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SUA unveils rare bacterial disease

By Henry Mwangonde

A NEW study has called for urgent steps to contain an alarming rate of leptospirosis - a little-known neglected tropical disease which is silently spreading and affecting a large proportion of humans and domestic animals.

Researchers say that in humans, leptospirosis can cause a wide range of symptoms, including high fever, headache, chills, muscle aches, vomiting, jaundice (yellow skin and eyes), red eyes and abdominal pain.

The extent of the problem is highlighted in the findings of a study by the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) which shows that awareness of the disease is very low in the general public and even among healthcare providers.

SUA researcher Dr Abdul Katakweba said increasing high prevalence of leptospirosis has been reported in humans in a number of regions including Morogoro, Kilimanjaro and Katavi. The disease is caused by a spirochete bacterium called leptospira and can be transmitted to humans from animals, mainly



CCM national Chairperson President Samia Suluhu Hassan chairs a meeting of the party's Central Committee at Chamwino State House in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: State House

“It is high time that health care workers are made aware of the high prevalence of leptospirosis and equip health care facilities with appropriate capacity to manage the disease

rodents.

Leptospirosis is transmitted through contaminated soil and water where bacteria can persist for longer periods of time, the study noted, which the report says it was funded by the Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH) under the National Fund for Advancement of Science and Technology (NFAST).

It says there are high risks of transmission from animals to humans countrywide, with 70-percent of its local people engaging in agriculture, animal husbandry and fishing. “The bacterium is transmitted to humans by rodents and other small mammals through contact with infected urine, meat or body fluids,” the study underlines.

There is a high prevalence of human leptospirosis in Morogoro by 10.8-13percent average exposure in 2015 while Kilimanjaro Region showed 9-20 percent exposure in 2013.

Despite the fact that the disease is cur

‘Prepaid water meters will end complaints from users’

By Correspondent James Kandoya

WATER ministry authorities have said they are working on ways to introduce prepaid meters as an effective means of ending complaints by consumers arising from estimated bills.

The minister, Jumaa Aweso (pictured), said in Dar es Salaam yesterday that complaints over inflated estimated bills are rampant in the docket, and the only permanent solution is prepaid meters in similar manner as the Energy ministry stopped metering problems with prepaid (LUKU) meters.

He made these remarks at a function to sign the project proposal with the outlying areas of the city selected for a start of implementation in Kibamba ward, bringing together the Dar es



Salaam Water Supply and Sanitation Authority (DAWASA) and Advent Construction Ltd.

Aweso said the project worth 5.4bn/- will serve Mbezi Msakuzi, Magari Saba, Luguruni, Machimbo, Miti Mirefu, Masaki Street and Mshikamano Mpya, and other parts of the ward.

“I assure you that after installation of prepaid metres there will be no more complaints from clients caused by unfaithful DAWASA staff,” he stated.

“LUKU in the electricity industry ended inflated bills therefore time is ripe to introduce the same prepaid metres to give wa-

ter users relief from paying huge bills,” he affirmed.

The minister directed DAWASA to come up with regulations that will govern the cost of connecting water services, and that once the fee is paid the work should be finished within 14 days.

The prepaid meters project is fully funded by the government, with advance payment to the contractor being set for the coming week, he further noted.

Access to clean water was among the key directives from President Samia Suluhu Hassan to remove the bucket from mothers’ heads by accessing water on their doorsteps. The president has added 207bn/- from the 680bn/- budgeted earlier for the

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NHIF to scale up enrolment as govt readies universal care bill

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

AS the government finalises the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Bill to be tabled in the legislature next month, the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) has been asked to get ready for changes including massive enrolment of new members.

Dr Dorothy Gwajima, the Minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children said here at the weekend that the new law will cover other health insurance service providers, apart from NHIF.

The government is committed to ensuring that people from all walks of life get improved health services, in which case a universal health care law remains the best approach, she said, praising the NHIF board and management for their good work to improve services.

The forthcoming UHC will regulate health insurance institutions, with NHIF standing out as the biggest fund with many members, she asserted at the climax of events to mark 20 years of the NHIF, starting from July 1.

Many people who cannot afford paying for health services will get relief once the new law is in place,

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UDSM team, Berlin museum in 100m years dinosaur find

“We have managed to excavate various components of the prehistoric giant’s skeleton, including rib-cage, spinal and lower limbs all ...

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

A TEAM of archaeologists from the University of Dares Salaam working with German museum experts have discovered a skeleton of a giant prehistoric creature dating back to over 100m years ago at the Tendaguru Hill in Lindi Region.

That is the same location from which remains of another dinosaur were discovered during the German colonial period, about 110 years ago.

Bones of the ‘Brachiosaurus Brancai’ were later transported to Germany; while experts believe this time Tanzania is likely to retain the newly discovered remains.

Dr Agnes Gidna, senior palaeontologist at the National Museum, said that the skeletal remains relate to dinosaurs, large reptiles which roamed the earth around 150m years ago.

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sector in the fiscal 2021/2022 estimates, he said to applause.

DAWASA must also promptly compensate people living along the project construction zone before it kicks off, he emphasised, noting also that the government is implementing 1,176 water projects in rural areas intended to ensure that 90 per cent of people living in rural areas get clean water.

For his part, DAWASA executive director Cyprian Luhemeja said the project construction will involve distributing and fitting pipes, installation of pumps and construction of water storage

tanks.

Once it is over the project will end the shortage of water lasting for decades in the area, lying just outside the principal city suburbs, he stated, asserting that rural areas access to water must be reached by 90 per cent and urban areas by 100 per cent.

As part of Vision 2025, the government has pledged to increase access to improved sanitation to 95 per cent by 2025. The Second Five Year Development Plan (FYDP II) has also set the target for access to improved sanitation to 85 per cent in rural areas within that period, he added.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa pictured with recently appointed Tanzanian ambassadors and high commissioners to various countries after having an audience with them in Dodoma city yesterday. They are (from-L, their stations in brackets) Elizabeth Olotu (Sweden), Anisa Mbega (India), Lt Gen Yacub Mohammed (Turkey), Maj Gen Richard Makanzo (Rwanda), Innocent Shiyo (Ethiopia), Hoyce Temu (Geneva) and Togolani Mavura (Republic of Korea). Photo: PMO

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commander in the then German East Africa, Gen Paul von Lettow-Vorbeck.

Quick observations indicate that the particular dinosaur was three-times larger than an ordinary elephant and could be of the same size as the re-constructed dinosaur displayed in the German museum.

From 1909 to 1913, 250 tons of 'Brachiosaurus Brancai' bones were recovered from diggings at more than 100 sites in the Tendaguru area, which the museum team says it is among the most successful dinosaur excavations of all time.

Dr Frank Masele, an archaeology lecturer who led the research team, explained that despite being rich in fossilized history, Lindi and

Mtwara regions have not been extensively studied.

"The ongoing archaeological studies will hopefully rectify this and rebrand the Southern Tanzania precinct as even more potential for Jurassic era discovery and thus for historical tourism," he declared.

Dr Daniela Schwarz of the Naturkunde Museum of Natural History in Berlin said that the most remarkable aspect of the ongoing research cooperation is how it brings the global family of archaeologists together.

The sedimentology and palaeontology of the 'middle dinosaur member' suggests that deposition occurred mainly in a tidally-influenced shallow marine littoral environment, she added.

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the minister underlined, pointing out that currently just 14 per cent of the population has access to health insurance, and eight per cent or around 4.5m people are registered with NHIF.

"There is still a great job to ensure that many people are registered for health insurance services and NHIF should be prepared to cope with the new changes," she emphasised, urging that the fund has to improve all areas of service provision.

She challenged the fund leadership to have in place strategies to reach the rural-based population, most of who do not understand health insurance and others who don't seek such services as they aren't close to them.

NHIF should improve its operational systems and where

needed, seek additional support from other ministerial agencies and administration. It must similarly strengthen cooperation with other stakeholders among health sector service providers to sort out challenges and complaints raised by beneficiaries or targeted members of the public, the minister intoned.

Citing frauds and misappropriation of funds as among core challenges NHIF faces, she appealed to the management to put in place better mechanisms on claims, while acknowledging that NHIF officers were often involved in frauds. Those found in misconduct will face disciplinary measures, she affirmed.

"It is completely wrong to close services to the public because of misconduct of a few individuals," she cautioned, saying it was more appropriate to "strongly deal with culprits."

She called on the fund to increase public education by reaching many people, using collaborative approaches as those used to combat the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Earlier NHIF chief executive officer Bernard Konga said the fund had 4.5m members as of last month, including civil servants, private employees, farmers and informal sector entities.

With over 8000 offices in health centres nationwide, the fund is modernizing information flows with digitalized systems, more efficient compared to the old paperwork operational system, he said. Registration of new members and lodging of claims can now be done online, reducing costs and time unlike in the past, which brings the fund closer to the people. "As of now, one can do everything online and get a health insurance card

within 14 days," he said, in the aftermath of establishing an electronic registration centre.

Outlining achievements of the fund, he said NHIF has disbursed 132,06bn/- in loans to health facilities as part of a programme to improve its services to service providers, noting that about 8482 health facilities have been registered with the fund, including government, private and religious health facilities around the country.

The NHIF management is working hard to ensure that far more people get its services, pointing out that there are over 1000 kidney patients now obtaining treatment through NHIF funding.

The government's decision to adopt a universal health coverage policy was the surest way to provide health services to the people and especially the poor, he added.

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able with antibiotics, lack of guidelines for its management in health centres puts many people at high risk of suffering and even death, the researchers noted, saying that

leptospirosis symptoms are similar to those of many other febrile illnesses, including respiratory tract infections, mononucleosis, dengue, malaria, and typhoid fever, often associated with convulsions.

Appropriate guidelines on its management are required to equip healthcare providers to prevent loss of life and resources spent on inappropriate management of leptospirosis, the SUA

team emphasised.

"It is high time that health care workers are made aware of the high prevalence of leptospirosis and equip health care facilities with appropriate capacity to manage the disease," the report intoned.

Current practice for most febrile illnesses is associating the symptoms with malaria, among the public and most healthcare providers.

"This puts many people at risk of dying from curable non-malaria causes," the researchers cautioned. Guidelines on the management of febrile illnesses need to consider the possibility of other causes including leptospirosis, they added.



Tanzania Federation of Crafts & Arts chairman Adrian Nyagamalle pays a floral tribute at a Mahatma Gandhi statue in Dar es Salaam at the weekend, as Indian High Commissioner Binaya Srikanta Pradhan (R) looks on. It was on the occasion of the 152nd birth anniversary of legendary Indian lawyer, anti-colonial nationalist and political ethicist Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi. Left is a statue of Tanzania's Father of the Nation, Mwalimu JK Nyerere. Photo courtesy of Indian High Commission

Remembering Mahatma Gandhi on his 152th birth anniversary

By Beatrice Philemon

THE Indian High Commission and the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) jointly celebrated this year's commemoration of the father of the Indian nation Mahatma Gandhi at the weekend.

Dubbed 'Gandhi Jayanti', the event held on Saturday was remembrance of Mahatma on his 152nd birth anniversary which is celebrated worldwide as the International Day of

Nonviolence.

A statement released yesterday by the HIGH Commission of India in Dar es Salaam said the programme started by offering floral tributes to the busts of Mahatma Gandhi and the Tanzania father of the nation Mwalimu Julius Nyerere by Binaya Srikanta Pradhan, the High Commissioner of India to Tanzania and Prof Bernadeta Killian, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Research at UDSM.

The commemoration event

took place at the Council Hall of the university, the advisory added.

"The children sang a few Bhajans (songs) that narrated life and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi, and those inspired him to lead the life of peace, sacrifice and pious," reads the statement.

It added that Pradhan highlighted the relevance of Gandhi in context of today's world.

"It is Africa that transformed Lawyer Gandhi in to Mahatma (great soul). Ma-

hatma Gandhi's 21 years in South Africa were significant in the evolution of his political thoughts, his response to the situation and his experiences, which also inspired leaders in Africa, such as Mwalimu Julius Nyerere and Madiba Nelson Mandela," he said.

He stated how Mahatma Gandhi was a significant link between India and African countries, adding that he became an important factor in the relations between India, Tanzania and other African

countries.

"By following the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi India is playing a significant role in the developmental activities and ensures the progress of many Asian and African countries. Every year the High Commission of India in Dar es Salaam sends hundreds of Tanzanian youth to India through ITEC, ICCR and Study in India Scholarship programmes to peruse their higher studies," he stated.

Prof Killian referred to the

universal and timeless values of Gandhi's life and message. She called upon the youth to imbibe the true meaning of the day and follow glorious trails of the noble soul towards evolving a peaceful and prosperous world.

Adrian Nyagamalle, Chairman of the Tanzania Federation of Crafts & Arts Associations (TAFCA), spoke on 'Lessons for Africa from the life of Mahatma Gandhi' and stated:

"Mahatma was the man

who showed the world that nonviolence is an effective and lasting way of defeating injustice. He is a great inspiration of truly embodying the principles of tolerance and peace."

The programme was also attended by academicians, representatives from cultural field, students and prominent Indian diaspora. At the end all participated offered floral tributes to busts of Mahatma Gandhi and Nyerere, said the statement.

Govt wants NBAA to have robust strategies to produce more competent professionals

By Getrude Mbago

THE government has urged the National Board of Auditors and Accountants (NBAA) to put robust strategies so as to produce more competent professionals to work in the country's public and private sectors especially the highly growing mineral, oil and gas industries. Minister for Finance and Planning Dr Mwigulu Nchemba made the call in

Dar es Salaam at the weekend during the NBAA 43rd graduation ceremony that saw a total of 944 candidates of accounting and auditing related courses, graduating. In his speech which was read on behalf by the Minister for Industries and Trade Exaud Kigahe, he said the board should make sure that it enrolls more students in the accounting and auditing sector to cater for the country's demand.

But also warned that along that enrolment, the board should remember producing qualified professionals for the country's development. He said the government is taking several measures to ensure that the country's resources are protected, a move which also requires competent accountants and auditors to supervise. He said statistics show that the country still faces

shortage of professional accountant and auditors with the deficiency hitting both public and private sector something that needs more vigorous measures to produce more professionals to address the gap. "Minerals, oil and gas sectors are among key sectors that need strengthened protection. So, NBAA should strengthen systems, come up with more robust strategies to supervise the sectors

by bringing into the market, well trained professionals and experts," he said. The minister noted that there is no doubt that, in today's national agenda, accountants will play an important role in the development of the economy. "Any economy in the world depends on the excellence of finance professionals. These professionals should be well prepared to serve the country by ensur-

ing that all finance issues are well designed and properly controlled...so NBAA has a great role to play here," he said. He further urged the graduates to live up to their professional oaths and ensure that they observe ethical rules when executing their professional duties. "NBAA has a role to ensure that accountants and auditors always adhere to professional ethics. If this

is well supervised, will contribute immensely in the fight against embezzlement of funds both in public and private sector and thus stimulate economic growth," he added. NBAA executive director Pius Maneno said the board will continue implementing various initiatives so as to strengthen the accountancy and auditing profession in the country.



CRDB Bank Plc managing director and CEO Abdulmajid Nsekela interacts with the bank's employees during special debate meant to educate and sensitise the public on cancer. The event was held at the bank's new headquarters in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. With him (from-L): CRDB corporate affairs director Tully Mwambapa, CRDB human resources director Siaophoro Kishimbo, Ocean Road Cancer Institute consultant oncologist Dr Jerry Ndumbaro Consultant Oncologist-Ocean Road Cancer Institute, who doubles as Tanzania Cancer Doctors Association president, and CRDB treasurer manager who is Cancer testimony Rose Mollel, who gave a testimony related to the impact of the disease. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

VP calls on clerics to continue preaching for country's peace

By Guardian Reporter, Shinyanga

CLERICS from the country's various faiths have been called to continue preaching for the country's peace. The remarks were made here yesterday by Shinyanga Regional Commissioner Dr Philemon Sengati on behalf of the Vice President, Dr Philip Mpango at special prayers to inaugurate the new church building for the Evangelical Assemblies of God, Tanzania (EAGT) in Shinyanga Municipality. Dr Sengati said the government the big work done by religious faiths in the country in making sure peace and stability reign.


"I'm here to represent the Vice President, Dr Philip who has been tied with other state functions, but he has asked clerics to continue preaching peace and stability for the country," the RC said. He added: "The government recognizes efforts being made by religious leaders in strengthening love, humanity, patriotism and solidarity among Tanzanians to make the country peaceful and stable." He also said the government appreciates their efforts in improving social services, including health and education and pledged the government will continue supporting them in these

efforts, and invited EACT to invest in industries. Meanwhile, Dr Sengati appealed to Tanzanians to emerge in great numbers for vaccination against Covid-19 and disregard the people who are misleading others on the issue. For his part, EAGT Bishop Dr Brown Mwakipesile thanked the government for its toleration of freedom of worship and pledged to continue preaching for peace in the country. The Chairman for the EAGT church building committee John Ntalimbo, said the work for the project begun in 2003 and ended this year and cost 825m/-.

Bus collision kills two, injures three in Tarime

By Guardian Reporter, Mwanza

TWO people were confirmed dead and three others injured following a head-on collision involving a passenger bus and a private-Toyota Prado yesterday at Gamasara village in the outskirts of Tarime town in Mara Region. Tarime/Rorya Special Zone Police Commander William Mkonda said the accident which occurred yesterday morning involved a passenger bus with registration number T.906 DLJ and a Toyota Prado number T 184 AQT. He said the Zakaria company passenger bus was coming from Mwanza with the other one coming from Tarime town. RPC Mkonda said the fatalities whose names are yet to be identified have been kept at the Tarime Town Council Hospital. It was said that the deceased are relatives from the same family. He wanted motor vehicles and road users to adhere to road safety rules and regulations so as to avoid causing unnecessary accidents. Reports show that 80 percent of accidents are caused by reckless drivers, 12 percent caused by the mechanical problems of the vehicles, 6 percent by climate change, while only 2 percent of the road accidents are caused by poor infrastructures. The Global figures as provided by WHO in 2018, indicates that, each year 1.35 million people die as a result of road traffic crashes, and millions more are injured or disabled while head injuries remain the leading cause of death and disability among motorcycle riders.



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Silcon Mathias (R), head of projects for Bagamoyo's Malembo farm company, pictured at the weekend briefing students undergoing practical training at one of firm's demonstration farms. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Nigeria envoy urges Tanzania to explore untapped potentials

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

THE Nigerian ambassador to Tanzania Dr Hamisu Umar Takalmawa has called on Tanzanians to explore untapped potentials in the western African nation for the common benefits of the two countries.

Dr Takalmawa made the call in Dar es Salaam over the weekend when speaking on the 61st Nigerian independence anniversary.

"I invite you to explore the inherent potentials in Nigeria's population, culture, and tourism industry taking advantage of our large economy as well as the rich social enterprise that exist for the common benefits of respective countries", he said.

He said as he assumed the role of Nigeria's High Commissioner his team will work hard to lead in a way that is focused and all inclusive because that he believes secures a brighter future for them.

According to him, some significant areas they should look at are innovations in promoting the good image of Nigeria on foreign land taking account of Nigeria's diversity in culture, business and education.

The federal government of Nigeria has provided many investment opportunities in many sectors of business, whereas business activities could be undertaken in Nigeria as a private or public limited liability company, unlimited liability company, foreign company (branch or subsidiary of foreign company), sole proprietorship, incorporated trustees or representative office.

"Let us improve public and private accountability to manage both natural and artificial resources to improve social outcome, political stability, rule of law, food security and general security particularly in Nigeria and all countries of the world", he said.

He pledged to always portray a good example of leadership driven by values, selfless service principles, facts and empathy.

Takalmawa extended his appreciation to the members and leadership of the Nigerian community and Nigeria based business class who has been cooperating with them.

He also commended President Samia Suluhu Hassan for the many remarkable achievements recorded within a short time despite the challenges posed by the covid-19 pandemic.

Either, the Envoy lauded the Government of Tanzania particularly Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African cooperation, Liberata Mulamula, for her commitments and support rendered during the visit by Vice President of Nigeria Prof. Yemi Osinibajo to Arusha region recently.

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that we reflect on how we got here to enable us to work together to get to where we aspire to be as a strong indivisible nation, united in hope and equal in opportunity" he said.

For her part, Minister Mulamula who was chief guest said that Tanzania and Nigeria relations date back to the independence struggle and fight against colonialism.

She said the relations were further strengthened after independence by the founding fathers of two nations, the Late Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere and the Late Nnamdi Benjamin Azikiwe, staunch Pan Africanists who shared similar visions and objectives for the African continent. It was in recognition of this Pan Africanist that one of the main streets in Dar es Salaam is named AZIKIWE.

"As we celebrate almost 60 years since the establishment of our diplomatic relations this year, it is comforting to note that the successive leaders of our countries have continued to embrace and strengthen these relations. Despite challenges brought by COVID-19 pandemic, in recent years Tanzania and Nigeria have continued to work together under different frameworks including the Joint Permanent Commission (JPC)", she said.

Under the JPC Tanzania and Nigeria have signed different Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) and Agreements of Cooperation in areas such as Cultural and Education Cooperation; Economic, Scientific and Technology Cooperation; Aeronautical Authorities and Air Service.

It is against this backdrop and the need to adapt to the new reality brought by COVID-19 pandemic, hence keeps business going, I would like to use this august occasion to urge for full implementation of these Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding with particular focus on issues of trade, investment and economic projects.

On the trade and investment sector, she said, it is encouraging to note that the volume of trade between our two countries has kept on improving.

The volume of trade increased from 18bn/- in 2019 to 23 bn/- in 2020. With regard to investment, Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) has to date registered twenty (20) Nigerian companies that have invested in Tanzania with a total capital of 461.97 million USD contributing to about 1,574 jobs.

Looking at the trade and investment figures between Tanzania and Nigeria, and given the great potential and opportunities that our countries have, you will agree with me that there is a need to do more in these sectors.

"In this regard, I wish to use this opportunity to encourage our business communities to fully explore the enormous business opportunities that are available in our two countries", she added.

The Government of Tanzania has opened its doors wide and has put in place favourable conditions for anyone interested to invest and do business in the country.

Talking about the opportunities the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) is creating, she said the body aims at eliminating import duties by 97% and boost the African - Intra Trade; Tanzania, regional groupings and the African continent as a whole, are expected to benefit from the AfCFTA single market for goods, services and movement of persons to deepen the economic integration of the African Continent.

The launch and ultimately the implementation of AfCFTA has come at an opportune moment where the private sector in Africa is expected to play a leading role in the implementation of the AfCFTA. I call upon Tanzania and Nigeria private sectors to make use of this mechanism because there can be no AfCFTA without the full participation of African economic operators - namely, private-sector play, who have to operationalise the AfCFTA.

It was October 1st in 1960 the first Prime minister of Nigeria Alhaji Abubakar tafawa Balewa received the constitutional tools that symbolizes Nigeria's independence from colonial administrators.



Exim Bank Tanzania staff led by Credit Unit manager Gesela Swai (R) present mattresses, bedsheets, foodstuffs and various other items to Evans Tegete (L), founder and managing director of Watoto Wetu Tanzania Orphanage of Dar es Salaam's Goba suburb, during a visit to the centre at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

CSOs urged govt: Bring safety strategic plan

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE Coalition for Road Safety Civil Society Organisations has appealed to the government to take road safety issues as a priority agenda instead of relying on police and related institutes.

The coalition is made up of the Tanzania Women Lawyers Association, Tanganyika Law Society, Tanzania Media Women Association, Road safety Ambassadors, Tanzania Child rights forum, AMEND, Tanzania association of People with disabilities. Others are Tanzania Bus owners association (TABOA), National Institute of Transport (NIT), Tanzania Media Foundation (TMF), Safe Speed Foundation and other individuals with expertise and passion on road safety.

In a statement TAWLA executive director Tike Mwambipile said that although various measures have been taken by the government, enforcement agencies and NGOs, Tanzania is still hit by daily accident deaths and casualties on the roads.

Mwambipile said that when winding the stakeholder's meeting to advocate for the improvement of the road safety legal and policy framework in Tanzania.

She said that the workshop objective was to identify key milestones (success) and lessons learned, understanding the road traffic Act (RTA) tabled Bill and development of action Plan/way forward towards amendment of the RTA.

The executive director explained that Road

safety is a complex process that not only depends on technical and environmental improvements, but in a major part from human factors.

"Despite efforts made by the government and stakeholders in addressing road safety issues, traffic accidents remain a major cause of death and injury around the entire world and in particular Tanzania," she said.

"We therefore call on the government to take the road safety issue very seriously by collaborating with other road safety stakeholders to increase awareness to the public," she added. Expressing teamwork recorded so far, was strengthened teamwork collaboration for common goals, developing advocacy tools and increased public awareness.

Others were linked concepts between the road safety, public health and human rights, establishment of parliament network on road safety, recognition by the government and the road traffic amendment was tabled before the parliament for the first time June 30 this year.

She however said that conflict priorities of the ministry was one of major hurdles they encountered during the whole process of pushing forward the amendment of the Traffic Act of 1973.

In Tanzania, TAWLA is both a member and host championing legal review.

The paper, among other things, focused on identifying the gaps around key identified five risk factors: seat belt/child restraint, use of alcohol while driving, speeding, use of helmet and distracted driving.

EAMCEF provides Kilolo District 400m/- for social projects in nature forest reserves

By Guardian Correspondent, Kilolo

KILOLO District Council in Iringa Region has received 400m/- subsidy from the Eastern Arc Mountains Conservation Endowment Fund (EAMCEF) for various social development projects for communities surrounding natural reserves including Udzungwa Scarp and Kilombero aimed at involving the people

in the communities in environmental conservation and reduce dependency on forest resources.

The projects include fish farming and livestock keeping for food and income generation.

The Council's Acting Executive Director Dr John Mwingira revealed this here at the weekend, saying the subsidy was received beginning 2006

and that in the current Financial Year they expect to receive about 116m/- after EAMCEF was satisfied with the implementation of the projects.

He said positive results have been attained in villages implementing the projects following community members changing their activities from small game wildlife hunting to the new activities

in livestock keeping.

Fish farmers in Lulindi Village said fish production increased from one fish pond they started with to 29.

"Village is fast growing as we now produce surplus fish fingerlings," said Leo Sowo, the Secretary of fish farmers' union in Kilolo District and called on Tanzanians from various areas to go to buy the fingerlings from the village.

Keepers of dairy cows, pigs, and goats in Ipalamwa and Mkalinga villages said they have benefitted from the activities.

The EAMCEF Project Coordinator incorporating environmental conservation in Kilombero, Uzungwa Scarp, Udzungwa Mountains, Mkingu and Uluguru Mountains said the Fund has continued providing subsidies

via the district councils after yearly assessments of the natural reserves.

The subsidy has been targeting three main areas in the environmental preservation in the nature reserves aimed at protecting their existing biodiversity, research and community projects for people living near them to discourage them depending on forest products for their

livelihood.

There are nine nature reserves that benefit from EAMCEF's subsidy.

These include Chome, Amani, Nillo and Magambanature Reserves located in northern regions of Kilimanjaro and Tanga; and Uluguru, Kilombero, Uzungwa, Mkingu and Udzungwa National Park in Iringa and Morogoro regions.

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Melvin Saprapasen (L), Absa Bank Tanzania's head of business banking, pictured in Morogoro at the weekend presenting beds and mattresses to the director of the municipality's At-Taam Girls Secondary School, Ali Betit. A fire erupted at the school recently, destroying a wide range of property. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD CHAIRMAN POSITION

BACKGROUND:

The Board of Directors of Amref Health Africa in Tanzania is in the process of appointing the next Chairperson of the Board. This person will guide the Board in its governance role, as the organization continues to develop and grow in a rapidly changing development sector. Amref Health Africa in Tanzania vision is for lasting health change in Africa and its mission is to increase sustainable health access to communities in Africa through solutions in human resources for health, health services delivery and investments in health. It believes in the inherent power within the communities that the power for lasting transformation of Africa's health lies within its communities. Amref Health Africa in Tanzania is governed by a Board of Directors (the Board) comprising of members from a wide range of backgrounds, bringing a great wealth of wisdom, insight and experience to the organization.

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The Chair reports to the Annual General Meeting and is charged with the responsibility of leading Board.

The Board should function in partnership with, but independently of, management so as to:

1. Facilitate the achievement of the goals of the Organization including sustainable growth and leveraging from the opportunities available, with advocacy, fundraising and representation Country Director;
2. Provide appropriate oversight of management;
3. Foster and support ethical and responsible decision making.

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8. In consultation with the Chairpersons of various Board committees facilitating the appointment of members and chairs of the Board committees as well as the processing

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3. Understanding of the legal duties and responsibilities and the role of the Chair
4. Track record of interacting with governments, donors, the corporate and other key stakeholders
5. Experience in governance and leadership, strategic planning and delivery

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4. Global networks in international development/civil society or corporate sectors

Competencies:

1. Chairing and Mentoring Skills
2. Strategic capability
3. Advocacy and Representation skills
4. Inter-personal skills

Term of Office:

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Higher learning students call for govt to support private sector

By Guardian Reporter

HIGHER learning students have called upon the government to support private sector with resources to expand their capacity to intensify internship and apprenticeship programmes which help learners to gain job skills.

The students also want an increase of the practical period from the current eight weeks to at least one year.

They were speaking after finishing their practical studies at Malembo farms where they have been carrying out practical training in various areas of their studies.

One of the students, Janet James from the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) who is pursuing a bachelor degree in Environmental Geography said the programme has been beneficial to her as she learnt of soil affects plants and vice versa.

"I have learnt on how to write a field report as well as project reports which can help me get funds to carry out studies on various issues," she said lamenting that the time was short and called for extension of the internship period.

Another student, Anthony Sekumbo from the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) animal science said he had learned a great deal from training offered at the farm which will add value to the training which he got at university.

He however called upon the government to facilitate private investors such as Malembo farms so that they are able to accommodate more students.

Another student from UDSM Lucy Masele who is pursuing her bachelor degree in Agriculture economics said the direct interaction with farmers which they got at the farm was beneficial to the education which he received at school.

"The problem now is the limited time for the internship programme because I have stayed at school for two years and now receiving practical training for only eight weeks which is not enough," she said.

In 2020 the government announced a plan which allows all graduates to undergo six to 12 month internship in government offices to equip them with practical work experience before being employed or pursuing self-employment.

The decision by the ministry of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliamentary Affairs, Co-ordination, Labour, Youth, Employment and Disabled) was informed by the fact that 79.9 per cent of new employees in the country currently lack experience.

The Situation is characterized by features like imbalance between supply and demand in the labour market and increasing of urban em-

TRA excise duty collections on increase by 60 per cent

By Guardian Reporter

EXERCISE duty collections by the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) increased by 60-percent in the last two and half years following the adoption of Electronic Tax Stamps (ETS).

Latest data shows TRA collected 297.2bn/- as excise duty on beer, wine and spirits (both locally-produced and imported ones) during the three years before January 15, 2019, the amount rose to 476.7bn/- by June this year.

"This is a 60-percent increase if the three years prior to the rollout of ETS' on beer, wines and spirits was compared to an almost similar period after the rollout," said ETS project manager at TRA, Innocent Minja.

Minja said Excise duty and VAT on bottled water has gone up by almost 156 percent. Excise duty and VAT on beer has gone up by 15-percent while that of soft drinks has risen by 29-percent.

The government introduced plans to adopt the ETS system in June 2018 and the first phase of the project was conducted on January 15, 2019 whereby stamps were installed on companies that produce beer, wine and spirits.

Phase two of the project was rolled out on August 1, 2019 when ETS' were stamped on sweetened flavored wa-

ter and other non-alcoholic beverages, like energy and malt drinks and soda.

He however said there could always be room for further improvement in the management of the project, adding that so far, the benefits extend even to manufacturers.

One of the key issues that Minja said, there was need for review of the ETS rates which he said he believed would be beneficial to both sides.

The third phase of ETS, which involved enrolling electronic stamps on fruit juices (including grape must), vegetable juices (under Heading 20.09), and bottled drinking water, was conducted November 1, 2020.

He said there had been double-digits excise duty growth rates from all the products on which ETS' have been stamped.

Before the adoption of ETS', excise duty on locally produced and imported products were being determined through paper stamps which, TRA says, were easy to tamper with.

The ETS enables the government to use modern technology to obtain production data timely from manufacturers. That way, it does not only enable the government to collect the right amount of excise duty but it also discourages the entry of counterfeiters into the market.

Government developing new regulations to curb production of coloured plastic bottles

By Getrude Mbagu

THE government is developing new regulations so as curb production of coloured plastic bottles in efforts aimed to fight environmental pollution in the country.

Minister of State in Vice-President's Office, Union and Environment, Selemani Jafo made the statement in Dar es Salaam during the weekend when launching a new transparent look of Sprite soft drink.

Jafo said that the preparation of the new regulations under the 2004 Environmental Act is on final stages and will commence operation before the end of this year.

"I am calling on producers of soft drinks to prepare for this to start producing and packaging the products in colorless or transparent bottles to facilitate easy collection and recycling of the bottles once used," he said.

The minister said plastic pollution has a significant negative social, economic and ecological impact. Marine plastics threaten ocean health, human health, food safety and coastal tourism as well as contributing to climate change.

He noted that for the country to attain its development goals, having a patriotic generation that prioritizes environmental conservation, is a matter of paramount importance.

He commended Coca-Cola Kwanza Tanzania for unveiling the new

iconic look of its leading sparkling soft-drink Sprite.

"I commended Coca-Cola for this huge milestone and taking the lead in using reusable and recyclable material in its packaging. As a ministry, we are cognizant that this is an effort that will involve not just yourselves as the manufacturer, but other partners in the value chain including customers in making the environment that we live in habitable.

He said the new shift from the iconic green bottle means more Sprite bottles can be collected, recycled and reused to make new items, in line with Coca-Cola's World Without Waste vision, which targets to collect and recycle the equivalent of every bottle or can it sells by 2030, as well as use 50 percent recycled content in all its packaging.

"You are all aware that the world has been at war with plastic waste and some of these discussions have been at the centre of global environmental conferences and it is inspiring to see Coca-Cola take a step to address this challenge and a commitment to finding a solution. It is very rare to see companies pursue a certain move without directives from regulators," he added.

He urged stakeholders to continue to prioritize environmental conservation projects for Tanzania to support achieve its development goals.

Unguu Sulay, managing director of Coca-Cola Kwanza Tanzania: "We are excited to introduce the trans-



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parent Sprite bottle in Tanzania and to support the government's environmental sustainability endeavors in line with the environmental policy and national development strategy. Indeed, the change of the iconic bottle look is a demonstration of Coca-Cola's commitment to environment protection using ecofriendly innovations."

The lemon-lime flavored Sprite will now be packaged in a clear PET (polyethylene terephthalate) plastic bottle, marking a historic shift from the green-colored plastic bottle which has been its identity since 1960 when it was first launched.

He said: "For us at Coca-Cola, clear is better and we are journeying to a World Without Waste by moving to clear Sprite packs, which means more of our plastic can be collected, recycled and reused to make new bottles".

He said the "World Without Waste" campaign represents Coca-Cola's commitment to doing business sustainably through the creation of jobs for members of its host communities, promotion of financial empowerment, and elimination of environmental waste.

Salum Nassor, public affairs communications and sustainability director at Coca-Cola Kwanza Tanzania said several recycling programs are being implemented by engaging a number of youth and women to collect bottles for recycling so as to address the issue of environmental protection.

"The current green bottles have over the years helped the Sprite brand stand out. Making this move to clear bottles emphasizes the importance we place on the environment by ensuring our packaging is more useful and ultimately, more eco-friendly."



Vodacom Tanzania IT support specialist Omar Amiri (R) demonstrates computer operations to Kisarawe district administrative secretary Mwanana Msumi (2nd-L) after the firm presented 15 computers, 15 tables, a TV and various other items to the district's Jokate Mwegelo Girls Secondary School at the weekend. The offer was meant to help students at the school enjoy freer access to online educational materials through Vodacom's e-fahamu platform. Looking on are Vodacom Tanzania's head of communication, Jacqueline Materu (2nd-R), and Kisarawe district education officer Alice Nkwera. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Mhagama urges youth to work hard in their jobs

By Guardian Reporter

THE minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour and Employment) Jenister Mhagama has called on the youth in the country to work hard in their work to overcome challenges aimed at more income generation for the country's economic growth.

She made the remarks yesterday in Dar es Salaam at a short signing event of the voluntary contract for better work conditions between the management of Oryx group of companies and Tanzania Union for Industrial and Commercial Workers (TUI-CO).

"She said seldom do managements see the need to create good relationship between them and workers.

"Sometimes even resolution panels aimed at creating good working environment in their institutions end in the middle of the road, but Oryx has overcome that, hence I must say the agreement for better working condition signed today will bring positive results for both workers and the company for the benefit of both sides.

"Personally I am very pleased with this, as this event is the evidence has good intentions to its workers," she added.

Meanwhile, the Minister touched on some sections in the agreement which she praised them saying they have placed workers' interests foremost.

"For instance there is a section that increases the maternity leave period for pregnant women, this shows that the firm cares for the health of women workers. Another section also allocates breastfeeding areas at places of work," she added.

She said another section in the agreement talks about the company paying for school fees of workers' children, adding: "congratulations for that step and I told this for all workers."

For his part, TUICO secretary general, Boniface Mkakatisi called on the youth not to remain idle but have the urge to work hard for better results in their work.

Oryx Managing Director, Kalpeshi Metha, praised president Samia Suluhu Hassan for putting in place good investment environment and pledged to invest more to increase job opportunities for many more youth.

Bar, entertainment buildings' owners urge govt to reduce cost of doing EIA

By Correspondent Joseph

Mwendapole

BAR and entertainment buildings' owners have asked the government to reduce the cost of doing environment impact assessment (EIA) to enable them afford to hire consultants for the services.

They made the appeal over the weekend in Dar es Salaam when they were speaking in a meeting organized by Nation-

al Environment Management Council (NEMC), for night clubs and bar owners and entertainment clubs.

They said many people opt to start their business without doing EIA because of the expensive fees they are charged by their consultants which starts from 3m/-.

One of the owners who attended the NEMC meeting, Robert Yohana, said it is important for the government to ensure they lower the cost

to enable people who start business to hire consultant for EIA.

"NEMC should create enabling environment for all people to be able to conduct EIA before they start their business. Private consultant charges are very high sometimes it reaches up to three million so it is better if NEMC can do it by using its experts," he said

Another business person who participated, Hamad Hussein said the cost of private

consultants in doing EIA is very high and there is need for the government to intervene and reduce at least to 1.5m/-.

"People look for a shortcut because of the high cost. Sometimes they corrupt officials to fulfill their needs and save cost. I Support EIA but it should be affordable for everyone and if they need most of us to undergo EIA they must lower the price," he said

NEMC Director, Dr. Samuel

Gwamaka, said the matter of lowering the EIA charges can be discussed but they should first know that to do environment impact assessment is requirement of the law.

"Before they ask for the reduction of the charges they must understand that EIA is a must because it is a matter of environment law and they must think positive about it because it help them to know important things to consider in their investment so that

they comply with environment law," he said

Dr. Gwamaka said NEMC itself cannot conduct EIA because the law doesn't allow them to do so and instead it has registered many consultants whom people can choose of their choice during the time they want to do environment impact assessments.

"We have registered a good number of EIA consultants so if someone is not happy with

the charges can choose another one that may have lower price or if you are two people in one place you can hire one consultant to do that so that you minimize the cost," he said

Dr. Gwamaka said NEMC has been doing regular noise pollution inspections all the country and the fine for someone who commit the offense is between two million up to ten million and can be punished between two years and seven years imprisonment.

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This is no time to neglect hepatitis

IN 2016, the World Health Organisation (WHO) set an ambitious target to eliminate viral hepatitis by 2030. This was followed by commitments from governments including African countries to develop national strategic plans for viral hepatitis and earmark resources to eliminate the disease.

Hepatitis results in the inflammation of the liver. There are different forms of hepatitis - A, B, C, D and E - each attributed to a different type of virus. Unfortunately, most people who have the most serious forms of the disease, particularly the B and C viruses, are unaware of infection. This allows the infection to spread unchecked, leading to serious damage to the liver.

Many African countries that committed to eliminating the disease have either not ratified their guidelines or not increased access to hepatitis care. Of the 47 countries in the WHO Africa region, 28 have developed national plans to eliminate the disease. However, only 13 countries have disseminated them.

These challenges have been further compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic, which has eroded some of the gains that had been made in the past few years. With movement restrictions and social distancing as part of the responses to curb the spread of infections, people have been less able to use services to prevent and cure hepatitis and other diseases.

In Africa, 70 million people are infected and 200,000 die annually from hepatitis. This is despite the availability of treatment.

The mainstay strategy for managing hepatitis B is prevention through the administra-

tion of a vaccine. It is also treatable, through oral antiviral drugs which in most cases must be taken for life. This is because the treatment, in most people, only leads to the suppression of the virus and not its complete eradication.

To prevent its progression, it is highly recommended that treatment begins within the first three months of infection.

The call again this year is therefore for renewed efforts to ensure that no baby is born with hepatitis, pregnant women get tested and treated, awareness is raised about the disease as well as testing and treatment, and governments invest more in efforts to end the disease.

More concerted efforts are needed to keep services going even amid the disruptions caused by the pandemic.

Mobile health services have effectively worked in Madagascar and South Africa in increasing access to vaccines and family planning services. Using mobile clinics that can reach communities in far-flung areas could enable health workers to provide hepatitis screening and treatment services.

These would be supported by mainstream and social media platforms, as well as opinion leaders, to create more awareness about the disease and planned community outreach services. Platforms like this are also needed to conduct more advocacy to raise awareness and generate more support for prevention and treatment programmes. Successful campaigns have been run to create awareness about HIV/AIDS, the dangers of drugs and substance abuse and road safety among others.

Africa needs to mark International Day of Non-Violence with resolve

WHILE most national independence movements in Africa were clothed in beliefs of non-violence, the spirit of humanism as Zambian leader the late Dr Kenneth Kaunda more resolutely conceived it, the going has been tougher than anticipated. Still it is undeniable that countries espousing non-violence from the start were shielded from the worst that the warrior culture (Africa's and indeed the global opposite of non-violence) can produce, and on the whole the wrestling is still engaged between the two ethos. Africa yearns for non-violent democratic politics but it is nearly everywhere a swan song.

The International Day of Non-Violence is observed on October 2, given as the birthday of Indian independence leader Mahatma Gandhi who espoused non-violence as a philosophy, in a way due to the fact that it was deeply anchored in the Hindu religious tradition. Part of its basic expression is the prohibition of eating meat as it is predicated on cruelty to animals. Gandhi wasn't so successful as at independence in 1947 India went through a harrowing split between Hindus and Muslims, and Gandhi himself assassinated.

Shirin Ebadi, an Iranian political activist, lawyer, a former judge and human rights activist founded the Defenders of Human Rights Center in Iran. She was dismissed as judge after the 1978 revolution in Tehran and shifted to legal practice and in 2003 won the Nobel Peace Prize. In 2004 she took a proposal for an International Day of Non-Violence from a Hindi teacher in Paris teaching international students to the World Social Forum in Mumbai, and it won UN General Assembly adherence in 2007.

What is interesting about this

principle is that it doesn't have explicit supporters and opponents, as it attracts nearly universal adherence in principle but often ignored when there are group-based or state interests to be pursued. Globally organised crime has torn asunder states in South America, Africa and parts of Asia. At times there are political groups wielding arms but seeking no political talks, or they take whole countries to ransom as militarized political parties.

Resistance to change bring about violent expression when military commanders exercise violence on society to stop change as in Myanmar, or having to stop political leaders who refuse change, like recently in Guinea. Sometimes it is social groups who refuse new modes of society where older slavery structures and respect e.g. for cattle herders are submerged to competition with outsiders for jobs or marriage opportunities. Guerilla wars break out under a litany of ideologies, political circumstances causes and divergent alliances. Sweeping violence against migrants in South Africa because of mild successes, or jihadists in the Sahel belt wishing for social hegemony, are clear examples.

Groups defending human rights and espousing non-violence mean well in their purposes but avoid links with social reform. Administrators stress mitigating conflicts between migrating herders and crop farmers but can't move towards defined individual land ownership. Again, state-dominated economies are habitually inefficient, creating armies of unemployed and soaring crime, upon which fester power seekers thriving on chaos.

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Crime, violence in South Africa slide back to pre-Covid-19 levels

CAPE TOWN

AFTER a respite in 2020 caused by COVID-19 lockdowns and curfews, it appears that crime and violence in South Africa are returning to pre-pandemic levels.

In recent days, a candidate for the ruling African National Congress (ANC) party was gunned down ahead of forthcoming local elections, while three women were killed and several others injured in a drive-by shooting, also of ANC members.

Such killings have become almost 'normal' in the country, political violence in the democratic era, beginning in 1994, never fully subsiding. And in recent months, it has resurged as an important poll looms.

But there are many types of murderous violence at play.

In incidents over the last week, three young women were shot in the head in the sprawling shantytown of Khayelitsha, outside Cape Town, in an execution-style killing.

While still under investigation, these murders may have links to so-called 'blessers', older men who trade sex for gifts and money with young women.

In Johannesburg's 'sister city' of Soweto, a well-known 'richman' was killed along with a young woman who was with him when gunmen riddled his Ferrari sports car with dozens of bullets, rendering the vehicle "unrecognisable".

Meanwhile, a former policewoman is in court facing multiple murder and conspiracy to murder charges of loved ones and family members.

At least six people are alleged to have been killed by hitmen on her orders so that she could cash in on life insurance policies she had taken out on them.

Among the people she allegedly ordered hits on were her elderly mother, her partner, two sisters and five nephews and nieces, one surviving an attempted hit.

According to evidence in this headline-capturing case, which has shocked even violence-hardened South Africans, one of the 'hits', on her mother, was to be undertaken for just \$170.

Police Minister Bheki Cele has again this week addressed the issue of how cheap life has become in SA, referencing, as he has repeatedly, the problem of a "nest of killers" mostly operating out of the Zulu homeland of KwaZulu-Natal, but also in Gauteng (great Johannesburg) or anywhere in the country, as required by those who use them.

Among those most closely associated with the use of hitmen to settle scores with rivals are SA's notorious minibus taxi (matatu) owners and owners' associations.

The 'hitmen for hire' frequently involved, often with innocent commuters being among casualties, are also identified with ongoing political violence plaguing KwaZulu-Natal especially, as well as with 'ordinary' murders.

For most of the mid-to-late-1990s and into the 2000s, SA topped global murder rates, with killings running to a high of 63.9 per 100,000 people in 1995, according to World Bank data.

Partly, the violence was then, and still is, ascribed to the ongoing negative effects of the apartheid system of racial oppression, and consequently to South Africa being one of the most unequal societies in the world.

But, through that same period and up to today, SA has also topped

the global rape rate, with 132.4 per 100,000 people, compared with the US's 27.3, in ninth place globally.

Taken together with murder and other violent crime rates, the rape figures indicate to sociologists and criminologists that there are other societal factors at play in SA's continuing sky-high incidence of interpersonal violence.

With a population of some 60 million, less than a fifth that of the US, South Africa has substantially more murders per year than that vast country of over 330 million.

SA's adjusted murder rate per 100,000 people is currently at 31.8, compared to the US's 4.2.

By comparison, Africa's overall murder rate (for 2017, the latest year available as assessed by the World Population Review) was 13, Europe's 3 and Asia 2.3 per 100,000.

Within Africa, Kenya had 4.87 murders per 100,000, while Uganda recorded 11.5 and Somalia just 4.3.

From its peak killings of the mid-1990s, SA steadily dropped in its murder rate through 2011, when it recorded 29.8 murders per 100,000, roughly half the rate of the immediate post-apartheid period.

But since 2012 it has seen a steady increase, only briefly interrupted by covid-19 social controls, including bans on alcohol sales and public consumption, as well as curfews, reducing many alcohol-related violent crimes.

Not counting this year's sharp rise, South Africa had dropped in 2020 indices and is ranked only the fifth most dangerous country out of the 144 covered.

Liberia, Venezuela, Gabon and

Afghanistan had eclipsed SA, but the country seems headed back to the top of the murder list, based on current trends.

As a measure of the situation, just 29 per cent of South Africans feel safe walking alone at any time of day.

By another measure, that of the Numbeo 2021 Crime Index, South Africa is the third most dangerous country in the world to live in, with six cities featuring in the top 20 most dangerous cities globally.

The independent Institute for Security Studies highlighted the main contributors to the 'culture of violence' ravaging this society as poverty and inequality, as well as social stress from harsh environments in early childhood, lack of adequate parenting, high recidivism of nearly 90 per cent for many violent crimes, and an overburdened criminal justice system.

So widespread is violence in SA that the government has an ongoing programme against gender-based violence (GBV), and a new term has been coined for violence in schools, also on the increase, and dubbed learner-on-educator violence (LOEV).

Violence between school-going and tertiary institution students is also common.

Most recently, two University of the Free State female students were killed, and others injured, during a vicious robbery on the campus.

Reflecting the mood of many South Africans, the university's vice-chancellor Francis Petersen said the violence had to stop, adding: "Enough is enough".

AGENCIES



South African police officers.

START THE WEEK WITH CYNTHIA STACEY

'... African Union Hqs in Ethiopia...Is it still viewed as a 'foreign' building?'

JAMBO for the coming week, that might yet again see ladies and gentlemen at the state power company exerting their 'know how' to destabilise our lives big time, though only recently have we seen what's been going on, as the game of cat and mouse with their mistreated customers has been continual... but let's see what the new management will achieve... with the promises of 'efficiency, profitability and good customer care', or so says the optimistic Energy Minister January Makamba, with no sign of cat nor mouse!

But on to something different now, and it's certainly continual.

There are many articles on China in the local press... "the Chinese built railway will connect all the African capital cities"..... "Built by China, the Inga Dam project in the DRC, if completed, will be the largest hydro electric project in the world...", and closer to home and reality, "The Chinese funded library at the university of Dar es Salaam, is another example of friendly relations between China and Tanzania".

Well, its seven years since the news here was dominated by the historic visit of the Chinese President, and accompanied by much analysis. This merged with the debate on the building of the African Union headquarters, which has never really gone away, exemplifying as it does 'foreign' influence on the African continent.

At the time, I was weaning myself of thoughts of Asia, when a news item from "ghanaweb" re-kindled my interest.

"Nkrumah would have rejected China's 'gift' to Africa " proclaimed the writer, referring to the then new twenty story headquarters of the African Union in Addis Ababa, a contentious construction since its completion in December 2011.

The impressive-looking building with the statue of Kwame Nkrumah in front, was not a gift at all he said, but a bribe, or as the Chinese proverb says, "If you want to do something secret, do it in public".

He said that with the erection of the \$200 million colossus, in one swoop, China achieved what the western colonial powers took so long to do. Very true, but if my school history books were correct, their 'invasion' gifts to influential chieftains of long ago, began with only rolls of cloth, coloured beads and tin buckets...no wonder progress was so slow!

I suppose this "swoop" in marketing terms is what's called "product placement", which in this instance translates as "China in the heart of Africa". Apparently, the high tech African Union tower was expected to need technical crews, engineers, repair and maintenance units on a daily basis, most of whom will be Chinese. Also, many African leaders could visit it all year round, which could make the whole continent



Paid for and built by the Chinese, the African Union headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Proudly fronted by the statue of Kwame Nkrumah, former President of Ghana, and founder member of the African Union, this building still divides opinion and debate, not for its architecture, but for the motive behind its gifted status. (File photo)

vulnerable. If correct, this conjures up an intriguing image of well...intrigue.

And could this HQ, hosting the very nucleus of the continent's leadership, become a hot bed of opportune benefits for the builders, evolving over time into a sort of reciprocalAfrican gift to China?

Others though have been less fanciful in their criticism like political commentator Chika Ezeanya who said "It's an insult to the AU and all Africans that in 2012, a building as symbolic as the African Union HQ, is designed, built and maintained by a

foreign country".

Except of course, it can hardly be an insult to the AU, since they obviously accepted the offer, as they might have done any 'sweeteners' that went with it. Who was it who said "Beware of those bearing gifts".....(maybe the ancient Greeks ?) but anyway....the onus is on the receiver to reject the gift if their principles are compromised by it...not the giver who knows exactly why they're giving it!

Anyway, I'm amused at the Ghanaweb writer asking what do we tell our children

how China came to own Africa only fifty years after independence....and why their names are now Chan, and no longer John, Jacques...or even Kwame".and from German colonial times in East Africa...a Wilhelm or an Adolph!

Perhaps our writer wasn't being serious, since many Africans have willingly become culturally disenfranchised, aided by television junk imports and the worst of brainless and talentless celebrities, which culminates in the use of western names, eclipsing the richly varied and meaning-

ful local ones.

The China Africa News Service was launched in 2008 to report on stories from African, Chinese and western sources, and in 2012, China Central Television CCTV opened a broadcast hub in Nairobi, reporting to viewers in about 170 countries.

A researcher at the South Africa Institute of International Affairs, Yu-Shan said at the time that "China is actively introducing its culture and values which will lead to the rise of their state-led media dynasty in Africa".

There you are...with television and the media being so influential...there will certainly be future "Chans"...and why not, in the interests of balance, and America's global cultural dominance.

I don't know the current statistics, but in 2013 China was Africa's largest trading partner, surpassing the US in 2009. Perhaps with this in mind, Hilary Clinton warned against a "new colonisation in Africa, where it's easy to come in, take out the natural resources, pay off the leaders and leave".

.....that's almost an improvement on US policy of "take out, pay off the leaders, and leave behind military bases and rocket launching equipment. "!

.....anyway, time to close with the last words from our "Ghanaweb " scribe, who referring to the 'Chinese takeover' and the leaders apathy in retarding it, said "we can't really expect much from that quarter, as they are busy worshipping in front of the Chines Pagoda in Addis Ababa, hypnotised out of their senses".not quite, they're just appreciative of finer things,and why wouldn't they be, like their African brethren, they've come a long way since coloured beads and tin buckets.... often worn on the backs of their headshow's that for progress over baseball caps!



ACCESS MICROFINANCE BANK TANZANIA LIMITED

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI): PRE- QUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS – 2022.


Access Microfinance Bank Tanzania Limited has set aside funds in its budget towards the procurement of services listed below for the financial year, 2022. Hence, bids from reputable and registered firms/companies are highly invited for the provision of the following services as summarized here under:

LOT	DESCRIPTION
LOT 1	Supply of Stationeries
LOT 2	Supply of Office Furniture
LOT 3	Supply and Printing of Bank Forms, internal and external Marketing materials, and Promotional materials
LOT4	Supply of IT accessories and computers

- Interested firms/companies are required to provide information indicating their ability to provide the above mentioned assignments. Such information may include brochure, description of similar assignment undertaken, track record of experience, financial capability, availability of appropriate skills among its staff, etc.
- Interested bidders are also required to pay TZS 100,000/-per lot, a non-refundable fee to a **Specific Accounts** at Access Microfinance Bank Tanzania Limited at any Branches in Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, Kahama, Iringa, Mbeya and Tabora. Payment slip should be presented to Administration Department, at 5th Floor Derm House, New Bagamoyo Road (Opposite Makumbusho Village Museum) or any Branch to obtain the expression of interest (EOI) Document you have paid for.
- Expression of interest shall be delivered in a sealed envelope by hand or courier service clearly marked "EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PRE- QUALIFICATIONS OF SUPPLIERS AND SERVICES PROVIDERS, LOT NO....." before **Friday October 29th, 2021 13.00Hrs**

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- The deadline for submission of the bids is on **Friday October 29th, 2021 at 13.00Hrs**
- Opening shall be on the **Friday, October 29th, 2021 at 14:30Hrs** in the Bank's Head Office, **Boardroom, 5th Floor, Derm House, Kijitonyama, Dar es Salaam.**
- For those who will choose to attend in person or through their representatives, due to COVID-19 protocols, kindly ensure you have only one representative to minimize the congestions and the representative should be on Face Mask, while observing social distancing.
- Late bids, portion of bids, electronic bids, will not be accepted.



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INVITATION FOR TENDERS

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LOT	TENDER No.	DESCRIPTION
LOT 1	TND/OCT/2021/001	Servicing and repair of Motor Vehicles
LOT 2	TND/OCT/2021/002	Servicing of Power Generators
LOT 3	TND/OCT/2021/003	Provision of Sanitary bins services
LOT 4	TND/OCT/2021/004	Provision of Fumigation services
LOT 5	TND/OCT/2021/005	Servicing of APC UPS
LOT 6	TND/OCT/2021/006	Supply and Servicing of CCTV cameras
LOT 7	TND/OCT/2021/007	Supply and Servicing of Firefighting Equipment
LOT 8	TND/OCT/2021/008	Service and Maintenance Air condition
LOT 9	TND/OCT/2021/009	Provisional of security guards
LOT 10	TND/OCT/2021/010	Provision of Drinking water
LOT 11	TND/OCT/2021/011	Provision of cleaning services of office and godown
LOT 12	TND/OCT/2021/012	Servicing and repair of Note counting machine(Glory GF 120) (Authorized dealers)
LOT 13	TND/OCT/2021/013	Provision of valuation services
LOT 14	TND/OCT/2021/014	Provision of Auctioneering and Debt collection Services
LOT 15	TND/OCT/2021/015	Electrical works repair
LOT 16	TND/OCT/2021/016	Supply of Generator Fuel (Diesel)
LOT 17	TND/OCT/2021/017	Servicing and repair of Note counting machine (Magner 175FF and Magner M350) (Authorized dealers)
LOT18	TND/OCT/2021/018	Servicing and repair of Strong room door, Emergency door and Safes. (Authorized dealers)
LOT 19	TND/OCT/2021/019	Support and Operational maintenance service for the intruder alarm system and automatic fire detection system for Access Microfinance Bank Tanzania Limited.

- Interested bidders should obtain further information and inspect the bidding document at the office, located at, Access Microfinance Bank Tanzania Limited, Head Quarter, Kijitonyama, Plot No 16 Block 45A Derm House, New Bagamoyo Road (Opposite Makumbusho Village Museum), at 5th Floor from **09:00am to 04:00pm** Monday to Friday exclusive of public holidays.
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China-Africa Cooperation in the context of BRI: Achievements and challenges

By Humphrey Moshi

FIRST and foremost, I would like to congratulate the Government and the People of China on the occasion of celebrating the 72nd anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. Indeed, the seventy two years have witnessed fruitful efforts undertaken, and great achievements spearheaded, by the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the Chinese Government to transform not only the Chinese society, but also the world economically, socially and politically. Surely, it is through that transformation that cooperation and partnerships were forged with both developed and developing worlds, and more specifically with the African countries.

Prior to the establishment of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) in October 10-12, 2000, some African countries, such as Tanzania, had already forged strong cooperation with China which was championed by the founding fathers of the two Republics, namely Mao Zedong and Julius Nyerere respectively. Today, the China-Tanzania friendship is more than half a century old and remains solid and unshakable. More importantly, it has become a living symbol of China-Africa friendship. Therefore, FOCAC, as a successor cum extension of earlier cooperation arrangements laid the foundation for development of China-Africa socio-economic relations in

the new era.

In this regard, the two sides committed themselves to developing a new partnership underpinned by the principles of mutual respect, equality, mutual benefit win-win cooperation and international justice. Indeed, it is in the context of the foregoing that FOCAC focused on ten areas for spearheading the cooperation. These are the following: Industrialization, infrastructure development, finance, green development, trade and investment facilitation, poverty reduction, public health, culture, and peace and security.

Research observations show that African countries who seized the unfolding opportunity have realized tangible results ranging from heightened economic growth rates, reduced poverty rates, improved investment climate and connectivity, higher level of industrialization, to widened and deepened involvement in global value chains. Such countries, among others, include South Africa, Nigeria, Egypt, Kenya, Tanzania and Rwanda.

These positive results notwithstanding, the onset of the coronavirus (COVID-19) which has virtually brought the whole world to a stand-still, both economically and socially, has made pessimists and the enemies of China and Africa to believe that the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) would not be able to withstand the pandemic's headwinds. To the contrary, the Initiative pressed ahead against all odds, by making encouraging progress



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and coming up with new proposals for building resilience, as well as making it more comprehensive and up-to-date. This is the good news.

First, trade in goods between China and BRI countries, including Africa, reached 5.35 trillion Chinese yuan (equivalent to US\$827 billion) in the first half of this year, registering a year-on-year growth of 27.5%. Trade in goods with BRI countries now accounts for 29.6% of China's total trade volume.

Second, connectivity-building initiatives in the partner countries continue to be undertaken and these infrastructures have played a major role in fighting the virus. Indeed, without them the transfer and transportation of medical facilities would have been an uphill task. This being the case, connectivity strengthening will continue to be the foundation of economic recovery and keep the industrial and supply chains secure, open and stable. All these will take place in the context of globalization, coupled with adherence to objectives,

principles and agreements of multilateral, trilateral and bilateral cooperation. Ultimately, they will create a prosperous and peaceful world with a shared future.

Third, China provided assistance to 122 BRI partners to support their responses to the pandemic. The assistance consists of, among others, sending of medical expert teams and sharing of experience in containment, diagnosis and therapy, donation and supply of COVID-19 vaccines, and cooperation with BRI countries in localization of vaccine production. All these actions were taken when Western countries, especially the USA, were busy with finger-pointing, stigmatization, racism and xenophobia as well as embracing unilateralism and loudly raising anti-globalization voices. In this regard, China's actions are a clear testimony of "a friend in need is a friend indeed", and Africa needs to enhance its trust on China, while scaling-up its pro-activeness.

Fourth, with a view to make BRI more comprehensive and cognizant of the challenges of the pandemic, a new component was incorporated into the BRI, i.e. the "silk road of health". This incorporation would go a long way in putting in place a global architecture for planning the responses, managing and mitigating the impact of future pandemics. The main beneficiaries of this added component would be African countries, given the fragility of their public health systems and the low level of vaccination at four percent. Indeed, China's intent to produce the vaccines in Africa, will go a long way in improving vaccines distribution in the continent and hence narrow the observed inequality in vaccination between developed and developing world.

Fifth, technology has been the blood nerves and arteries of economies during the COVID-19 pandemic. This being the case, the post-pandemic development has to continue relying on and developing further the requisite technologies, hence the added component of "technological silk road".

Indeed, with this in mind, the proposal was to enhance cooperation in digital economy, promotion of e-commerce, smart cities and other applications of digital technology, as well as the use of artificial intel-

ligence and big data technology.

It is clear that the five aspects enumerated above are a morale booster, given the devastating impact of COVID-19 on world economies in general, and Africa in particular. However, in order for Africa to effectively seize the ongoing and unfolding opportunities embedded in the cooperation menu, it has to address the following challenges.

One, change the mindset of both leaders and ordinary citizens from that of selfishness to one which is more development-oriented and selfless.

Two, enhance the human and institutional capacity for policy formulation, planning and above all implementation.

Three, scaleup negotiation capacity underpinned by the realities of Africa in terms of diversity and richness in resources.

Therefore, it is imperative to manage natural resources effectively and efficiently, while ensuring that some components of the cooperation are either country or continental tailored or both, reflective of equal partnership, with a view to realize win-win outcomes in the context of mutual benefit instead of zero-sum framework.

Long live China-Africa cooperation and long live China-Tanzania friendship!

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Freedom of bearing arms dragging America into mire of tragedies

OVER the last few days, the headline-grabbing mass shootings that occurred nearly back to back across the United States have once again cast doubt on the freedom of bearing arms, a controversial right that has been guarded by the U.S. constitution.

When lawmakers adopted the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution in 1791, they might have not foreseen that more than 200 years later, what they treasured as fundamental individual freedom has become the main culprit in nationwide shooting crimes, with people killed and families broken on a daily basis.

The easy accessibility to fatal arms guaranteed by the amendment has also created such tragedies as a 4-year-old kid killing himself with a gun and a 3-year-old child shooting his brother dead by accident.

It has even resulted in a horrible scene: arming the teachers to protect themselves against students who bear guns.

Since 1972, more than 80 people on average, including about 12 children, have been killed by gunshots per day in the United States, according to statistics.

The staggering figures can find their root causes in America's pervasive social problems. In recent years, the widening wealth gap and growing social division have prompted some marginal-

ized groups to go to extremes and resort to violence.

The intensifying racial conflicts and rising living pressures resulting from the COVID-19 outbreak have also played their roles, causing a surge in violent crimes, especially shootings with racist tendencies. It is a vicious circle that the freedom of owning arms fuels social violence, which in turn pushes people to buy more weapons.

In the first quarter of the year, U.S. gun sales rose 18 percent year-on-year, without counting in underground transactions. It is estimated that the U.S. society as a whole has more than 400 million guns. "Americans are in an arms race with themselves," said Marqueece Harris-Dawson, who represents South Los Angeles.

The recurrent shootings have laid bare the incompetence of the U.S. governance. Even though there are loud voices within the country opposing bearing arms, Washington has hardly taken a step forward on the issue. Among the main obstacles to gun control efforts in the United States are influential interest groups.

The production, sales and use of guns in America have formed a huge industrial chain that generates tremendous interests. Related interest groups have a sway over nearly every aspect of U.S. politics. For example, the National Rifle Association of America, which has millions of members and includes powerful gun manufacturers and distributors, is able to influence general and local elections as well as the appointment of Supreme Court justices.

No wonder California Governor Gavin Newsom has grumbled that "our politics, stale rhetoric, finger-pointing, all the hand-wringing, consternation that produces nothing except more fury and frustration." The so-called freedom of keeping arms has made increasing Americans feel despairing.

Shannon Watts, founder of the gun control advocacy group Moms Demand Action, once tweeted



US Capitol in Washington DC.

"This isn't freedom ... No other nation would tolerate this, and we don't have to either." However, the urges have proven futile. In the United States, the gun control issue seems insoluble. Without some determined actions, America will only find itself mired deeper in more tragedies.

Xinhua

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RATIBA YA VIPINDI JUMATATU - JUMAPILI

Rescuers pull villagers from flood waters in Xingyang city in China's Henan Province.

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CCBRT shines at NGO meeting in Dodoma

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

CCBRT Hospital has pledged to continue with its efforts towards supporting the government's health improvement agenda, with a particular focus on reducing maternal deaths.

This was said here by the CCBRT chief executive officer, Brenda Msangi when President Samia Suluhu Hassan visited the Hospital's pavilion during an exhibition that was held on sidelines of an annual meeting for Non-governmental Organizations.

She said CCBRT took the President's address to the Parliament in April, 2021 seriously and that the Hospital decided to play its role through the reduction of maternal deaths.

Among other issues, President Hassan stressed that one of her priority areas will be to reduce maternal deaths during her tenure as President of the United Republic of Tanzania.

"As CCBRT, we work very closely with the government's health experts for Dar es Salaam Region. During the past ten years, we have worked with 22 public health cen-

tres and in the process, we have managed to reduce maternal deaths by 47 percent," she said.

CCBRT, she said, would soon commission a building that will specifically cater to maternity health. "It will have a total of 200 beds," she said, lauding the government for recognizing the role that CCBRT was playing in Tanzania's health sector as evidenced by its being awarded as the first winner during the exhibitions.

CCBRT pavilion in Dodoma was a crowd puller since a big number of visitors went there to know services the institution has rendering in the country.

Leticia Sadiki, a resident of Kondoa who is beneficiary of CCBRT described the services provided by the institution as unique, saying CCBRT treated her without paying single.

"I was no body before getting treatment. My husband deserted the family because of my illness, but with help from CCBRT I am now cured. They supported me everything transport, accommodation plus free treatment," she said without exposing what she was suffering.



CCBRT chief executive officer Brenda Msangi (L) briefs President Samia Suluhu Hassan on what her institution has achieved in delivering maternal and allied services when the president visited the agency's pavilion at the climax of the just ended NGOs annual general meeting held in Dodoma city. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

Ghanaian actor shooting new film in Serengeti, Ngorongoro

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

AWARD-WINNING Ghanaian movie star, John Dumelo, is in Tanzania, shooting a new feature film on the northern circuit's iconic tourist destinations.

Speaking here at the weekend, Dumelo said that apart from making his latest film,

he is also enjoying the scenic beauty and wildlife at Serengeti and Ngorongoro.

"It is my second time in Tanzania, but the country never ceases to amaze me. I certainly must return for an extended tour," said the Ghanaian Actor who has been featured in nearly 60 films, including 'A Northern Affair,' 'Private Storm,' and 'Tales of

Nazir!'

Dumelo won the 'African Most outstanding Actor,' award at the Afro Australian Movies and Music Awards; as well as 'Best West African Actor,' at the 2017 Pan-African Film and Television Festival of Ouagadougou. He is now taking part in this Tanzanian set film to be known as 'Mulasi the Death,' which is expect-

ed to premier early next year. Involving other local actors, the film is being directed by Honeymoon Aljabri, a Tanzanian Writer, Actor and Film Producer based in the United States. She revealed that 'Mulasi' means 'Friend' in the 'Kigogo' language of Dodoma.

How 'Mulasi' the 'Friend' could again turn out to be 'death' is something which

should remain to be seen when the movie comes out in the first quarter of the year 2022.

But for a non-spoiler synopsis, 'Mulasi the Death' is a story of four young ladies traveling from central Tanzania (Dodoma), traveling to Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Crater, in a trip organized to serve as conso-

lation therapy for their depressed friend.

"The film is themed around the notion of 'It is Okay not to be Okay!'" said Honeymoon Aljabri. And Aljabri seems to be obsessed with the National Park, because last year, the producer authored the paperback, 'Amani Wanders in Serengeti,' a book which

would become a favourite read among children.

Ground handling and logistics behind the 'Mulasi the Death' film production in Ngorongoro and Serengeti, is being undertaken by Muly Tours, whose director, Mozah Muly believes the movie will help market Tanzania as the ultimate destination for Africa's tourism.

TADB and IFAD strengthen ties to impact smallholders

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Agricultural Development Bank Managing Director Frank Nyabundege and Jacqueline Machangu International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Tanzania Country Office Officer have together affirmed the determination of their institutions in enhancing access to capital among smallholder farmers in Tanzania.

TADB is managing the Smallholder Farmers Credit Guarantee Scheme funds (SCGS) on behalf of the United Republic of Tanzania funds which are directed from the Prime Minister's office. The total funding managed at TADB for the SCGS is USD 25million from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

"Through this funding, TADB has been able to impact directly 11,468 smallholders while reaching indirectly 766,380 individuals. We appreciate the strong partnership that IFAD has with our government such that we are able to realize the government goals to its people," Commented Mr. Nyabundege.

Commending the TADB contribution to the sector, Ms. Machangu identified the efforts TADB has placed in de-risking the agriculture sector to be a milestone on its own. "I understand that there are still challenges in finance accessibility; however, I commend the job done by your institution. I have learnt that you have been able to influence lowering of interest rate and it's such a commendable job."

Smallholders in Tanzania cultivate 5.1ha of land and produce 85% of the country's food. "This is why IFAD works tirelessly with the Tanzania government. If we want to see Tanzania ends hunger, eradicate poverty, improve livelihood and ensure financial inclusion, it is the smallholder that should be targeted," Affirmed Ms. Machangu.

Reflecting on their experiences during the courtesy call meeting of TADB managing Director at IFAD Tanzania offices, both leaders identified the existing challenges smallholder farmers yet experience such as low yields and access to finance.

"We are working and we want to see that the lives of



TADB managing director Frank Nyabundege (L) with IFAD Tanzania officer, Jacqueline Machangu after talks in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Nyabundege had paid a courtesy at IFAD offices. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

our farmers are changing for the better. To do this, we believe that with strong partnerships with local and international institution such as IFAD we can increase our impact. We are determined at making agriculture really be bank able," Clarified Nyabundege.

TADB is currently in partnership with 12 commercial financial institutions in implementing the SCGS facility. These partnerships enhance smallholder farmers' access agricultural loans with TADB guarantee. However TADB finances smallholder farmers through the Integrated Value Chain Financing model of which when projects for agro-processors and traders are designed, farmers are linked directly to avail markets for their produces.

"TADB finds this approach to also benefit smallholders whom many are challenged with markets to sell their produces. Market availability enables farmers to be certain when cultivating. After selling they are able to support themselves Nyabundege and Ms. Jacqueline both have affirmed to be determined in realizing their respective institution's visions with the long term partnership that is impactful for the wellbeing of smallholder.



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By Guardian Reporter

AIRTEL Tanzania has announced a new partnership with the Tanzania Rural and Urban Road Agency (TARURA) to enable Tanzanians to pay parking fees easily via Airtel Money.

The partnership which was announced in Dar es Salaam yesterday is a continuation be-

Parking fee now payable via Airtel Money

tween Airtel and government agencies in using modern online digital payment for various products and services by using Airtel Money which is safe, convenient and easy to use.

Speaking at a function to announce the new partnership

with TARURA, Director of Airtel Money Isaac Nchunda said the partnership marks another milestone where Tanzanians can pay parking fees easily and convenient anytime and anywhere.

"As you are aware, the gov-

ernment introduced parking fees through an online system. This has been easy as the government will now receive these fees directly to the system. For that reason, today is an important today to us as we launch this new partnership with

TARURA and clearly demon-

strates our good relationship with the government", said Nchunda.

Most government agencies and institutions have already adapted to the online payment system GePG.

Nchunda added: "This system has many advantages that include making payment easier, proper record keeping, reducing loss of government revenue, control of corruption and increase of government collections. For that reason, I

take this opportunity to congratulate TARURA for partnering with us in order for Tanzanians to start using Airtel Money in paying for parking fees. I call for our customers to adapt to the system as it is easy, safe and fast."

Nchunda urged Tanzanians to continue using Airtel Money services as they are innovative and friendly.

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MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND PLANNING

PRESS RELEASE

NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES WEEK

1. INTRODUCTION

Operationalisation of the National Financial Services Week is one of the strategies in the implementation of the Financial Sector Development Master Plan 2020/21 - 2029/30. Public education is a priority area in the implementation of the Master Plan. In the course of implementation of the Master Plan, The Ministry of Finance and Planning has prepared the Public Education Program 2021/22 - 2025/26. The Program sets out guidelines for improving financial education in the country including events and techniques that will be used in the provision of financial education to the public. One of the strategies is to conduct Financial Services Week in October every year in which financial education will be provided to the public through various channels.

In the process of implementation of this Program, the Ministry of Finance and Planning in collaboration with various stakeholders in the financial sector has prepared a Financial Education Teaching tool. The tool has identified key areas of consideration during the provision of financial education to the public. These areas include: personal finance management, saving, credit, investment, insurance, deposit insurance, taxes and bonds.

As a result of implementation of Financial Education Program, the Government intends that by 2025 approximately 80% of the population will be aware of financial matters. According to 2017 Tanzania Fin-Scope Survey, only 48.6 percent of the labour-force use formal financial services and therefore many Tanzanians do not benefit from these services leading to missing opportunities to improve their livelihood through various economic activities and ultimately contribute to GDP growth.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE FINANCIAL SERVICES WEEK

- Increasing public awareness on the usefulness of financial services to enhance economic growth and poverty reduction;
- Enhancing the effectiveness of financial markets through financial education;
- Increasing access and usage of financial services;
- Enhancing financial consumer protection;
- Enabling citizens to manage their financial resources;
- Enabling small entrepreneurs to boost their skills and proper use of financial services in growing their businesses;
- Strengthening saving, borrowing and debt repayment culture; and
- Increasing contribution of financial sector to economic growth;

3. TARGETED AUDIENCE OF THE FINANCIAL SERVICES WEEK

Financial Services Week aims to reach various stakeholders including: public servants; students; teachers; women, youth, people with special needs; small and medium entrepreneurs (SMEs); non-government organizations; editors and journalists; financial service providers; children and general public at large.

4. PARTICIPANTS OF THE FINANCIAL SERVICES WEEK

The Ministry of Finance and Planning in coordinating the implementation of Financial Services Week will be participating in collaboration with other financial sector stakeholders. These stakeholders include: Ministries, Departments and Government Agencies of the United Republic of Tanzania as well as the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar; Financial Sector Regulators; Financial Institutions; Non-Governmental Organizations; Private Sector; Professional Boards; Trade Unions; Media; Education and Research Institutions; Development Partners; Financial Sector Apex bodies; Financial Service Providers; and Religious Institutions involved in the provision of financial services.

5. METHODS OF DELIVERY TO BE USED IN FINANCIAL SERVICES WEEK

Various methods will be used to provide financial education to the public such as publications (Flyers and posters), classroom seminars, exhibitions of financial products and services, digital platforms, social networks, various media (TV, Radio, Newspapers) and entertainment.

6. TIME AND PLACE OF THE EVENT

The event is scheduled to take place at Mnazi Mmoja Grounds, Dar Es Salaam from **8th to 14th November, 2021.**

7. THEME

The theme to be used in the National Financial Services Week is: -
"Improve Your Life Through Financial Education"

8. OUTCOME OF FINANCIAL SERVICES WEEK

The successful Implementation of Financial Services Week is expected to have positive impact to individual, household, community and the Nation at large as follows:

- Increased awareness to the people on the usefulness of financial products and services;
- Improved understanding and use of financial markets;
- Bringing financial services closer to people, encourage the use of such services and obtain feedback and advice on how to improve those services;
- Creating awareness on the rights and obligations on the use of financial services;
- Imparting skills on better management of financial resources;
- Entrepreneurs connected with various opportunities offered by the financial sector in promoting and strengthening their businesses;
- Financial knowledge impacted to the citizens and thus create a culture of using formal financial services;
- Economic growth enhanced.

You are all highly encouraged to attend.

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World far behind on global vaccine targets, while poorer nations remain back of dosage queue

By Peter Fabricius

ONLY 4% of Africa's population has been fully vaccinated against Covid-19. This is despite the continent's efforts, including those of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) and the campaign led by South African President Cyril Ramaphosa as chair of the African Union (AU) last year. Just 6.4% have received one dose, according to the Africa CDC.

Global instruments such as Covax aimed to get vaccines to poor and middle-income countries, and the World Health Organization's (WHO) Covid-19 Tools Accelerator was launched to speed up production and access to tests, treatments and jabs. African initiatives to get more vaccines include the AU Covid-19 Response Fund and the Africa Pool Procurement Portal.

The rate of vaccination on the continent is increasing. But attaining the WHO's target of 30% fully inoculated in Africa by the end of 2021 looks impossible. Ramaphosa pointed out at the United Nations (UN) last week that, "Of the around six billion vaccine doses administered worldwide, only 2% of these have been administered in Africa, a continent of more than 1.2 billion people. This is unjust and immoral."

He noted that globally the world was also falling well short. The WHO set a target of vaccinating at least 70% of the world's population by September 2022. "But we are now at the end of September and have not [even] reached the 10% target we set ourselves in May ... The gulf is widening between better-resourced nations who are buying up and even hoarding vaccines and developing countries who are struggling to have access to vaccines."

What's to be done? Greater global leadership, for one thing. A truly global response to the crisis has been lacking. Having a nationalist leader like Donald Trump in the

White House last year – who even cut off support to the WHO – certainly didn't help. Last week his successor Joe Biden attempted to step into the leadership vacuum by convening a Covid-19 summit on the margins of the UN General Assembly.

He announced a raft of measures to address the pandemic and meet the target of 70% vaccination in all countries by next year's General Assembly. These included a pledge by the United States (US) to donate an extra 500 million vaccines through Covax, bringing US vaccine donations to 1.1 billion. The European Union (EU) pledged to donate one billion, and Italy, Denmark, Japan, Spain, Sweden, Australia and New Zealand increased donations.

Biden's most important announcement was perhaps to call on his peers to support the establishment this year of the \$10-billion global health security fund to tackle Covid-19 vaccines and treatment. This would likely be something like the Global Fund to fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

Biden offered to kickstart the fund almost with \$1.1-billion of US money. Several other heads of state, including Ramaphosa and the leaders of the EU, Italy and Norway, expressed support for the idea, though evidently did not pledge specific amounts.

The big question, of course, is why would this particular fund succeed where so many other efforts to get Covid-19 vaccines to the world have failed? Mark Heywood, a veteran health activist in South Africa, is cautiously optimistic about the prospects, noting that the Global Fund has been quite successful in mobilising funds to fight Aids, TB and malaria.

But perhaps Biden's initiative has a better chance simply because world leaders seem at last to be mobilised. As Carolyn Reynolds of the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) pointed out at a 24 September seminar in Washington, the WHO's 70% target

had been around for many months. Yet last week was the first time global leaders had assembled to decide how to meet the target.

This year's G7 summit of the richest countries had been expected to do that but failed, she said. Reynolds and other experts on the CSIS panel agreed that Biden's summit had been a success in at least mobilising global support to achieve equity in Covid-19 vaccination – and also in therapeutics.

The summit had important gaps though. As J Stephen Morrison of the CSIS underscored, China and Russia were conspicuously absent, and the private pharmaceutical sector was also largely not in attendance. He noted that many developing world leaders told Biden's meeting that they didn't want charity – they wanted the means to manufacture vaccines and therapeutics themselves.

One of those was Ramaphosa. He used the opportunity to plug for a temporary waiver of the World Trade Organization's Trips provision that protects the patent rights of pharmaceutical companies. He wants that protection to be suspended temporarily to allow others to manufacture Covid-19 vaccines at no cost. Heywood agrees that it is necessary to meet the world's vaccine demand.

But while that remedy is vital, it would probably take two to three years to kick in, according to some experts. Action is needed in the meantime. One option the CSIS panellists agreed should be expanded was to back licensed manufacturing.

The US is already supporting South Africa to manufacture Johnson & Johnson vaccines to supply Africa. And the US, Germany, France and World Bank support the development of mRNA Covid-19 vaccines in South Africa, Senegal and Rwanda. Yet even these admirable manufacturing enterprises aren't enough or will come too late.

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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Field Research Assistant Global Animal Health Tanzania

This position is for a field research assistant based at Global Animal Health Tanzania (GAHT), Arusha in collaboration with EcoHealth Alliance. The position will support the activities of the Crimean-Congo Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) project. The CCHF project aims to investigate evidence of and risk factors for CCHF virus in people, livestock and wildlife in northern Tanzania. Research activities include data collection across Arusha Region and Serengeti National Park.

Qualifications and Attributes

- Animal health-related/ecology diploma, preferred or Form IV certificate and research experience with animals
- Hardworking, dependable, and excellent time keeping
- Able to work well as part of a team with diverse skills and backgrounds
- Able to interact comfortably with study participants from different cultural and socio-economic backgrounds
- Willingness to be flexible in job role and assist other field team members in varied aspects of fieldwork
- Willingness to participate in early morning and evening duties

Experience

- Experience in live capturing small wild mammals, including rodents
- Experience identifying live rodents, shrews and/or hares morphologically
- Experience of field working in remote areas
- Experience in working in international research teams
- Experience in health-related research and data collection, preferred
- Experience in restraining and blood sampling cattle, preferred

Language

- Proficiency in written and verbal Swahili essential
- Fluency in verbal Maasai preferred
- Proficiency in written and verbal English preferred

Responsibilities

Work under the supervision of the Study Coordinator in a field study. This position will involve remote work throughout Arusha Region and Serengeti National Park. Extended periods in remote areas with overnight stays in lodgings in Serengeti National Park will be required. Overnight stays in lodgings or camping near to study villages in Arusha Region will be required Monday to

Friday, with occasional possible changes to this work pattern. Weekly travel from study areas to Arusha Town will be required. Travel to and from Moshi will also be needed to coordinate with project staff based at KCRI. Duties include but are not limited to the following day-to-day activities:

- Learn all research study protocols
- Complete ethics of animal and human subjects research training
- Describe the study to potential participants and answer questions about the study
- Assist with small mammal (rodents, shrews and hares) live capture, morphological identification and blood sampling
- Assist with cattle restraint and blood sampling
- Assist field team with all additional aspects of fieldwork including environmental data collection, tick collection, and completing study questionnaires and data sheets
- Transfer of blood samples to sample tubes, centrifuging samples, aliquoting serum to storage tubes and storing samples

The above statements describe the general nature and level of work being assigned to this position. This is not an exhaustive list of all responsibilities and duties.

Remuneration and Terms

- Attractive salary
- 12 months' contract renewable; probation period of 3 months

Applications must include each of the following to be considered

- Signed letter of application
- Current curriculum vitae or resume including mailing address, contact telephone number(s), and e-mail address
- Three letters of reference along with names and telephone numbers of the three referees who may be contacted by us in confidence

Your application should reach the undersigned as soon as possible but no later than **18th October 2021**

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ECO-FRIENDLY

Rich nations pitch billions in aid to fund South Africa's coal exit

JOHANNESBURG

Envoys from some of the world's richest nations have met with South African cabinet ministers to discuss a climate deal that could see billions of dollars put towards ending the country's dependence on coal.

The delegation is trying to hammer out an agreement that can be announced at the Cop26 climate talks, which start in Glasgow, Scotland on 31 October, two people familiar with the talks said. The discussions with South Africa – the world's 12th biggest emitter of greenhouse gases – include representatives from the US, UK, Germany, France and the European Union.

While South Africa is under pressure to cut its dependence on coal – which accounts for more than 80% of its power generation – it needs finance to facilitate the transition to cleaner energy. Developed nations may also need to find a way to address the challenges faced by Eskom, which is burdened by R400-billion of debt.

The envoys met on Tuesday with South African ministers including Pravin Gordhan, the public enterprises minister whose portfolio includes oversight of Eskom, Barbara Creecy, the environment minister, and Ebrahim Patel, the trade & industry minister, the people said, asking not to be identified as a public announcement has yet to be made. Talks were due to be held on Wednesday with trade unions, business leaders and the Presidential Climate Change Coordinating Commission, three people familiar with the arrangements said.

The ministers pressed for details on what finance was available, but the en-

voys favour an incremental approach and more commitments from South Africa, the people said. While Gordhan urged support for Eskom, other options such as transitioning South Africa and its car industry toward electric vehicles were also discussed, they said.

Albi Modise, a spokesman for the environment ministry, confirmed that a group of ministers met with the envoys but declined to comment further, saying a statement will be issued later. Richard Mantu, spokesman for public enterprises, referred queries to Modise, and Tyrone Seale, acting spokesman for the South African presidency, said he couldn't comment immediately. National treasury didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Some senior members of South Africa's government are pushing hard for climate mitigation measures. President Cyril Ramaphosa chairs the climate commission he created last year and its more ambitious emissions reduction target was adopted by cabinet this month. Creecy has said developed countries need to boost energy-transition and climate-adaptation funding to developing nations.

"South Africa is well positioned to obtain concessional finance both for the country-wide climate transition and the electricity transition in particular," Gordhan said in a response to queries before the meeting.

Still, the pivot from coal faces opposition within South Africa. Gwede Mantashe, the energy minister, has advocated for the construction of new coal-fired power stations. Mantashe, the former head of the National Union of Mineworkers, is the politically influential chairman of the ANC.

PARTNERSHIP

Kilombero Sugar, out growers sign two-year contract for cane supply

By Guardian Reporter

SUGARCANE out-growers in Kilombero have all the reasons to smile following the signing of a two year contract that allows them to sell their commodity to Kilombero Sugar Company Limited.

The deal which was signed between KSCL's Managing Director, Guy Williams and Kilombero Sugarcane Cooperative Union's Onesmo Mwakumbo last week gives the out-growers a reliable and lucrative market for their commodity.

Speaking after signing the agreement, KSCL's Williams said the deal is very important for the sugar manufacturing company because the farmers supply more than 600,000 metric tons of the cane used as raw material per year.

He said the current focus of his company is to expand the factory with an investment of 571bn/- hence the two year contract assured KSCL of reliable supply of cane as raw material. "This agreement is very important because apart from guaranteeing the sustainable supply of cane, it also assures us of raw materials for factory after expansion," Williams said.

Under the deal, the total number of small-scale farmers supplying cane will increase to between 14,000 and 16,000 out-growers from 7,500 while direct employment will also increase by over 2,000 throughout cane supply value chain.



Kilombero Sugar Company Limited's managing director, Guy Williams (L) exchanging contract documents with Kilombero Cooperative Unions's chairman, Onesmo Mwakumbo soon after signing a two year deal for cane supply to the company by out-growers. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

In remarks after inking the deal, KSCU's Chairman, Onesmo Mwakumbo said the renewed contract is very important to the farmers because it assures them of the market especially after the factory expansion project is completed.

"We currently have the capacity of producing more cane than what the mills can crush annually, and the quantity as well as quality of our cane has improved very much particularly due to improved road infrastructure that has made it easier to transport sugar cane from farms to the fac-

tory," he noted.

KSCL's Head of Corporate Affairs, Joseph Rugaimukamu said the two sides have signed the two year contract after a one year contract signed last year expired. Rugaimukamu said the market for sugarcane in the country is currently favourable to farmers thanks to the government's effort in protecting local sugar industries. "The price of sugarcane has increased from 95,112/- per ton during the past season to 103,361/- per ton in the current season," he said.

Sugar Board of Tanzania's Le-

gal Officer who witnessed the deal, Sophia Stanley applauded the good relationship existing between the farmers and the company saying the signing of the new contract and KSCL's expansion plans align well with state efforts to boost domestic sugar production.

"As Sugar Board, we will continue to cooperate with the company at all stages of the expansion project but also help farmers adhere to modern methods of sugar cane cultivation as per the sugar regulations requirements," Stanley said.

Demand for East African flowers jumps as fuel costs hobble Europe

ADDIS ABABA

Soaring gas prices are eating into the margins of greenhouses in the Netherlands and elsewhere in Europe. Europe's gas shortages have boosted demand for flowers from East Africa, although Kenya, a major producer, is struggling to grasp the opportunity because of freight capacity constraints.

Soaring gas prices are eating into the margins of greenhouses in the Netherlands and elsewhere in Europe. Some producers are cutting their growing seasons short to cut back on fuel use – forcing buyers to look for alternatives.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for us and Kenya," said Tewodros Zewdie, executive director of the Ethiopian Horticulture Producers Exporters Association. "We generally have better labour, energy and freight costs that have brought a lot of interest, and we are expecting more," he said by phone from Addis Ababa.

Ethiopian growers can pounce on the situation in Europe and readily ex-

port their blooms because of abundant freight space on the national carrier, Ethiopian Airlines. Not so for Kenyan producers, who supply about a quarter of the cut flowers sold in Europe. About 70% of Kenya's blooms go through Amsterdam. A 1,000-ton-per-week shortfall in freight space that's left cold storages full has been compounded by a 10% jump in shipping costs effective October 1, according to the Kenya Flower Council.

"We have the volumes, we have the demand in the market, but freight is a major issue," Clement Tulezi, the council's chief executive officer, said by phone from Nairobi. "We are in a desperate situation. In about two weeks, we are expecting bigger demand, so if we don't have the capacity, it will be a shame."

Kenya's horticultural exports, including fruits and vegetables as well as flowers, were worth 151.2 billion shillings (\$1.37 billion) in 2020, according to industry data. Comparable Ethiopian exports were worth \$530 million in the fiscal year that ended July 7.



Equity Bank Tanzania Limited' managing director, Robert Kiboti (2nd L) and some of the bank's staff and clients cutting a cake to launch customer service week at the bank's new branch at Mwenge in Dar es Salaam on Friday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.



Tanzania Commercial Bank in partnership with Kairuki Hospital last week conducted a voluntary Covid-19 vaccination for its staff, family members and the public around its head office at Makumbusho in Dar es Salaam. Pictured are Dr Erick Heri from Kairuki Hospital and TCB's director of human resources and administration, Diana Myonga speaking before the exercise started. Photo courtesy of TCB.

DETERMINATION

Equity Bank kick-starts customer service week with extra work hours

By Guardian Reporter

IN a bid to improve services given to clients during this year's customer service week, Equity Bank Tanzania Limited will extend working hours during the week but also open its branches on Sundays between 10am to 14 hours.

Speaking during the launch of the bank's Customer Service Week in Dar es Salaam on Friday, Equity Bank's Managing Director, Robert Kiboti said the bank continues to value its customer hence satisfaction is given priority.

"Equity Bank believes that

superior customer experience is the driver of our success. Customer service is a crucial touch-point between us and customers," Kiboti noted while adding that during the week, Equity staff members will be saying 'ahsante' to loyal customers but also remind them of commitments to serve them better.

"For a start, our Mwenge branch will be operating extra hours during the weekends to meet customers' demands. From now onward, every Saturday, the branch will operate from 9am to 4pm, while on Sundays, it will operate from 10 am to 2pm," he added.

Kiboti also said that the bank will use the week to encourage customers use digital channels such as Eazzy banking, ATMs, Internet banking, and Equity Wakala which are convenience and self service facilities.

"During this week, my top management team and I will visit some customers in their business premises and go around the branches to serve and talk to our customers. We want to be there in the front line and have a face-to-face conversation with our customers and listen to their feedback," the Equity Bank Tanzania boss noted.



Active Media spokesperson Clayton Revocatus speaks to journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday during the launch of the company's digital platform that connects brands and their customers in real time. Left is general manager Caroline Muia and right is client service manager Shamim David. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

WIRED

Digital platform connecting brands and consumers inaugurated in Dar

By Guardian Reporter

A digital platform that connects brand names and consumers in the market has been launched by Active Media in Dar es Salaam. Speaking during the launch, General Manager of The Active, Caroline Muia said her company has seen rising demand for the platform as brand names need to increase value to their clients through online interaction.

"The Active through its expertise has noted the importance of integrating marketing communications across multiple channels, more so the digital channel leading to the birth of Active Media," Muia said.

She said the digital platform connects brands and consumers in real time hence bringing new taste in the country's marketing industry whereby companies will be able to see more value in their expenditure.

She said The Active will ensure that companies that are working with, get duo-

visibility on all the activities that are carried out on the ground while customers will be able to share feedback on products and services.

"The aim of Active media is to connect brands where consumers actively connect with sports and entertainment as an anchor, ultimately providing value to our partners," Muia added while noting that some of the clients that will benefit from the platform include Unilever through its products OMO and Vaseline; Zantel and Vimto.

The Active Media spokesperson, Clayton Revocatus said the platform will be useful for the companies will get direct feedback from consumers and use such information to improve products and services.

"My job is to creatively communicate on services and products from our clients on-board and customers will have room to share their feedback based on what we have at that time," Revocatus said. The platform is on YouTube and Instagram with more than two million subscribers.



DCB Commercial Bank Plc's chairman of the board of directors, Maharage Chande (2nd L), with managing director, Godfrey Ndalaha (L), vice chair Zawadia Nanyaro and retired board chairman, Professor Lucian Msambichaka (2nd-R) and legal director Regina Mduma during the recent launch of a new logo in Dar es Salaam.

MILESTONE

DCB Bank chief says digitisation paying off in the market

By Francis Kajubi

DCB Commercial Bank Plc's digitization initiative is proceeding well with active customers uptake of its digital products and services.

In a statement to the media on Friday, the bank's Managing Director, Godfrey Ndalaha said customers' uptake of its digital products

and services has been encouraging so far because many people are transacting online other than going to physical branches.

"Digital platforms are the bank's best way of delivering financial services to both our customers and non-customers. In our strategies, we have been investing in digitizing the bank and the initiative is paying

off," Ndalaha said.

He paid tribute to newly appointed Tanesco Managing Director who is also DCB's Board Chairman Maharage Chande and Vice Chairperson, Zawadia Nanyaro who was also appointed as board member of the state utility company, as having being played a key role in the bank's transformation. "We congratulate

our leaders for their recent appointments and wish them success. The bank's strategic plan for the past five years has been completed. Last December the bank's management and board of directors discussed and approved a new five-year strategic plan outlining the new vision for success," he said.

This new strategy is focusing on

DCB investing heavily in digitization to increase customer numbers by covering a bigger part of the country especially in rural areas. "We want to provide the best cost-effective creative services in the digital field and continue to add value to investments in order to maximize revenue for shareholders," Ndalaha noted.

INCENTIVE

Treasury seeks Sh1bn subsidy for KTDA farmers as fertiliser price rises

NAIROBI

The Treasury is processing Sh1 billion to offer fertiliser subsidy to farmers affiliated to Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) following a sharp rise in cost of the commodity.

Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Peter Munya said they requested the fund to help farmers afford the essential input. The local price of fertiliser, pushed by rising international prices, has risen to Sh3,073 for a 50-kilogramme (kg) bag, a 54 percent increment compared with the previous season.

"KTDA through my ministry has requested the government for fertiliser subsidy amounting to Sh1 billion, which will reduce the cost by Sh600 to Sh2,473 per 50kg bag," said Mr Munya. "The request is currently being processed by the National Treasury," added Mr Munya.

The small scale tea farmers had to content with the lack of subsidised fertiliser from KTDA last year after its importation was affected by outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic that impacted on global logistics chain that was characterised with a shortage of shipping containers. KTDA suspended the importation of the inputs last year and even refunded farmers Sh1.3 billion it had earlier deducted from their pay.

The move saw farmers procure the input for their crop from local dealers at a relatively high cost of up to Sh3,000 for a 50 kg bag as compared to Sh1,700 to Sh2,000 that they pay when they are being supplied by the tea Agency.

The tea agency imports the fertilisers from Europe, mainly Russia by direction from the Ministry of Agriculture. A ship loaded with 65,000 tonnes of fertiliser (1.5 million bags of 50kgs) docked at the Port of Mombasa for distribution to out-growers across the country recently.

China is sending shockwaves through SA markets

CAPE TOWN

The country's benchmark equity index has posted its worst quarter since the first three months of 2020 amid concern about an energy crunch weighing on China's economic growth and Beijing's regulatory crackdown on key sectors including technology. China is the biggest buyer of South African raw materials.

With the 18-month rally in industrial metals on shaky ground, and the Federal Reserve poised to start scaling back stimulus, investors are preparing for more volatility in the FTSE JSE Africa All Share Index.

"The key value drivers, in terms of the currency and the commodity bull market, are weaker than they were a year ago," said Peter Brooke, the Cape Town-based head of macro solutions at Old Mutual Investment Group, which oversees about \$40 billion. "We have a big chunk of our markets linked to China." These charts illustrate how China's troubles are weighing on South African stocks:

The Africa All Share Index slipped 3% in the first quarter – or more than 8% in dollar terms – and extended the decline on Friday.

OPTIMISM

Global airline bosses to chart future of travel at 'milestone' aviation summit

GENEVA

Global airline chiefs will gather in person for the first time in two years at their annual industry meeting, signalling a rebound from the disastrous effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, to discuss pressing issues from charting a post-crisis recovery path to tackling growing environmental pressures.

The industry's bosses will converge in Boston on Sunday to reflect on an aviation landscape ravaged by the worst crisis in its history and trace the future of travel in a post-Covid era. At the top of their agenda will be the challenges of reducing carbon emissions, restarting global travel while mitigating Covid-19 health risks, eco-friendly technologies such as hydrogen-powered planes and progress on improving the persistently-low levels of diversity in senior ranks.

The International Air Transport Association's 77th Annual General Meeting will be held from October 3 to October 5 alongside the World Air Transport Summit, after it was



Willie Walsh, director general of IATA.

postponed in June and held online in 2020. "This year's AGM is expected to become one of the most symbolic and significant in-person gatherings of global aviation leaders in history," Linus Bauer, founder and managing director of Bauer Aviation Advisory, said. "The 77th AGM will mark a milestone on the flightpath to a brighter future in the post-pandemic era. The in-person interaction is undoubtedly

essential in driving business opportunities, tackling current issues in aviation and in sparking innovation."

The three-day summit will reveal IATA's latest economic forecast for the industry's losses this year and the latest projection of recovery to pre-crisis levels. In April, IATA predicted industry losses of \$47.7 billion in 2021, an improvement on last year's \$126.4bn deficit. The

summit will also explore air passenger and cargo trends, key indicators of consumer confidence and world trade as the global economy recovers.

The gathering of some 100 aviation chief executives will be the first in-person AGM with IATA director-general Willie Walsh since he took the helm in April. The meeting will set an example to encourage the return of business travel that continues to lag behind leisure trips, analysts say.

"It's important for the industry to support the wider return of conferences which are an important market for the airlines," John Grant, chief analyst at data specialist firm OAG, said. "They can hardly bemoan the slow recovery of the MICE [meetings, incentives, conventions and exhibitions] market if they don't hold their own event." Air travel demand is currently in better shape compared to 2020 as rising vaccine and testing levels worldwide encourage more governments to reopen their borders.

The US reopening to international travellers will also boost the lucrative transatlantic market and provide much-needed relief to cash-strapped airlines. "There are some really posi-

tive signs, particularly the imminent opening up of the Europe-US market, but nevertheless there's a long way to go before getting close to any broad normality," aviation consultant John Strickland said.

However, developed countries have better access and faster roll out of vaccines than developing economies, which has led to an uneven global economic growth and affected the shape and pace of airlines' recovery. "For any meaningful aviation recovery to take place and be sustained, there has to be a rapid and equitable roll out of vaccines in all countries, something which is currently far from the reality," Mr Strickland said.

The International Monetary Fund in July forecast global economic growth of 6 per cent in 2021 and 4.9 per cent for 2022. The fund also warned of an uneven recovery and downgraded its growth outlook for emerging market and developing economies because of the unequal access to vaccines and the emergence of Covid-19 variants.

"The aviation industry is a barometer for the global economy and developing markets are a challenge for airlines," Mr Grant said, pointing to

the low vaccine rates in Africa and ensuing complications of flying internationally.

OAG expects global airlines' capacity to be only 10 per cent to 15 per cent more than last year with travel demand "still very soft", making this year only slightly better than 2020, Mr Grant said. The industry is healthier now than in 2020, but it "isn't healthy enough to leave the intensive care unit yet," Mr Bauer said.

In August, total demand for air travel (measured in revenue passenger kilometers or RPKs) was down 56 per cent compared to August 2019, and slowed down from 53 per cent in July, according to IATA's monthly report.

"August results reflect the impact of concerns over the Delta variant on domestic travel, even as international travel continued at a snail's pace toward a full recovery that cannot happen until governments restore the freedom to travel," Mr Walsh said.

As we plan for the industry recovery from Covid-19 and address critical climate change issues, the in-person discussions and debates among the industry's top leaders and stakeholders will be particularly significant

BULLISH

Coal surges to record high global scramble for energy accelerates

LONDON

Coal prices soared to their highest on record as China accelerated a global struggle for resources that's brought the dirtiest fossil fuel roaring back.

High-quality thermal coal loaded on ships at Newcastle port in Australia surged to \$203.20 a ton, breaking the previous record set in July 2008. That's the benchmark price for Asia, the world's largest market for the fuel by far.

The rally comes during a global energy crunch that's hitting China, the world's biggest coal producer and consumer, especially hard. And as gas prices spike higher in Europe, there's been a resurgence in demand for the fossil fuel that the continent's policy makers have long been trying to phase out. Still, there isn't enough coal to go around. A German electricity producer closed one of its plants recently after it ran out of the fuel.

Earlier this week, Chinese Vice Premier Han Zheng ordered state-owned energy giants to secure fuel supplies for winter at any cost. China consumes and mines half the world's coal, and it's also the largest importer. The government told miners to keep digging even if they've exceeded their annual quota.

Prices for thermal coal tracked by IHS Markit and Argus have surged since late 2020 as demand rebounded from the depths of

the pandemic and with substitute fuels like natural gas becoming more expensive. The emissions-heavy fuel is back in vogue just weeks before nations gather in Scotland for the COP26 summit on climate change.

Supply issues also boosted prices. China has struggled to raise output amid tighter safety controls following fatal accidents, while torrential rains, labour problems and transportation bottlenecks hampered exports from countries such as Indonesia, Australia, Colombia and South Africa, among others. The Newcastle coal benchmark could average \$190 a ton from October to December, Goldman Sachs Group said in a note in September.

The gains come as the world plans to shift away from the emissions-intensive fuel in favour of renewable sources that will help reach net-zero targets. Even China aims to start reducing domestic consumption by 2026, and President Xi Jinping pledged to stop building new coal-fired power plants abroad.

In the short term, demand in key nations is proving resilient. Thermal power generation in China was 14% higher in the year through August than in the previous two years. Demand in 2022 could be marginally higher than this year, potentially rising 1%, said Shirley Zhang, a coal analyst with Wood Mackenzie.



A bulldozer operates on a coal mound at the Alpha Natural Resources Mammoth Preparation Plant in London.



ITV

SATURDAY 18 Sept

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:00 Habari
8:00 Al Jazeera
9:00 Watoto Wetu
10:00 Shika Bamba 5
10:30 Mjue Zaidi rpt
11:15 Chetu ni chetu rpt
12:00 Hawavumi lakini wamo
13:00 Usafiri Wako
13:30 Shamba lulu
14:00 Jagina
14:30 Korean drama rpt: Jumong
16:00 Igizo rpt: Mizengwe
16:20 Igizo: Rebeca
17:00 Shamsam za Pwani
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:30 Kipindi Maalum: Huru Talk Show
19:00 Jungu Kuu
19:30 Shika Bamba
20:00 Habari
21:00 Igizo: Rebeca
21:30 Art and lifestyle
22:00 Soap: Uzalo
22:45 Hawavumi lakini wamo
23:45 Soap: Uzalo rpt
01:15 DWTV

SUNDAY 19 Sept

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:00 Habari
8:00 Al Jazeera
09:00 Watoto Wetu
10:00 Soap: Uzalo rpt
11:35 Bongo Movie rpt:
14:00 Tamasha la Michezo
15:30 Mwangaza
16:30 ITV Top 10
17:20 Kipindi cha kikristo
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Mapishi
18:30 Matukio ya wiki
19:30 Igizo: Rebeca
20:00 Habari
21:00 Kipindi maalum: Biko
21:10 Mizengwe
21:30 Mjue Zaidi
22:15 Bongo Movie:
00:05 Al Jazeera

MONDAY 20 Sept

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
8:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30 Soap: Uzalo
9:55 Habari za saa
10:00 Watoto Wetu
10:30 Mjue Zaidi
13:45 Art and Lifestyle rpt
13:55 Habari za saa

14:00 Art and Lifestyle rpt
14:15 Makala Maalum
14:55 Habari za saa
15:00 Meza Huru
16:30 Watoto Wetu
17:00 The Base
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:10 Albu yako rpt
18:15 Mapishi rpt
18:30 DWTV: Kesho leo
19:00 Afya ya Jamii
19:30 Soap: Uzalo
20:00 Habari
21:05 Dakika 45
22:00 Kipindi Maalum: Bundesliga na DW
22:15 Makala Maalum
23:00 Habari
23:30 The Base
00:30 Al Jazeera
02:00 DWTV

TUESDAY 21 Sept

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
8:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30 Soap: Uzalo
9:55 Habari za saa
10:00 Watoto Wetu rpt
10:25 Kipindi Maalum rpt: Tanzania Yetu
10:55 Habari za saa
11:00 The Base rpt
11:55 Habari za saa
12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Afya ya Jamii
12:55 Habari za saa
13:00 Ripoti Maalum rpt:
13:40 Shika Bamba rpt
13:55 Habari za saa
14:00 Shika Bamba rpt
14:15 Makala Maalum
14:55 Habari za saa
15:00 Meza Huru
16:30 Watoto Wetu
17:00 The Base
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:10 Yu wapi
18:15 Igizo: Mizengwe rpt
18:30 Uchumi na biashara
19:00 Jarida la wanawake
19:30 Soap: Uzalo
20:00 Habari
21:00 Kipindi Maalum: NSSF
21:15 Kipindi Maalum: Tanzania Yetu
21:45 Chetu ni chetu
22:25 Makala Maalum
23:00 Habari
23:30 The Base
00:30 Al Jazeera
02:00 DWTV

WEDNESDAY 22 Sept

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
8:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30 Soap: Uzalo
9:55 Habari za saa
10:00 Watoto Wetu rpt
10:30 Uchumi na biashara rpt
10:55 Habari za saa

11:00 The Base rpt
11:55 Makala Maalum
12:00 Habari za saa
12:30 Al Jazeera
12:55 Jarida la wanawake rpt
13:00 Dakika 45 rpt
13:45 Jagina rpt
13:55 Habari za saa
14:00 Jagina rpt
14:15 Makala Maalum
14:55 Habari za saa
15:00 Meza Huru rpt
16:30 Watoto Wetu
17:00 The Base
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Mapishi
18:30 Ijue Sheria
19:00 Kipindi Maalum: TMDA
19:30 Soap: Uzalo
20:00 Habari
21:00 Albu Yako
21:05 Kipindi Maalum: Tanesco
21:35 Ripoti Maalum
22:30 DWTV: Kesho Leo
23:00 Habari
23:30 The Base
00:30 Al Jazeera
02:00 DWTV

THURSDAY 23 Sept

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
9:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30 Soap: Uzalo
9:55 Habari za saa
10:00 Watoto
10:30 Shamba lulu rpt
10:55 Habari za saa
11:00 The Base rpt
11:55 Habari za saa
12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Ijue sheria rpt
12:55 Habari za saa
13:00 Shamsam za Pwani rpt
13:55 Habari za saa
14:00 Kipindi Maalum rpt: NSSF
14:15 Makala Maalum
14:55 Habari za saa
15:00 Meza Huru
16:30 Watoto Wetu
17:00 The Base
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Mapishi rpt
18:30 Jagina
19:00 Usafiri wako
19:30 Soap: Uzalo
20:00 Habari
21:00 Matumboano ya hoja
23:00 Habari
23:30 The Base
00:30 Al Jazeera
02:00 DWTV

FRIDAY 24 Sept

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

9:55 Habari za saa
10:00 Watoto Wetu rpt
10:30 Usafiri wako rpt
10:55 Habari za saa
11:00 The Base rpt
11:55 Habari za saa
12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Kipindi Maalum rpt: Tanesco
12:55 Habari za saa
13:00 Kipindi Maalum: TMDA rpt
13:30 Igizo: Rebeca rpt
13:55 Habari za saa
14:00 Igizo: Rebeca rpt
14:15 Makala Maalum
14:55 Habari za saa
15:00 Meza Huru
16:30 Watoto Wetu
17:00 The Base (DJ Show)
17:30 Kisiam
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Chetu ni chetu rpt
19:00 Shamba lulu
19:30 Soap: Uzalo
20:00 Habari
21:05 Kipima Joto
23:00 Habari
23:30 The Base
00:30 Al Jazeera
02:00 DWTV

SATURDAY 25 Sept

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:00 Habari
8:00 Al Jazeera
9:00 Watoto Wetu
9:30 Shika Bamba 5
10:30 Mjue Zaidi rpt
11:15 Chetu ni chetu rpt
12:00 Hawavumi lakini wamo
13:00 Usafiri Wako
13:30 Shamba lulu
14:00 Jagina
14:30 Korean drama rpt: Jumong
16:00 Igizo rpt: Mizengwe
16:20 Igizo: Rebeca
17:00 Shamsam za Pwani
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:30 Kipindi Maalum: Huru Talk Show
19:00 Jungu Kuu
19:30 Shika Bamba
20:00 Habari
21:00 Igizo: Rebeca
21:30 Art and lifestyle
22:00 ITV TOP 10
22:45 Hawavumi lakini wamo
23:45 Soap: Uzalo rpt
01:15 DWTV

SUNDAY 26 Sept

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:00 Habari
8:00 Al Jazeera
09:00 Watoto Wetu
10:00 Soap: Uzalo rpt
11:35 Bongo Movie rpt:
14:00 Tamasha la Michezo
15:30 Mwangaza
16:30 ITV Top 10
17:20 Kipindi cha kikristo
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Mapishi
18:30 Matukio ya wiki
19:30 Igizo: Rebeca

20:00 Habari
21:00 Kipindi maalum: Biko
21:10 Mizengwe
21:30 Mjue Zaidi
22:15 Bongo Movie:
00:05 Al Jazeera

CAPITAL

Sat 25 Sept

08:00 Al Jazeera
09:00 Rev rpt
09:30 Turning the Spotlight rpt
10:00 Culinary delight rpt
10:30 Innovation rpt
11:00 Out n' about rpt
11:30 Sports Gazette rpt
12:00 Shamba Lulu rpt
12:30 EcoAfrica rpt
13:00 Business edition rpt
13:30 Korean Drama rpt: Emperor of the Sea
14:30 Telenovela rpt: Lover her to death
17:15 Tanzania Yetu rpt
17:45 Bundesliga kick off
18:15 Capchat rpt
19:15 Mizengwe
19:30 The Decor
20:00 Korean Drama: Emperor of the Sea
21:00 Out n' About
21:30 Movie : Love Happens (tape no:3785)
23:00 Series rpt: Beats of Love
01:00 Al Jazeera

Sun 26 Sept

08:00 Al Jazeera
09:00 In good shape
10:00 Capchat rpt
11:00 Sports Gazette rpt
11:30 Korean Drama rpt: Emperor of the Sea
12:00 Jagina rpt
12:30 Bundesliga Kick Off rpt
13:00 In good shape rpt
13:30 Series rpt: Beats of Love
15:15 Albu yako
15:30 Rev rpt
16:00 Dakika 45 rpt
16:45 Mizengwe rpt
17:00 The Decor rpt
17:30 Meza Huru
19:00 Turning the Spotlight rpt
19:30 Cookery pgm: Culinary Delights
20:00 Korean Drama: Emperor of the Sea
21:00 Dw News Africa
21:30 Capchat live
22:15 Telenovela rpt: Lover her to death
00:00 Al Jazeera

WORLD

UK 'to abolish quarantine for almost all countries'

THE UK will abolish quarantine for almost all countries, the Sunday Telegraph reports, citing sources.

The current "red list" of 54 countries will be slashed to as few as nine. The changes, that are expected to be announced on Thursday, will allow travelers to visit those countries without having to self-isolate on their return.

South Africa, Brazil and Mexico are expected to be opened up to quarantine-free travel in time for the October half-term break for schools.

Nicaragua

Nicaragua has authorized two Cuban-made coronavirus vaccines to be used in the Central American nation, the Cuban state-run pharmaceutical corporation BioCubaFarma said on Saturday.

Cuban scientists have developed three vaccines against COVID-19, all of which are waiting to receive official recognition from the World Health Organization.

BioCubaFarma said on Twitter that the Health Regulation Authority of Nicaragua's

Health Ministry authorized the Abdala and Soberana vaccines for emergency use.

Nicaragua's government did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Cuba is the first country in Latin America and the Caribbean to successfully develop a coronavirus vaccine.

Romania

Thousands of protesters marched in Romania's capital against new restrictions amid a surge in infections that reached a record on Saturday, the Associated Press reported.

As intensive-care units reach capacity, the country will require masking in public, cut restaurant capacity in half and close stores at 10 pm.

Protesters in Bucharest, organized by the far-right AUR party, blocked traffic and said proof-of-vaccination certificates were signs of dictatorship.

Romania has one of Europe's lowest vaccination rates, with almost 29 percent of people receiving at least one dose. That compares with an EU average of 67.7 percent, according to the



Travelers arrive at Heathrow's Terminal 5 in west London on Aug 2, 2021 as quarantine restrictions ease. AFP

Bloomberg Vaccine Tracker.

Russia

Russia registered 25,219 new coronavirus cases in the past 24 hours, the largest daily number since July 16, the government's task force in charge of fighting the illness said.

Meanwhile, the country's health chief said all the barriers to register Russia's Sputnik V COVID-19 vaccine with the World Health Organization have been cleared and only some paperwork remains to be completed.

The Sputnik V shot, widely used in Russia and approved for use in over 70 countries, is undergoing a review by the WHO and the European Medicines Agency. Their approval could open up new markets for the shot, especially in Europe.

Russian Health Minister Mikhail Murashko said on Saturday that the company which is dealing with Sputnik V registration at WHO

only "has to sign a few documents, submit a few additional papers".

The WHO said in July its review of how Russia produces the Sputnik V vaccine had found some issues with the filling of vials at one plant. The manufacturer said it had since addressed all of the WHO's concerns.

US

US President Joe Biden marked the "painful milestone" of 700,000 US deaths from COVID-19, saying it's a reminder for Americans to get vaccinated. He said "we must not become numb to the sorrow."

"On this day, and every day, we remember all those we have lost to this pandemic and we pray for their loved ones left behind who are missing a piece of their soul," Biden said in a statement. "As we do, the astonishing death toll is yet another reminder of just how important it is to get vaccinated."

Agencies

Western media bias against China deplorable, dangerous

BEIJING

FOR years, the unspoken truth about Western media is that their veneer of objectivity has come off a long time ago. While touting themselves as the epitome of trustworthiness and honesty, some media practitioners in the West have no qualms about propagating lies against China.

As the coordinated anti-China smear campaign is gaining steam, more intrepid journalists with a conscience are calling it out despite the tremendous pressure to silence them.

In one of the most scorching rebukes against Western media's manipulation of the public opinion against China, Javier Garcia, head of the of-

fice of the EFE News Agency of Spain in Beijing, announced earlier this week that he would soon leave journalism, as the flagrant information manipulation by Western media "has taken a good dose of my enthusiasm for this profession."

The departure of journalists like Garcia is a giant loss to the industry, which is in dire need of introspection. For those who choose to stay and disagree with the highly biased and distorted reporting on China, they are usually confronted with a monolithic propaganda structure in the West to ignore, silence and discredit them.

The past few years have seen a lot of deplorable cases where anyone who dared to



Photo taken on April 20, 2021 shows the White House in Washington, DC, the United States.

maintain objective and impartial positions on China were accused of being on the payroll of the Chinese government or even worse.

While they are working ardently to suppress impartial information and hoping it to pay off, some media in the West, especially in the United

States, should expect that the chickens will come home to roost, as their own political order is at risk.

Even James Murdoch, son of right-wing media mogul Rupert Murdoch who owns FOX News, castigated US media for amplifying disinformation that successfully sowed falsehoods.

"Those outlets that propagate lies to their audience have unleashed insidious and uncontrollable forces that will be with us for years," he told the Financial Times shortly after the US Congress riot in early January.

For those Western media who are still slandering China's peaceful development, it is time for them to think twice.

Xinhua

Duterte says daughter running for president in 2022 polls

MANILA

PHILIPPINE President Rodrigo Duterte's daughter would run for president in next year's election and her father's long-time aide, who filed his vice-presidential candidacy, would be her running mate, broadcasting firm ABS-CBN news reported late on Saturday.

Sara Duterte-Carpio is currently mayor of Davao, the Philippines' third-largest city, and filed on Saturday to run for mayor again. She has previously said she would not run for national office next

ABS-CBN news based its report on an interview that Duterte had with a broadcast journalist right after he announced that he was retiring from politics while accompanying his closest loyalist, Senator Christopher "Bong" Go,

who filed his vice presidential candidacy.

He was asked: "So is it clear, Sara-Go?"

"It is Sara-Go," Duterte said in response.

When asked to confirm what the president said, Duterte-Carpio's spokesperson, Mayor Christina Garcia Frasco told Reuters: "The extent of my knowledge is also what was reported in local news. We have no comment on the same." Go did not immediately respond to a Reuters request for comment.

ABS-CBN news said it obtained permission from the broadcast journalist to use the video showing Duterte outside a hotel in Manila where the registration of candidates was taking place, and that a transcript was also provided.

In the same clip, Duterte



In this Sept 3, 2018 photo, the President of the Philippines Rodrigo Duterte looks on as he signs the guest book next to his daughter Sara Duterte-Carpio (left) during his visit to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial museum in Jerusalem commemorating the six million Jews killed by the German Nazis and their collaborators during World War II. AFP

was asked when his daughter would file her candidacy for president, he said: "I really do not know. I do not have any idea at all".

Asked if he had given his daughter permission to run for president, he said: "Ah, no, actually we don't talk about

politics, ever since we never talk about politics. I would say that it is for the better," Duterte was quoted as saying.

Duterte, 76, said on Saturday he was retiring from politics, a surprise move that fueled speculation he was clearing the way for a presi-

dential run by his daughter.

He had been expected to run for the No 2 job, a plan most Filipinos oppose as violating the spirit of the constitution which sets a one-term limit for the president to stop power being abused.

Duterte-Carpio's mayoral re-election filing, did little to douse speculation she has her eye on the presidency.

Political analysts were skeptical, noting that last-minute changes were still possible, as in 2015 when Duterte entered the presidential election race at the eleventh hour and won by a huge margin, and Duterte-Carpio, they said, could do the same.

Candidates have until Oct 8 to register, but withdrawals and substitutions are allowed until Nov 15, leaving scope for last-minute changes of heart.

Agencies

Hamas leaders to discuss in Cairo cease-fire, prisoner swap deal with Israel - official

GAZA

LEADERS of the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) will discuss in the Egyptian capital Cairo on Sunday for a cease-fire in the Gaza Strip and a possible prisoners' swap deal with Israel, a senior official said on Saturday.

Yahya Sinwar, leader of Hamas in the Gaza Strip, tweeted that he will join a Hamas delegation headed by the movement's politburo chief Ismail Haniyeh that will go to Cairo on Sunday to meet with senior Egyptian security intelligence officials.

"The talks with the Egyptian officials will handle the issue of the cease-fire and the issue of a prisoners' swap deal that might be reached between the Palestinian factions and Israel," Sinwar added.

On May 10, Israel waged a military offensive on the Gaza Strip that lasted for 11 days in response to the launching of rockets towards Israel. The offensive ended after Egypt and other mediators brokered a cease-fire between Israel and Hamas-led militants.

Since then, the Egyptian-brokered cease-fire between Israel and Hamas had been fragile and was violated several times by militants who fired rockets and activists who launched incendiary balloons towards Israel.

In response, Israel carried out airstrikes on militants' facilities and posts, most of which belong to the armed wing of Hamas.

A few days ago, Hamas leaders said they presented to the Egyptian side a roadmap for reaching a prisoners' swap deal with Israel. They said they are ready to indirectly negotiate a deal with Israel through a mediator.

Algeria recalls ambassador to France for consultations

ALGIERS

ALGERIA has recalled its ambassador to France for consultations after what it called "irresponsible" comments attributed to French President Emmanuel Macron, Algeria's presidency said on Saturday.

"Following comments that several sources attributed to ... Macron, Algeria expresses its categorical rejection of inadmissible interference in its internal affairs," the presidency said in a statement.

"Faced with the particularly inadmissible situation inflicted by these irresponsible remarks, President Abdelmadjid Tebboune decided to immediately recall the ambassador," it said.

The statement said the remarks, which have not been denied by French authorities, are harmful to Algerian martyrs who fought for independence from France, without giving details.

"Those remarks are an intolerable attack on the memory of martyrs," it said.

On Thursday, the government said it had summoned the French ambassador to Algiers after Paris decided to slash the number of visas it issues to nationals of Algeria and other countries in North Africa's Maghreb region.

Algeria's foreign ministry described the move, which France said was in response to Maghreb governments' refusal to take back illegal migrants sent home by Paris, as a "unilateral decision of the French government".

Trump asks court to reinstate his Twitter account

By Bloomberg

FORMER US president Donald Trump asked a federal judge to force Twitter to temporarily reinstate his account while he sues to permanently return to the social media network.

Trump's request for a preliminary injunction against Twitter was filed late Friday in Miami, Florida. The Republican, who lost his bid for a second term in office, claims Twitter canceled his account in January under pressure from his political rivals in Congress.

Twitter declined to comment on the filing.

Trump had more than 88 million followers on Twitter. The company kicked him off its platform on Jan 8, two days after a mob of his supporters carried out a deadly attack on the Capitol to prevent President Joe Biden's victory from being confirmed by Congress. Trump used Twitter and other social media platforms to falsely and repeatedly claim that the election had been rigged.

Twitter "exercises a degree of power and control over political discourse in this country that is immeasurable, historically unprecedented, and profoundly dangerous to open democratic debate," the former president's lawyers said in the filing.

Trump also claims Twitter improperly censored him during his presidency by labeling his tweets as "misleading information" or indicating they violated the company's rules against "glorifying violence."



ADHAM Sayed, member of the Central Committee of the Lebanese Communist Party (LCP) said in a recent interview with People's Daily that the Communist Party of China (CPC) has strong leadership and power to unite, which is the most important reason why he firmly believed that China would overcome the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sayed was studying in Wuhan, central China's Hubei province, when the novel coronavirus broke out in the city in late 2019. Although he went through many difficulties because of the pandemic, he was always convinced that China

CPC has strong leadership and power to unite: member of Lebanese Communist Party

would defeat the pandemic, according to Sayed.

The CPC and the Chinese people trusted each other and united against the epidemic, Sayed noted, adding that the Chinese people were certain that the CPC and the government would lead them out of the plight.

Tens of thousands of medical workers came to Hubei province from across China to fight against the epidemic in the front line, and citizens in Wuhan willingly stayed at home to prevent the spread of the virus, Sayed recalled.

Sayed recorded what he saw, heard and felt during the pandemic in his diary, and later published a book titled "Confidence Comes from Effectiveness: A Foreigner's Wuhan Diary". "Wuhan is a heroic city, and the Wuhan people are all heroes. The story of each one of them is enough for writing a single book," he said.

Since 2015, Sayed has studied and lived in Wuhan for six years and witnessed China's constant economic and social progress. He said the changes in Wuhan that go on every day, and the ever-improving infra-

structure in the city is a microcosm of China's development.

Since the country's reform and opening-up, China has lifted several hundred million rural impoverished residents out of poverty, which Sayed considers a remarkable achievement.

The CPC pays close attention to people's wellbeing, adheres to its original aspiration and mission of seeking happiness for the Chinese people and rejuvenation for the Chinese nation, ensures policy continuity, and works generation by generation for its mission to en-

sure a comfortable and happy life for the people, he pointed out. Sayed believes that the century-long development of the CPC is like a grand journey, during which the political party has always marched forward courageously despite hardships and challenges along the way.

The fact that the CPC has maintained vitality and energy is fundamentally because it has always put people first, he said, who added that the reason why China could quickly bring the pandemic under control is that the CPC and Chi-

nese government always make people's lives and health the first priority.

Sayed also noted that the CPC has always pursued theoretical innovations, and CPC members have a strong sense of discipline and responsibility, which serve as an important source of power for the development and growth of the CPC. The CPC guides innovation in practice with theoretical innovations and continuously enriches and develops theories through practice, thus constantly leading its members toward progress.

Today, the CPC has grown into a major party with over 91 million members, and China is playing an increasingly significant role in the international community.

According to Sayed, the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) proposed by China that promotes mutual benefit and win-win results is aimed at establishing a new type of international relations to help countries carry out exchanges and address problems in a cooperative rather than confrontational and violent manner, which offers a new solution to solving international issues.

People's Daily

Pause in Israeli settlement activity in occupied Palestinian territory must become permanent - UN envoy

UNITED NATIONS

UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process Tor Wennesland said on Wednesday that the current pause in Israel's settlement activity in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, must become permanent.

There were no new settlement housing plans advanced, approved or tendered between June 12 and Sept. 27, Wennesland told the Security Council in a briefing.

"I reiterate that all (Israeli) settlements are illegal under international law and that they undermine the prospect of achieving a viable two-state solution in line with UN resolutions, international law and prior agreements.

The pause in new advancements and tenders of plans for housing units in settlements observed during this reporting period must become permanent," he said. He expressed deep concern over the continued demolitions and seizures of Palestinian-owned structures, which have included internationally funded humanitarian projects.

He urged Israel to cease demolitions and evictions and to approve plans that would enable these communities to build legally and address their development needs.

Citing the absence of Israeli-issued building permits, which are almost impossible for Palestinians to obtain, 302 structures were demolished or

seized by Israeli authorities or demolished by their owners to avoid heavy Israeli demolition fees during the reporting period. These actions displaced 433 people, including 251 children and 102 women, said Wennesland.

On July 7, Israeli authorities demolished some 30 structures, of which 17 were provided as humanitarian assistance, in the Bedouin community of Humsa Al Bqai'a in the Jordan Valley.

On July 14, Israeli authorities confiscated at least 49 structures in the Bedouin community of Ras al Tin in the Ramallah governorate. As a result, 84 people, including 53 children and 14 women, were displaced.

On Aug. 11, the Jerusalem Local Affairs Court froze the demolition of several dozen structures in the al-Bustan section of the Silwan neighborhood until Feb. 10, 2022, pending ongoing planning discussions, he said.

On Aug. 2, Israel's Supreme Court held a hearing to consider an appeal request by four Palestinian families facing forced eviction in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in East Jerusalem.

The judges made a proposal, which was not accepted, and the hearing was adjourned with no date to reconvene. There are currently some 970 Palestinians facing eviction in East Jerusalem, he said.

On July 2, some 50 Israeli settler families left the settlement outpost



Tor Wennesland Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process

of Evyatar, illegal also under Israeli law, following an agreement with the Israeli government that the Israeli military would re-establish a presence at the site and a land survey would be conducted to determine land status, he said.

Wennesland also voiced deep concern about the continued settler-related violence in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Across the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem, settler-related violence continued, including reports of armed settlers carrying

out attacks against Palestinians in proximity to Israeli security forces, he said.

On Aug. 17, a 15-year-old Palestinian boy was attacked in the northern part of the occupied West Bank, during which a group of Israeli settlers kidnapped the boy and brutally assaulted him, said Wennesland.

During the reporting period, a total of 102 attacks occurred in which Israeli settlers or other civilians injured 36 Palestinians or reportedly damaged property.

Palestinians perpetrated 193 at-

tacks against Israeli settlers and other civilians in the occupied West Bank, including the throwing of stones, Molotov cocktails, and pipe bombs at civilian vehicles, resulting in 27 injuries and damage to property, he said.

"Israel, as the occupying power, has an obligation to ensure the safety and security of the Palestinian population and to investigate such attacks. I underscore that all perpetrators of violence must be held accountable and swiftly brought to justice," said the envoy.

Xinhua

Russia, US agree to set up two working groups on strategic stability - Russian

GENEVA

RUSSIA and the United States have agreed to set up two working groups on strategic stability issues, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov said on Thursday.

"We agreed to set up two working groups that will address these [strategic stability] issues," he said.

"First, we will have to continue the exchange of signals, rather than questions and answers, which are the core of the work at the current stage. It can be done as the work proceeds.

For instance, today the methodology included responding to questions that each side had sent to the other before," he said, adding that the groups will be tasked to analyze each other's approaches.

"Then, we will see more clearly when it is time for another offline meeting," he noted.

According to Ryabkov, one of the groups will address arms control issues and the other will deal with technical aspects of the sides' nuclear arsenals and "each other's actions" that might have a strategic effect.

"In other words, concepts and theories on the one hand and practical aspects and what the sides have on the other hand," he added.

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Gross ecosystem product of tropical rainforest national park in Hainan exceeds 204.5 billion yuan

THE gross ecosystem product (GEP) of the Hainan Tropical Rainforest National Park in south China's Hainan province, a pilot area of the country's national park system, surpassed 204.5 billion yuan (\$31.6 billion) in 2019, according to research results released on Sept. 26.

GEP, referring to the total economic value of all the final ecosystem products and services supplied by ecosystems to human well-being and economic and social sustainable development, mainly includes the value of material products, regulating services, and cultural services provided by ecosystems.

Li Yide, a research fellow at the Chinese Academy of Forestry (CAF), believes that GEP, which places a price tag on ecosystem products and services and specifies the amount of their economic value, helps people better understand that a sound ecological environment means tremendous wealth for Hainan, home to China's densest, best-preserved, and largest contiguous tropical rainforest.

Besides, the calculation of GEP is an essential precondition for promoting its application in ecological protection incentives, ecological damage compensation, financing for ecosystem product and service development and operation, as well as trade in ecological resource rights.

The calculation of the GEP of the national park mainly requires drawing a map of ecosystems in the region, determining ecosystem products and services to be calculated, collecting data and establishing models, mea-

suring the biophysical value of ecosystem goods and services, as well as pricing them and calculating their monetary value.

During the first step, drawing a map of ecosystems, the national park was divided into different geographical units, each of which was marked with its ecosystem type, tree species, height and crown density, as well as other attributes. Then 19 indexes under the three indicators of material products, regulating services and cultural services were considered in the GEP calculation for the national park.

To obtain these key parameters, the research team conducted extensive field research, with more than 200 fixed sample plots set up, and conducted interviews and questionnaire surveys.

Pricing ecosystem goods and services is necessary for determining their value based on previous surveys.

"For ecological products that haven't entered the market yet, we mainly calculate their monetary value through a surrogate market approach and a simulated market method," pointed out Chen Dexiang, director of the Jianfengling national field scientific observation and research station for forest ecosystem in Hainan under the CAF.

"To put it simply, a surrogate market approach means determining the value of non-marketed ecological goods by replacing them with similar ones with known prices; and by a simulated market method, we price non-marketed goods based on consumers' willingness to pay," Chen explained.



Photo shows wild dragon trees at the Xian'an stone forest in Maorui district of the Hainan Tropical Rainforest National Park, south China's Hainan province. (People's Daily/Wang Chengxian)

The GEP calculation has improved people's ecological awareness. "I never thought the natural environment in my hometown can be so valuable," said Fu Jingka, secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) committee in Qingsong township, Baisha Li autonomous county of Hainan. The township is located in the Hainan Tropical Rainforest National Park.

"We can also try including the total value of ecological products in the comprehensive performance evaluation of the achievements of CPC

committees and governments in promoting high-quality development," Li noted.

Based on GEP, it is also possible to establish a benefit-oriented mechanism for ecological and environmental protection, and encourage local governments in China to establish diversified capital investment mechanisms, and call on social organizations to set up ecological public welfare funds to promote the realization of the value of ecological products, he added.

People's Daily

All barriers for the WHO to certify Sputnik V removed, Russian Health Minister says

GENEVA

ALL obstacles preventing the certification of the Russian Sputnik V vaccine against coronavirus by the World Health Organization (WHO) have been removed, Russian Health Minister Mikhail Murashko said at a briefing in Geneva in response to a question by TASS.

Summarizing the results of his meeting with WHO Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus where, among others, the procedure of including Sputnik V in the list of vaccines recommended by the organization for the Emergency Use Listing for fighting the coronavirus infection was discussed, the Russian health minister said: "The position of the Russian Federation on promoting and registering the Russian Sputnik V vaccine was heard. We have completely resolved all issues to date."

"The applicant company involved in certifying the Sputnik V vaccine with the WHO has to sign a number of documents, submit some additional paperwork - this is an administrative procedure after all - and this will be reviewed," he explained.

"As of today, all the barriers have been removed. So we do not see today any obstacles for further work. And this was confirmed to us by the WHO Director General," the Russian health minister concluded.

Ghebreyesus thanked the Russian health minister for the visit saying the meeting was constructive.

In his Twitter he emphasized that the WHO Emer-



Russian Health Minister Mikhail Murashko

gency Use Listing process for the vaccines against coronavirus was discussed, among others. He thanked Russian health minister for the "visit and constructive meeting," writing "thank you" in Russian.

On September 27, the press service of the WHO in response to a written inquiry by TASS said that the organization was expecting additional information from Moscow to include Sputnik V in the Emergency Use Listing and a delegation of international inspectors could be sent to Russia only upon receiving and reviewing this information. Earlier

this year, the WHO inspected four Russian production sites within the framework of the preliminary evaluation of Sputnik V, publishing remarks on one of them. Another inspection will be possible after the production site makes appropriate adjustments.

To date, the WHO has recommended seven vaccines against coronavirus in the Emergency Use Listing. Additionally, 13 other applications are at the various stages of the review process, including the Russian Sputnik V and EpiVacCorona vaccines.

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LDP new leader Kishida to take office as PM, launch new govt

TOKYO

THE newly elected leader of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party, Fumio Kishida, will take office as the Japanese prime minister yesterday and launch his new government, aiming to promote economic recovery while keeping COVID-19 infections under control.

With the LDP-led ruling coalition controlling both chambers, the 64-year-old Kishida is almost guaranteed to be elected prime minister at an extraordinary parliamen-

tary session yesterday.

The new leader plans to dissolve the House of Representatives on Oct 14, and consequently, a general election is likely to be held on Nov 7, local media reported, citing sources.

Kishida (pictured) has promised to increase middle-class incomes and reduce wealth disparity under his "new form of capitalism", which is viewed as a break from the

"neoliberal policies" that the Japanese government has pursued over the past two decades.

In addition, he said that an economic package worth "tens of trillions of yen" is in preparation to help people and businesses suffering from the COVID-19 pandemic.

His predecessor Yoshihide Suga, who took office last year, announced not to seek re-election last month



amid the public dissatisfaction with his COVID-19 response. As Japan's COVID-19 in-

fections declined recently, and nearly 60 percent of Japan's population received a second shot of the COVID-19 vaccine, Kishida will need to handle tasks of gradually lifting the restrictions on social and business activities and opening the border to foreign travelers.

Kishida plans to finish the lineup of his cabinet on Sunday. In his prospective Cabinet, former education minister Hirokazu Matsu-

no, 59, is set to become chief Cabinet secretary, and former environment minister Shunichi Suzuki, 68, is likely to replace his brother-in-law Taro Aso as finance minister of the country, local media reported.

Kishida also plans to create a new ministerial post for economic security with a responsibility to craft a national strategy designed to end the drain of intellectual property from Japan. It is not known who will take up the post so far.

Agencies



Mecky Mexime

Former senior national team skipper backs coach Kim Poulsen statement

By correspondents Nassir Nchimbi & Ismail Tano

FORMER Mtibwa Sugar and Kagera Sugar head coach, Mecky Mexime, has backed the statement presented by senior national soccer squad 'Taifa Stars' coach, Kim Poulsen, regarding footballers earning his side's call-up.

Poulsen reportedly noted a tendency by prominent local clubs to recruit some of the footballers selected for Taifa Stars and relegate the footballers to the outfits' benches affects the tactician.

The soccer players' lack of playing time in their clubs leads to the footballers' drop in form.

Mexime, former Taifa Stars' captain, who has taken charge of the technical bench at club level in more than 160 games in Mainland Tanzania Premier League, is currently coaching young players at Dar es Salaam's Cambiasso Sports Center.

Poulsen made the remarks a week ago when he announced Taifa Stars' squad that enters the camp today for the ongoing African Qualifiers for 2022 World Cup's fixture against Benin.

The Danish tactician stated he is having a hard time including players who did not have time to play in their respective clubs.

Mexime disclosed: 'It is really difficult to call players who do not have the time to play in their clubs, even though they had to play at Taifa

Stars but the players should exhibit a commitment to convince the clubs' coaches.'

The former Taifa Stars' skipper added that clubs need results, and, to get them, they have to field players who are more committed.

He noted: 'It is difficult to prevent a player from joining Simba SC, Yanga or Azam FC as they pay good salaries so it is a matter of preparing the players to face competition in the respective clubs.'

Fullback, Israel Mwenda, and forward, Yusuph Mhulu, now playing for Simba SC, are among the players that coach Poulsen described as missing out on a place in their current club's starting eleven, as opposed to the period the footballers had featured for their previous sides in 2020/21 season.

The Taifa Stars' coach made it clear that he has not given Azam FC experienced midfielder Salum Abubakar a call-up for Taifa Stars, while calling midfielder, Jonas Mkude, to the 25-man squad.

The senior national team will face Benin in the qualifiers' Group J at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium on October 7 before playing the same opponents in Cotonou in the second leg on October 10.

Coach Poulsen also stated that he plans to call Simba SC striker, Kibu Denis, to his squad, but only until he settles his citizenship issue.

Dewji's resignation, poor run settling Simba SC to 'new normal' mode

By Correspondent John Kimbute

WHAT the fans and pundits have been saying, not quite in unison but in some sort of systematic disquiet, about selling off the two best players in Simba SC is now becoming a reality, though this does not mean that the criticisms they surfaced were right.

There was no error in keeping to the rules of the game and letting go of players who would cost a fortune concerning 'simbanomics' if they had tried to retain them, any more than they could have retained Mbwana Samatta nearly 10 years ago. It is part of the game.

What is also part of the game is that the cash gains notwithstanding, there is a necessary fallout in the game, as it takes a while before other players find their rhythm to fill the gap, either as a matter of their career peak being experienced or as game combinations coming to fruition.

Neither of the two playing edges can be hurried up, which is a gap in fan expectations but the pundits understand the pattern of things - and that is why clubs reach the peak and climb down.

There was a time Italian teams dominated the UEFA Champions League run, then top Spanish clubs, and lately England Premier League sides roar.

This is the pattern one is finding in Msimbazi Street outfit fortunes locally and in the conti-



Mohamed Dewji, who was then Simba SC's Directors' Board Chairman, speaks to reporters in Dar es Salaam recently on the investment he has put in the club. Looking on (L) is the outfit's Chairman, Murtaza Mangungu. Dewji has left his post at the club. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBASC

mental run, namely that there is an upward trend in the Mainland Tanzania Premier League positioning in Africa generally, but we are nowhere near the top as yet, only upper-middle, or lower echelons of the top quarter, etc.

It was said that Simba SC was among the top ten clubs in the CAF Champions League last year and the fans wish that this becomes a continuing status, and fashion this view in wishful thinking like the club had plans of continuing at a high pitch, rules out selling key players. No such plans exist, you balance the books first.

Putting it graphically, one can take Sub-Saharan Africa as having the total reserve of players that premier league sides can choose from, and at times local clubs can reach out farther, depending on connections - like recruiting players

from Brazil in the past and lately from a Moldova Premier League side.

When one has recruited the best players the club can pay for, he settles about building a team out of the lot and if they succeed as well as Simba SC did last year, other clubs will rush to buy there - and times they could even buy out the coach. It is all part of the game and it dispirits the fans, challenges the bench.

In that case, Tanzanian sides are at a higher standing than most neighbours in this part of Africa, with the clear exception of South Africa as we aren't picking their best players, and at any rate, we pick those who can't possibly be recruited abroad.

Similarly, we can only retain players who - after doing well with a champion side or noticed in regional tournaments - find their current em-

ployment the best offer they hold - outside any dreams they would have earlier, as dreaming is free in life. It is the doing that is often impracticable.

What is thus evident is that the fans 'drop a stone on their own feet' by running into tantrums on results, for instance, the poor run where the side lost 1-0 to DR Congo's TP Mazembe, then lost 1-0 to rivals Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, and drew goalless with Musoma upstart premier league hard hitters, Biashara United.

The mood was of such anxiety that has they lost the following league match the situation would have led to a panic, which in Jangwani Street terms would have amounted to riots, but there is greater cohesion at Msimbazi Street club.

All the same, it is not without psychological fallout, with Mohamed

Dewji leaving as club's board of directors chairman to focus on business, retaining his unparalleled role of top investor, letting others run its affairs.

It is unclear if the change will be accompanied by anything substantial in how things are run at the club, for it doesn't add to or subtract from existing investments, but dampens or sharpens the abilities of others to realize their potential - for good or for worse - in club affairs.

Put differently, club organization is now more democratic - meaning, decentralized - where an ally of the top investor leads the board, so it is easier to put a point across to him. But arguably those present can't retain that ardent spirit or persuasion.

For once, ups and downs in how the two archivals perform are likely to lead to fewer leadership scuffles as even the more nefariously traditional Jangwani Street fan club appears to have thrown in the towel, and now accept that GSM Group is appointing club officials, not the 'civilian' leadership reporting to veteran sports academic, Mshindo Msolla.

There may still be some distance to go before they accept the new balance of forces, which makes Msimbazi Street club a bit similar to Jangwani Street club at the moment, where they differ in the cash backup they have.

Club affairs are run by appointed officials, 'faceless' apparatchiks, and not leaders.

Arusha golf prodigy records triple victories

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

YOUNG Arusha golfer Garv Chadha has, once more, been declared the 2021 Arusha Gymkhana Club (AGC) Golf Match Play Champion as he also swept the season's overall Order of Merit accolade.

The AGC Golf Club Order of Merit is used to identify and give recognition to the top-performing amateur and junior golfers who have recorded great success during a particular golf season.

Chadha, who was declared the Double Title Golfer of the Year 2020 and 2021 Match Play Champion, ranked

highest among 113 golfers that participated in the Golf Championship on a league basis, with the top 30 players making it to the Match Play knockout phase.

Trophies for the 2020 AGC Johnnie Walker Order of Merit and 2021 Match Play winner and runner-up were presented to the top golfers at the AGC over the weekend.

It was a double victory for young Chadha, the 2021 Johnnie Walker Match Play Champion, who has also been named the 2020 Double Title Golfer of the Year.

The youngster is also the official winner of the 2020 Arusha Gymkhana Club's

Johnnie Walker-Order of Merit. "I am grateful to my family because without them these achievements wouldn't have been possible," Chadha, who also extended appreciation to the AGC for support, noted.

Murad Jivan emerged runner-up for the 2020 Arusha Gymkhana Club Johnnie Walker Order of Merit.

Riding high, Chadha, the 17-year-old ace golfer happens to be a student at the Arusha Campus for the United World College East Africa (UWCEA), formerly known as International School Moshi (ISM).

"The Arusha Gymkhana runs monthly golf events at the club,

this time however we have just issued prizes to the overall winners of 2020 and 2021 Golf Seasons," the AGC Competition Manager, Niraj Vaghela, stated.

The Arusha Gymkhana Club also organized another tournament, known as 'Johnnie Walker September Monthly Mug', in which Chadha emerged the Division A winner with a 71 net score, followed by Neema Olomi with 73 net.

George Frisby won the Division B category with a 74 net score, while Teji Bansal was runner-up with 74 net.

Victor Manzi (70 net) emerged as Division C winner and he was followed by Theresia Kanini Ndivo (71 net).

BD garners praise for successful organization of RBA League



Tanzania Basketball Federation (TBF) president, Phares Magesa.

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA Basketball Federation (TBF) president, Phares Magesa, has congratulated the Dar es Salaam basketball association for smooth hosting of this season's Regional Basketball Association (RBA) League.

This season's RBA League that came to a close last week had Savio Basketball Club clinching the top honour, beating Army Basketball Club (ABC) in a thrilling best of five series.

The new RBA League champions boasted of, among others, center Hasheem Thabeet, in their team.

The former USA's National Basketball Association (NBA)

League baller's impressive performance contributed to Savio Basketball Club's achievement.

The TBF boss disclosed: "First of all, I would like to start by congratulating the Basketball Dar es Salaam for organizing the tournament with all sponsors, as well as media for making sure the public gets information about this tournament."

"Hasheem's presence has added a lot of motivation to our players and helped them know how to play with a baller of his caliber."

"Now that people have seen the value of basketball, people have started investing in the game."

"In the case of clubs, competition has increased

and many are hoping to get a chance to participate in the Basketball African League and you can't get there until you win Tanzania's National Basketball League."

A 16-point difference enabled Savio to win this season's RBA League with the squad's star baller, Hasheem, emerging as the star of the game.

Savio won the fourth tie of the final, notching a 99-83 victory over ABC that so far posted one victory in the series played at Don Bosco court, Oysterbay.

Hasheem led Savio to the title after scoring 52 points, as well as taking 15 rebounds, providing three assists, and blocking six times.

Savio coach, Evarist Mapunda, despite admitting

to seeing his side face stiff opposition from ABC, pointed out lifting the top honour was not a coincidence.

"We prepared ourselves for the victory, each player recognized his roles and responsibilities on the field and we finally regained Savio's respect in the RBA League, we played more as a team and not as individuals."

The best-of-five final had Savio beginning with an 82-73 win over ABC before the latter overturned the results in the second match with an 82-79 victory over the former.

Savio lined up and won 83-64 in the third match before last week's fourth clash which culminated with Savio clinching silverware.



Benitez's flying start silences Everton sceptics

LONDON

RAFAEL Benitez's appointment as Everton boss was not a popular one with supporters given his past as a Champions League-winning Liverpool manager, but the Spaniard's tactical nous has the Toffees dreaming of European football.

Everton have lost just one of Benitez's first seven Premier League games in charge despite a limited budget due to financial fair-play restrictions and injuries to star strikers Dominic Calvert-Lewin and Richarlison.

A 1-1 draw away to Manchester United kept Benitez's men level on points with the Red Devils and Liverpool and one ahead of Manchester City ahead of the champions' trip to Anfield on Sunday.

United boss Ole Gunnar Solskjaer could afford the luxury of bringing Cristiano Ronaldo, Jadon Sancho and Paul Pogba on as substitutes, while Benitez had to name three teenagers to fill out his bench.

But a point was the least the visitors deserved from a performance that married the defensive organisation Benitez's sides are famous for with a potent threat on the counter-attack.

Everton's goal showed the impact the 61-year-old has had in just a few months in charge.

After an Everton outlay of £240 million (\$325 million) in transfer fees over the past three years, Benitez's spending was limited to £1.7 million to bring in Demarai Gray and Andros Townsend during the transfer window.

At the same time he had to shave down the wage bill with James Rodriguez frozen out before his move to Qatari side Al-Rayyan.

But Gray and Townsend have shone as Everton have taken 14 points from a possible 21.

Gray showed his blend of strength, determination and pace to twice dispossess Fred and set in motion the counter-attack for Everton's equaliser.

Abdoulaye Doucoure is another player transformed by Benitez's arrival and the Frenchman provided his fourth assist of the season by rolling the ball into the path of Townsend for his fifth goal in nine games as an Everton player.

- Townsend form -

Townsend was available on a free transfer from Crystal Palace with his career seemingly in decline but he has been revived by reuniting with Benitez after the pair worked together previously at Newcastle.

"The manager demands the very best. He got the best out of me when I was at Newcastle and he seems to be getting the best out of me again at the minute," said Townsend.

"If I keep working hard, keep listening to the manager, hopefully I can continue getting on the scoresheet."

But for a matter of centimetres Everton could even have grabbed their first victory at Old Trafford since 2013.

Yerry Mina tapped home Tom Davies' cross in the dying minutes but the Colombian had just strayed offside, which was spotted by a VAR check.

Even a point felt like three for Benitez, given the side he had to cobble together due to injuries.

"It is a good draw, mentally like a victory, with the players who aren't playing," said Benitez. "If we have everybody available and continue with the same team spirit, we can win more games."

"Hopefully, we can bring back some players but be sure that we keep the same mentality, the same commitment, the same intensity."

Calvert-Lewin, Richarlison, captain Seamus Coleman and Andre Gomes could return after the international break to bolster a bid to qualify for Europe next season.

That may be beyond a squad punching above its weight, but Benitez could not have asked for a better start to silence any lingering scepticism as to whether he was the best man for the job.

AFP

No Ronaldo heroics as Solskjaer's problems mount at Man United

MANCHESTER, England

NOTHING is coming easily for Manchester United at the moment, and it's making life hard for Ole Gunnar Solskjaer.

Three days after the dramatic late Champions League win against Villarreal, there was another frantic finish at Old Trafford. This time, though, there were no Cristiano Ronaldo heroics and Everton held on for a 1-1 draw in the Premier League on Saturday.

Solskjaer may even count himself lucky to escape with a point after defender Yerry Mina had a late goal ruled out for offside by video assistant referee Stuart Attwell. When Tom Davies watches it back, he'll probably wish he'd gone for goal himself rather than passing to the Colombia international.

Ronaldo, left on the bench along with Paul Pogba and Jadon Sancho, walked off the pitch at full-time muttering under his breath and shaking his head. It is always a gamble to leave out a player of Ronaldo's quality and it didn't pay off.

Solskjaer insisted afterward he had no regrets, saying: "The decision was, for me, the correct one." United have now won two of their past six games and end a run of four straight home matches with one win, one draw and two defeats. It's not about to get any easier for Solskjaer after the international break with the next four league games against Leicester City, Tottenham Hotspur, Liverpool and Manchester City.

Andros Townsend's equaliser for Everton to cancel out Anthony Martial's goal just before the break also means United are without a Premier League clean sheet at Old Trafford since March.



Cristiano Ronaldo came off the bench in the 57th minute, when Manchester United were leading, but was unable to find a winning goal after Everton equalised. (Agencies)

That run of nine games is their worst streak for 50 years, although they have still managed to accumulate four more points than at the same stage last season when they went on to finish second. Football can be a strange game.

"You are sat here a bit disappointed and deflated," Solskjaer said. "We just have to be focused and make sure we use the international break well. Come back with energy again, clear focus and a good mindset. Today we dominated; we just couldn't get that second goal we needed."

"We had 75% possession and got hit on one break that cost us. We lacked that cutting edge to get a second goal. We concede one and that is one too many. Today it was a counter-attack that they throw at us. We were well enough organised -- we should have dealt with it much better."

United are in a spell in which there seems to be danger around every corner. Everton turned up without Richarlison or Dominic Calvert-Lewin, but Old Trafford was still holding its breath every time Rafa Benitez's team crossed the halfway line. Raphael Varane blocked a shot from Salomon Rondon and Aaron Wan-

de Bissaka got in the way of another from Abdoulaye Doucoure. David de Gea needed to be in top form against Villarreal on Wednesday and was needed again here, diving low to his right to keep out Demarai Gray from 20 yards.

Martial's goal, his first in the Premier League since February, came at the right time just before the end of the first half. It was a move to showcase exactly what Solskjaer's galaxy of attacking stars are capable of. Mason Greenwood fizzed a quick pass forward, Fernandes took it with a first touch like a bag of cement hitting a brick wall, and from the layoff, Martial hit the net with a first-time finish. It was as good a goal as United have scored this season -- and all while Ronaldo, Pogba and Sancho watched on from the bench.

These players can turn it on when the mood strikes. The danger, though, is never far away -- even when they are attacking. Villarreal almost scored straight from a United corner on Wednesday and Everton went one better. After being swept from one end to the other, the ball eventually ended up at

the feet of Townsend, who scored and celebrated with a jump and a twist to mimic Ronaldo's "Siiiiuuuu!" celebration. It didn't help that Fred was bullied off the ball twice by Gray in the build-up and the Brazilian lasted only another five minutes before being sacrificed for Pogba.

"We had enough players behind the ball, but we make a couple of bad decisions, which cost us," Solskjaer said. "Those 10 seconds, that counter-attack, we should have dealt with the danger better."

The calls for a new defensive midfielder will only get louder. However, the problems aren't limited to keeping goals out but scoring them, too. Everton arrived having shipped 10 in their past four league trips away from Goodison Park, but apart from one good save from Edinson Cavani's header in the first half, most of Jordan Pickford's work was routine.

In four straight home games against West Ham United, Aston Villa, Villarreal and Everton, United have scored just three times. There are issues to solve at both ends of the pitch.

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Suarez deepens Barcelona crisis, Koeman insists he will continue

MADRID

LUIS Suarez piled more misery on Barcelona by scoring in a 2-0 victory for Atletico Madrid on Saturday but Ronald Koeman insists he has the club's support to continue as coach.

Barca president Joan Laporta had said a few hours before kick-off that Koeman would continue as coach "regardless of the result" at the Wanda Metropolitano, but another limp display will put that commitment to the test over the two-week international break.

Koeman confirmed after the game he spoke to Laporta on Friday night and Saturday morning.

He said he welcomed the clarity over his future, which he believes will benefit the team.

"Clarity is very important, for the confidence of the coach, for the players too, for them to know the coach is still here," said Koeman.

"He has made his decision, as he said this afternoon, so everything is perfect."

Goal scorer Suarez put his hands together and looked up to the sky in what was initially a muted celebration, out of respect for his former club, where he spent six years and scored 198 goals.

"(It was) out of respect, love, for the journey I had at Barca and for the period they're in at the moment, for the fans as well," said Suarez after the game.

But the Uruguayan also made a telephone gesture and appeared to aim it at Koeman, perhaps referencing the



Atletico Madrid's Luis Suarez holds back from celebrating after scoring against his former club Barcelona on Saturday. (AFP)

names under consideration as replacements.

However, it is possible Laporta has found none of them are keen, with Barcelona bottom of their Champions League group and restricted to a spending limit of 97 million euros by La Liga,

only the seventh highest in the division. Barca sit ninth, while Atletico's win takes them level on points with Real Madrid at the top of the table.

- Joao Felix stars - They needed this result too, after a disappointing start to the season that had seen them win only two of their previous five games.

Suarez might take the headlines but it was his partner Joao Felix who was arguably the star of the show, the youngster a menace in the first half and producing one of his best performances in a long time.

Atletico coach Diego Simeone said: "When the first half was over, I went over to Joao and said: 'This is what I need from you. This is what you have to do.'"

It was the first time the Wanda Metropolitano had been full since March 2020 and the noise gave impetus to Atletico early on.

It was Felix's superb touch that created the opening goal, a delightful shift away from Ronald Araujo on the left wing opening the whole pitch up in a moment.

Felix played inside to Suarez, who fired first-time across to Lemar and he finished into the top corner.

For Barca, Philippe Coutinho went close on the volley and Frenkie

de Jong came up just short when stretching for Memphis Depay's header across.

But Atletico were tearing Barca open on the break and Suarez made it two just before half-time.

Depay lost the ball up front and four passes later, Suarez was in, Yannick Carrasco touching to Lemar, who bounced the ball off Felix and fired it right.

With Gerard Pique back-peddling onto the line, Suarez picked his spot.

Coutinho had a chance to pull one back before the hour but Jan Oblak smothered the finish and that was Coutinho's last contribution before being replaced by Ansu Fati.

Antoine Griezmann came on for Atletico too, making his first appearance since leaving Barcelona, nominally on loan, on the last day of the transfer window.

He had a great chance on the break but passed badly, a switch to Angel Correa sent straight out of play.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



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No Ronaldo heroics as Solskjaer's problems mount at Man United

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Taifa Stars enter residential camp ahead of 2022 WC qualifiers against Benin



Taifa Stars' players celebrate a goal netted by assistant skipper, John Bocco, when the squad faced Malawi in an international friendly duel in Dar es Salaam in June. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA'S senior national football team, Taifa Stars, entered a residential camp in Dar es Salaam on Sunday ahead of their upcoming 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifiers' back-to-back matches against Benin.

Local-based players, who had been on duty for their respective clubs in the Mainland Tanzania Premier League, reported to camp on Sunday evening.

The senior national team is expected to hold its first training session of the week today.

Foreign-based players, captain Mbwana Samatta, Morocco-based striker, Simon Msuva, and Israel-based

midfielder, Novatus Dismas, are set to join the camp a few days before the match due to club commitments.

Tanzania is set to resume its 2022 FIFA World Cup qualification campaign during the October international break with a highly-anticipated doubleheader against

Group J rivals, Benin.

Coach Kim Poulsen's side will host Benin's Squirrel at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on October 7 before travelling to the West African nation for their second away encounter of the World Cup qualifying campaign.

The team will not be able

to play in front of its home crowd for now as the game will be played behind closed doors due to COVID-19 regulations.

Taifa Stars currently sit atop the log standings after recording a draw against neighbours, DR Congo, in Lubumbashi in their opening match, before

taking all three points at home following a 3-2 win over Madagascar in Dar es Salaam in early September.

In another Group J game, DR Congo will host bottom-of-the-table Madagascar at the Martyrs of Pentecost Stadium on October 8 before travelling to Madagascar for the return leg three days later.

Goalkeepers: Aishi Manula (Simba SC), Metacha Mnata (Polisi Tanzania), Wilbroad Maseke (Azam FC), and Ramadhani Kabwili (Yanga).

Defenders: Israel Mwenda (Simba SC), Kennedy Juma (Simba SC), Mohamed Hussein (Simba SC), Erasto Nyoni (Simba SC), Dickson Job (Yanga), Bakari Mwamnyeto (Yanga), Lusajo Mwaikenda (Azam FC), Edward Manyama (Azam FC), and Nickson Kibabage (KMC FC).

Midfielders: Meshack Mwamita (Kagera Sugar), Novatus Dismas (Maccabi Tel Aviv, Israel), Mzamiru Yassin (Simba SC), Jonas Mkude (Simba SC), and Feisal Salum (Yanga).

Forwards: John Bocco (Simba SC), Iddi Suleiman 'Nado' (Azam FC), Abdul Suleiman (Coastal Union), Mbwana Samatta (Royal Antwerp, Belgium), Reliants Lusajo (Namungo FC), and Simon Msuva (Wydad AC, Morocco).



Ruvu Shooting FC players leave the pitch shortly after playing a 2020/21 Mainland Premier League clash, which was held at Mabatini ground in Coast Region. PHOTO: COURTESY OF RUVU SHOOTING FC

Mainland Premier League takes two-week break

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

THE 2021/2022 Mainland Tanzanian Premier League's campaign is set for a 13-day break after two rounds of matches played last week.

The league is expected to resume on October 16, with two fixtures taking center stage on that day.

Kagera Sugar will entertain Mbeya City FC while Geita Gold FC will play its first home game against Mtibwa Sugar at Nyankumbu Stadium in Geita.

The new season got underway last week with all 16 teams taking part in the 16 matches played across different venues in the country.

Three fixtures were played yesterday and, following the conclusion of those matches, players that have got call-ups to their respective countries national teams will join up with the teams to resume the international calendar.

The break will pave the way for several World Cup qualifier matches, including Tanzania's doubleheader against Benin.

Azam FC, Simba SC, Yanga, Kinondoni Municipal Council FC, and Kagera Sugar have foreign players, who have been called to report for national team duties.

Azam FC's duo of Bruce Kangwa and Never Tigere have been recalled to Zimbabwe's Warriors fold ahead of the back-to-back World Cup qualifiers Group G games against Ghana on October 9 and October 12.

Another Zimbabwean player at Azam FC, Prince Dube, is not part of the national squad due to injuries.

Simba SC attacking midfielders, Peter Banda and Duncan Nyoni, have been included in the Malawi national team squad.

The Flames of Malawi will host the Elephants of Ivory Coast at Orlando Stadium in Durban, South Africa, on October 8 before travelling to Benin for the return leg three days later.

Striker, Meddie Kagera, is part of the 36-man Rwanda squad that will face Uganda, while Khalid Aucho of Yanga and Taddeo Lwanga of Simba SC are part of the Ugandan squad to face Rwanda.

Rwanda will host the first leg at Regional Stadium, Nyamirambo on Wednesday and then visit Uganda four days later at St. Mary's Stadium, Kitende.

Defender, Bolton Omwenga of Kagera Sugar, and goalkeeper, Faroukh Shikhalo of KMC, were named in the Kenya national team provisional squad for the World Cup Qualifiers against Mali.

Harambee Stars play Mali away, in Morocco, on Thursday, before travelling back for the home match on October 10.

Twiga Stars aim for perfect group stage record in COSAFA Women's Championship

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

ALREADY-qualified Tanzania's senior national women's football squad, Twiga Stars, will be looking to finish the Group B stage of the 2021 COSAFA Women's Championship with a perfect record when they take on South Sudan in their final match at Nelson Mandela Stadium in Eastern Cape, South Africa today.

Twiga Stars became the first team to seal a place in the semi-finals when they defeated Botswana 2-0 in their Group B clash at the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium on Saturday.

Strikers, Donisia Minja and Mwanahamisi Shurua, netted in either half to defeat last season's beaten finalists, Botswana, to give head coach Bakari Shime's side its second consecutive win of the group stage.

Saturday's victory means Twiga Stars will not be caught at the top of the pool as their six points can only be matched but they would be still ahead of both Botswana and Zimbabwe on head-to-head, which is how group positions are calculated in the tournament.

With Twiga Stars already assured of first place, the focus will now be on second-placed Botswana and Zimbabwe when those sides clash today to take one of them to six points and in the running as the best-placed runners-up to also advance to the semi-finals.

South Sudan lost 7-0 to Botswana in their first group game and will be working to avoid a result with the same or worse scoreline in



Twiga Stars' attacker, Donisia Minja (R), jubilates with fellow players when she netted for the team in a 2021 COSAFA Women's Championship clash against Botswana in Nelson Mandela Bay last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF COSAFA

today's game after narrowly losing 2-1 to Zimbabwe in their second match which shows they are learning and improving after the baptism of fire.

The group stage of the COSAFA Women's Champion-

ship has attracted 12 teams and will end tomorrow before the semi-finals are played on Thursday and the final is slated to take place two days later.

Teams have been split into three groups each contain-

ing four teams. They play each other in a round-robin format earning three points for a win and one for a draw.

The teams are using the tournament in building towards the 2022 Women's Africa Cup of Nations

qualifiers that begin this month.

Coach Shime has selected a youthful squad with a blend of experienced players as he looks to use the tournament to prepare against Namibia.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

