers were placed second in Group B, with Aces ending as the group's leaders.

Aces were set to come up against Aga Khan in the tournament's second last four clash, which was also set to be a cracker, at the DGC venue yesterday morning.

The competition's final was expected to take place at the venue later in the evening.

Caravans Cricket Club has hosted the tournament, which is held annually, under the auspices of Dar es Salaam Regional Cricket Committee (DRCC), targeting to raise the standard of the game at the domestic level.

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