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Fitting of CCTVs starts in tanzanite wall perimeter

By Guardian Reporter, Mirerani

TECHNICIANS have started installing CCTV cameras around the 25-kilometre Mirerani wall as part of implementing a series of measures designed to curb smuggling of the rare gemstones.

The mounting of 24-hour surveillance on the perimeter fort that meanders through Simanjiro hills is the second phase of reinforcing security to ensure that the unique gemstone benefits the country.

Minerals minister Dotto Biteko made this observation here on Saturday when inaugurating the Tanzanite Brokers Trading Center, a facility which now operates at the Mirerani Mines entry gates.

"It is not enough to just surround the mines with a wall, but we also need to ensure that all areas within and around the fort are under surveillance around the clock, to ensure that security is guaranteed to traders, miners and the revenue authorities," he further stated.

The surveillance cameras, scanners as well as other safety electronics are

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being installed by Starfix Enterprises, which operates under the contractor Juma Kyando, who was presented with the wall drawing to help him accomplish the task within a month.

The minister also laid the foundation stone for the proposed One-Stop Minerals Trading Center and Export Processing Zone, which is also to be built within the wall perimeter, adjacent to the entry gates.

The facility will entail operations of banking services, security personnel, immigration office, minerals exporting permit issuance, Tanzania Revenue Authority outlet as well as polishing bureaus for gemstones brought in by miners or sold to agents.

A team of officials from the Mining Commission toured the mining quarries in Mirerani Hills of Simanjiro district in Manyara Region late last year and

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Home Affairs minister Kangi Lugola (L) claps alongside CRDB Bank Plc managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela (R) and board chairman Ally Laay at the weekend after inaugurating two classrooms built by the bank at Usa River Primary School in Arumeru District at a cost of 60m/-. The bank also donated 40 desks to the school. Photo: Guardian Correspondent. Story on Page 5

'On any day, 50 pc of teachers are absent'

By Guardian Reporter

NEARLY 50 per cent of all teachers in the country do not perform their duties as required with many abstaining from classes and skipping lessons, a senior government official has said.

Tixon Nzunda, the Deputy Permanent Secretary in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments) made this observation when closing the 'Quality Education Through Expert Teach-

ers System,' program at the Patandi Teachers' College in Meru District at the weekend.

The Ministry of Education, through the Tanzania Teachers Union (CWT) in association with Helvetas Swiss Inter-cooperation, have been conducting a special programme to train 600 Primary School Teachers in Arusha, Manyara and Kilimanjaro regions.

But according to Deputy PS Nzunda, about 12 per cent of all teachers in the country were found to be



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absentees in class, while 37 per cent that are always in school have been found to be inconsistent in teaching their subjects and when they do, it is usually done badly.

"Still, government schools have the best teachers compared to private schools and this type of in-service training will further help to reinforce their capabilities," said Nzunda. The manager in-charge of the just folded up program known as 'Queets,' standing for 'Quality Education Through Experts Teachers

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Zanzibar cuts malaria cases by 94 per cent

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR'S roll-out of community-based interventions free of charge helped cut new cases of malaria recorded in the island's health facilities by 94 per cent between 2003 and 2015, the latest study shows.

Zanzibar, with a population of about 1.4 million, is a high-transmission area for malaria but has made

huge strides in fight against the disease. This makes it a "unique case study" to test prospects for elimination in other parts of Sub-Saharan Africa where malaria is widespread, according to a study published in BMC Medicine recently.

Isles authorities expect to have completely stopped new malaria infections by 2023, on the basis of projections in the Zanzibar Malaria Elim-

ination Programme, but the study is cautious.

Anders Bjorkman, the lead author of the study, says making available tools accessible to all was the key to success. "This study shows greater impact... thanks to better implementation with higher coverage and the fact that all tools for prevention, diagnosis and treatment were free of charge and thus fully accessible," he

explains.

The researchers accessed data from nine cross-sectional household surveys conducted from May to June each year between 2003 and 2015, in two rural districts. They also used vital monthly data from 26 health facilities for the period between 1999 and 2015.

"Human biting rates (by mosquito)

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Ex-Mozambique president's son Ndambi Guebuza is held over graft

MAPUTO

THE son of Mozambique's former president Armando Guebuza was arrested on Saturday in a legal crackdown on suspects linked to a USD2 billion government debt scandal, local media and judiciary sources said.

Ndambi Guebuza, the oldest of Guebuza's four children, was picked up from his home in the capital Maputo.

Maputo-based independent STV channel said he was arrested in connection with a government debt which plunged the country into its worst financial crisis.

"He is one of the eight arrested by order of the Attorney General," a judiciary source who asked not to be named, told AFP.

Mozambican authorities this week arrested seven other suspects, including businessmen and intelligence officials in connection with the debt scandal.

The scandal came to light in 2016, a year after the ex-leader Guebuza left office following a 10-



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year tenure.

It is alleged that while he was still in power, the government in Maputo had taken out loans amounting to USD2 billion to buy a tuna-fishing fleet and surveillance ships, but hid the transaction from Parliament and international donors.

An independent audit found that a quarter of the loan amount was diverted, and unaccounted for.

When the debt was revealed, Mozambique -- which is one of the world's poorest countries and relies on donor aid -- was plunged into the worst financial crisis in its history as donors froze contributions.

The United States alleges at

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least USD200 million was spent on bribes and kickbacks, including USD12 million for former finance minister Manuel Chang, who allegedly signed off the debt.

Chang, 63, was arrested at Johannesburg's O.R. Tambo International Airport on December 29 on a US extradition request over his alleged involvement in the fraudulent loans to state firms. He was denied bail on Thursday.

Ndambi Guebuza, who is a businessman, is alleged to have received USD9.7 million in bribes, according to a US indictment.

Premier calls for establishment of modern palm oil factory

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has directed the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment to establish a modern palm oil factory at Kwitanga prison in Kigoma Region as part of efforts to revamp cultivation of the crop in the country.

Last year, the Premier selected the Kwitanga prison in Kigoma Region to be the national research centre for palm oil cultivation.

Majaliwa expressed satisfaction with the improved cultivation of the crop at the prison, as well as improvements done to its existing palm oil factory. He said installation of the new machine which uses motor will boost production of oil compared to the previous time when the factory was running with manual machines.

Prime Minister is in Kigoma Region for official tour where among other things he inaugurated a new custody building at the Kwitanga prison and a tractor. He also inspected the prison's palm farm.

Majaliwa directed the Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO) to come up with a technology that will help improve processing of palm oil seeds at the factory.

He however, ordered the Ministry of Home Affairs to purchase modern tools for quality harvesting. He said the current harvesting method poses danger to the people since they are required to climb the palm trees to get the seeds.

Kigoma Region head of prison, Leonard Burushi said the Kwitanga prison has increased its palm oil production to 97 barrels in the 2018/2019 from 63.4 barrels produced in the 2016/2017 season.

Burushi attributed the increased production to the directives by Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa in July last year. He said the Premier directed the prison to improve production of palm oil and cultivation of the crop.

He said they have allocated a 20 acres land for construction of a modern palm oil industry, warehouses and expansion of the existing factory.

He said that both prisons, Kwitanga and Ilagala had established new palm farms. "We have more than 150 acres at the Ilagala prison which are suitable for cultivation of palm trees. This year, he said a total of 8,550 palm trees will be planted at Ilagala prison while Kwitanga will plant 22,800 trees at its 400 acres' farm.

During his tour in Kigoma Region in July last year, Majaliwa directed prison officials to expand the farms, increase the number of prison officers with agricultural research skills and replace current palm trees with modern palm tree seeds.



Tanzania Revenue Authority commissioner general Charles Kicheere checks an electronic tax stamp machine when he toured the Tanzania Breweries Limited plant in Mwanza at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Photographer

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discovered a series of loopholes in how the wall perimeter is monitored to prevent smuggling and theft of minerals.

Prof. Idris Kikula, then chairman of the National Mining Commission who led the team, pointed out that there were some brokers who were still

encroaching the quarries, buying gemstones from the artisan miners and then walk out of the gates with the gems undetected.

With the establishment of the brokers' center, it is expected that the problem will be solved, especially as the government is reviewing taxes that artisan miners are supposed to pay for their transactions.

Dustan Kitandula (Mkinga, CCM), the chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Energy and Minerals said the legislature has adopted the motion to scrap Value Added Tax from minerals traders exporting gemstones abroad. All gemstone dealers are in better position to trade without circumnavigating state revenue bodies, the MP had remarked.



Livestock and Fisheries deputy minister Abdallah Ulega (holding fishnet) shows fishnets legally endorsed for use in Tanzania. This was during his visit to Bagamoyo at the weekend. Photo: Halima Kambi

Expelled Somali ambassador arrives in Mogadishu

MOGADISHU

Somali ambassador to Kenya Mohamoud Ahmed Nur alias Tarzan arrived at Mogadishu's Aden Abdulle International Airport early yesterday, media reported.

Nur was expelled by the Kenya government, which also recalled its own envoy to Somalia, Lt-Gen (Rtd) Lucas Tumbo.

The ambassador arrived at Mogadishu's seafont airport together with Somalia's First Lady Zeynab Moalim, who was from a visit to Kenya, and Foreign minister Ahmed Issa Awad.

Awad was reportedly on transit in Nairobi, on his return from Sweden.

The Somalia media further reported that top Mogadishu officials, including

President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed Farmajo, Prime Minister Hassan Ali Khayre, were holding a meeting on the diplomatic tiff with Kenya.

An Indian Ocean maritime territorial dispute between Kenya and Somalia has escalated with claims that Mogadishu had auctioned oil blocks in the contested area.

The two states are each claiming some 62,000 square miles of the Indian Ocean, believed to be rich in oil and gas deposits.

The dispute was presented before the International Court of Justice (ICJ) at The Hague in the Netherlands in April 2014 after dialogue failed.

Politician Musalia Mudavadi has appealed to the international community

to urgently act on the brewing border row between Kenya and Somalia to keep it from escalating.

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ped by the Kenya government, which also recalled its own envoy to Somalia, Lt-Gen (Rtd) Lucas Tumbo.

Mudavadi, leader of Amani National Congress and a principal of the National Super Alliance (ANC), explained yesterday that any escalation of conflict in the region will only lead to more problems for Kenya.

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System,' Donatien Marusu, said the training sessions held at the Patandi Teachers' College in Tengeru Ward took three consecutive weeks with 200 teachers trained per week.

He said the sessions are aimed at formulating special and friendly ways of impacting knowledge to pupils in Arusha, Manyara and Kilimanjaro regions.

Rogath Olotu from Kifumbo Primary School in Kilimanjaro said: "All the subjects were relevant to teaching and helped to build confidence among teachers who in the past were scared of education inspectors' visits. The only thing left is to ensure that lessons are delivered in friendly and easy-to-absorb ways in order to make learning fun and subjects easy to understand among both pupils and teachers."

According to the organizers, the Queets training has directly benefitted 6612 ordinary teachers and 1978 head teachers from 2716 primary schools in the Northern Zone as well as 21 trainers from teachers' colleges.

In total the training has reached 16,418 teachers, with others being taught through 'School Based In-Service Teachers Training' (SITT).

There are also 988,000 pupils who were receiving education through the 'Queets' method.

He said the country was satisfied with 'Queets,' in that it is a cost effective and time saving way of sharpening teachers' skills without them leaving their work places.

A representative from the Tanzania Teachers Union, Reginald Christonsia had earlier stated that CWT has been transformed from the previous association which kept demanding pay rises and inciting protests, into a professional body advocating for its members' development.

HELVETAS, which works with CWT to accomplish the program, is a Swiss-based international network of independent affiliate member organisations working in the field of development cooperation and emergency response.

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toes) decreased by 98 per cent," according to findings reported in the journal. "The total (malaria) parasite load decreased over 1000-fold (99.9 per cent) between 2003 and 2015."

Björkman, a senior fellow at the Karolinska Institute, Sweden, told SciDev.Net that what made the difference in Zanzibar was higher coverage of community-based interventions such as insecticide-treated bed nets and indoor residual spray.

He attributes the recent success to commitment of the Zanzibar government, the National Malaria Elimination Programme and participation by community residents.

But Björkman cautions that mosquitoes have resisted control measures in previous years, so new strategies need to be developed in order to win the fight against malaria and see its complete eradication in Zanzibar.

Anders says his team is embarking on a pilot programme to test new strategies – such as outdoor traps that attract and kill mosquitoes outdoors, and mass use of specially targeted drugs.

Majaliwa calls for production of quality palm seeds

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has directed the agriculture ministry to support the Kihinga Palm Research Centre in Kigoma to enable it speed up the production of quality seeds of the crop.

Majaliwa issued the directives yesterday when he toured the centre to oversee its activities and progress.

The premier who is in an official tour in Kigoma said that the government had decided to revive the pro-

duction of the crop as the country is implementing it's of becoming an industrial nation.

"We are also working to ensure that the country has enough supply of edible oil produced locally.

We have been spending over 600bn/- in importing edible oil, this costs the country a lot," he said.

He said that Tanzania should become among the major producers of palm oil as it is in Costa Rica and Malaysia saying that what is much needed is commitment and investment to ensure that farmers are well and timely

supplied with the seeds.

He wanted the research centre to spend much of its time enlightening farmers on the good virtues of growing palm trees for better produce.

The Prime Minister also inspected a 400 acres palm trees farm at Kwitanga prison where he inaugurated palm tree planting exercise which will be used to encourage other farmers to chip in the activity.

"The government depends much from Kwitanga Prison and Buloborajkt in the production of palm seeds, tress and oil as they are the ones which

own large farmers of the crop," he said.

He also instructed that education on the production of palm trees and oil to be taught in schools so that the kids to grow having the skills in their minds.

For his part, agriculture research coordinator for Tabora and Kigoma regions, Dr Filson Kagimbo said that the available palm trees had the capacity of producing only 1.6 tonnes of palm oil.

He said that more investments are now directed in producing quality seeds which will enable a farmers harvest four tonnes per hectare.

"We are now collecting and reviewing genetic DNA of the available seeds to measure their level of quality.

We will also import more quality seeds from other countries to improve the farming," he added.

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

Despite such a huge potential, the country relies on imported raw materials for producing edible oils and soaps.

Tanzania has more-or-less similar weather conditions with Malaysia from where it imports most of its palm oil.

Malaysia is the world's second largest producer of palm oil while Tanzania is not even on the list of palm oil producing countries.

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

VP lauds Agro-bank for timely addressing sunflower hiccups

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER, SINGIDA

VICE President, Samia Suluhu Hassan has commended the Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) for assisting the smallholder farmers in addressing challenges facing the sunflower growers in the country.

Vice President made the remark when handing over the dummy cheque of loan amounting 1.285 billion/- issued by TADB to seven Agricultural Marketing Co-operative Societies (AMCOS) of sunflower growers in Singida.

Speaking during the handing over ceremony in Itigi township, Manyoni District, VP appealed to loan beneficiaries to utilise fund that aimed to support edible oil production in the country for increasing productivity ultimately to address the challenges of oil shortage in the country.

VP used the opportunity to direct Singida Cooperatives Deputy Registrar to make closer follow up on approved is utilized through the intended purposes and its repayment is made in due time in order for other smallholder farmers benefited from

TADB's concessional loans.

"I appeal to you to utilise the loan according to the terms entered and make timely repayment to enable other farmers in the country to utilize such loans in order to increase our agricultural production," she added.

On her part, Singida Regional Commissioner, Dr. Rehema Nchimbi said the loans will facilitate availability of raw material for 144 processing industries, which are current available in the region. "We are thankful for the TADB for issuing this loan for the seven AMCOS that will increase productivity of sunflower in region ultimately contribute to the availability of our processors' raw materials," she said.

On the other hand, the representative of TADB's managing director, Augustino Matutu Chacha, said that during the 2018/2019 season, the bank approved a total of 3,506 billion/- for Singida Region alone, where 1.285 billion/- is earmarked to 458 farmers under seven AMCOS and remaining 2.221 billion/- for the construction of the Sunflower Factory Plant that will be built in Manyoni District.

"We recognize the Sunflower as one of the most strategic crop for our nation's economy and especially for the most productive regions of the region including the Singida Region," he said.

He added that the sunflower has a great opportunity to integrate the nation into foreign currency and is also a source of employment for over 300,000 people," he added.

He added that the Bank's strategy is to continue to help farmers increase the quality of sunflower production as well as helping local industries obtain raw materials from these farmers produces.

One of the loan beneficiaries, who is a vice-chairman of Singida Farmers' Association, Yahya Ramadhan said that the coming of the Agricultural Bank has brought back the hopes sunflower farmers in Singida, which lost about eight years ago due to lack of funding for the purchase of agricultural input.

"This loan has definitely reimbursed farmers' attention as it guarantees access to agricultural input and timely tools," he said.



Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan presents a dummy cheque for 1.28bn/-, being a Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank loan issued to Singida Cooperative Union at the weekend. Receiving the cheque is the union's deputy registrar, Thomas Nyamba ((2nd-R), as SCU chairman Yahya Ramadhan (R) and TADB officer Augustino Chacha (3rd-R) look on. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Firms sign contract to protect the forests in Tabora Region

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER, MOROGORO

THE Tanzania Forest Services (TFS) has signed contract with a UK based firm- RedCop and Tanzania's Livingway URT Ltd both dealing with carbon trade for protection of forests in Tabora Region.

The project which will cost over 90bn/- (Euros 38 million) will be implemented between 20 and 30 years with purposes of addressing the negative impacts of climate change. The funds will be sourced from different international donors and institutions.

TFS executive officer, Prof Dos Santos Silayo said recently during the signing ceremony between the agency and the companies, held at the Tanzania Forestry Research Institute (TAFORI) in Morogoro Region.

He said the programme to be implemented in Tabora Region is part of the government effort to reduce the causes which leads to climate change. He said the project will also combat the negative impacts of climate change as well as bring development to the people of Tabora.

According to Prof Silayo the project will work closely with stakeholders to ensure successfully identify the opportunities and challenges towards sustainable forest protection and development.

The project will cover 3.6 million hectares of reserved forest, he said.

"We aim at identifying the causes of climate change and enhance forest

protection by benefiting rural communities. Residents will be empowered to establish environmental friendly activities which include construction of factories that will add value to their agricultural products", said Prof Silayo adding the villagers will also be empowered to establish bee keeping projects.

He said agreement is a good start towards enhancing forest protection and boosting the villagers' income.

RedCop marketing director, Bishop Dr Ernest Irungu said they had started working on the project in April 13, 2013 whereas the government was officially informed in 2014.

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Park warden encourages varsity students to regularly visit country's tourist destinations

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa, Iringa

UNIVERSITY and college students have been encouraged to imbibe a culture of visiting the country's national parks to promote tourism sector, which contributes an average of US\$2 billion annually to GDP.

Ruaha National Park, Chief park warden, Izumbe Msindai made the call over the weekend when speaking to a delegation of more than 100 students from different universities and colleges who visited the park of about 20,226 square kilometres, the similar size with New Jersey—a state

in the north-eastern and mid-Atlantic regions of the United States.

The visit is part of the park's efforts to lure more tourists in the southern tourism circuit. Most of the students visited the park are universities of Dodoma, Iringa, Institute of Finance Management (IFM) and Local government Training Institute Hombolo.

He said that it's high time to encourage more students in higher learning institutions to visit the country's largest park which is found in three regions of Iringa, Mbeya and Dodoma.

According to Msindai, the sanctuary is blessed with ten percent of lions species found in the world,

high number of wild dogs together with sable antelope only found in Tanzania.

"There is a need to promote Ruaha National Park as record shows the number of visitors is 25,000 annually, whereby 8,000 are locals and the remaining 17,000 are foreigners. This number is small, hence the needs to promote it remain important if we're to reap more in the tourism sector," the conservator said.

He also encouraged students to visit the park as a part of practical since inside the park there are several caves such as Chief Mkwawa, which were used to hide during colonial era and the historical cemetery of chief of Gogo people (tribe) known as

Mapenza

"As park management, we're working hard to improve and unveil new tourist attractions such as construction of viewing point which enable people to watch various bird breeds on the river crossed at the middle of the park and simplifies the work of cameramen," he said.

For his part, lecturer at the University of Iringa (UOI), Jimson Sanga said: "These students are ambassadors of park's flora and fauna due to fact that the park is made up of miombo vegetation situation welcomed different species of animals."

Miss Ruaha 2018, Linda Samson, who is a student from IFM called

on students in the higher learning institutions to actively engaged in more researches about Ruaha National Park and its challenges like disappearing of some animals species and come up with solutions.

She however pledged to lunch tourist clubs from primary to universities aimed at addressing hiccups facing tourism sector from grassroots level.

"We're currently working on the possibility of launching clubs at the university level with message of promoting southern tourism circuit including Ruaha National Park," she said.

The government is targeting to record two million tourists by 2020.

Tanzania's tourism industry can contribute more to the GDP only if youth including students are actively involved and they are aware of the importance of the sector since their childhood.

Tourism is the largest foreign exchange earner in Tanzania, contributing an average of 2 U.S. billion dollars annually, which is equivalent to 25 per cent of all exchange earnings, according to the government data. It also contributes to more than 17 per cent of the national Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and creating more than 1.5 million jobs, 500,000 of which are direct.

South Korean firm donates water treatment machine worth \$40,000

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

THE South Korean government has donated water treatment machine worth US\$ 40,000 to Landalai village, Oldonyo Sambu Ward in Arumeru District, Arusha Region.

The move aims at getting rid of the fluoride, salt and sanitising water to combat diseases and various physical complication caused by years of consuming the untreated water by villagers.

Speaking on the complications caused by the untreated water in the villages within Arumeru District, the representative of O2&B Company, Seugyun Bahn and Gaudance Kayombo who is the development

stakeholder said villagers are suffering from bone deformation and decayed teeth.

The added that such complications had caused various challenges that have hindered people's ability to participate in productive and development activities posing a threat of increased poverty.

Bahn said the support would help to address the problem and give a relief to the residents in the area.

"Residents of this area will now start new life. People are very happy with this technology of treating water," Kayombo explained.

Villagers hailed the support saying that it was a saviour to the current and future generations, calling on

more development partners to come up with such supports to extend the opportunity to other villages facing the same challenge.

Launching the project in question, the Arusha Region Assistant Regional Administrative Secretary, Emanuel Makaidi said the government will continue to work in collaboration with researchers from within the country and abroad to find a solution to the matter.

The invention of such technologies is a blessing to people living in the northern regions of the country where the problem of fluoride and salt in water had caused a lot of harm in the people's health.



Exim Bank deputy director general Jaffari Matundu elaborates on a point to the bank's customers at reception held in Arusha at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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Amina Sadiki (L) and Halima Ramadhani, fishmongers at Kibirizi market in Kigoma-Ujiji municipality clean fish at the weekend ready to attend customers. Photo: PMO

Porters and tour guides urged to form unions

By Guardian Reporter

DEPUTY Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism Constantine Kanyasu has advised porters and tour guides to form two strong unions that will safeguard their interests instead of having multiple associations as it is the case currently.

Kanyasu also directed tourism companies to pay the porters and tourist guides according to the law after the company claimed that the payments cannot be sustained.

According to the law, tourist guides are paid not less than US\$20 per day while the porter is supposed to be paid not less than US\$10 per day.

The deputy minister also called upon the porters and the guides to issue information on the companies that do not pay them so that they are deregistered for violating the law.

Kanyasu made the remarks during stakeholders meeting when he toured the Mount Kilimanjaro National Park to hear various challenges that are facing the sector.

"There is no way you have all this kind of associations totalling eight doing the same job and then expect good results.

One of the porters, Daniel Maro said they are being under-

paid by some companies where they are given 5000/- to 8000/- per day instead of 20000/- as required by the law.

He said the payments were very small compared to the hardships that they go through and that those who dare to question have been terminated.

In another development, Kanyasu has directed the College of African Wildlife Management (Mweka) to ensure that they distribute the wildlife management syllabus to other colleges such as the National Tourism College and the Vocational Education Training Authority (VETA) to offer opportunities to various people to study the courses instead of the current situation whereby they are forced to study at Mweka College alone.

The minister promised that he will work on the matters and challenges facing them.

Lugola commends CRDB Bank's support for the education sector

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

HOME Affairs Minister, Kangi Lugola has lauded applauded CRDB Bank's efforts to support government's initiatives aimed at improving the learning environment in the country.

Speaking during the handing over ceremony of two classrooms and 40 school desks worth 60m/- donated by CRDB Bank at USA River Primary School in Arumeru District, Arusha Region, Lugola noted that the government was keen on pursuing public private partnerships that will further its goals to provide free education to all Tanzanians.

"This is proof that the CRDB Bank is indeed the Bank that listens. We welcome this gesture and we would like to see more institutions take the same path of funding education," said Lugola.

He added: "We are excited about partnerships that are aimed at addressing educational needs in our country."

The minister noted that the bank's initiatives of building classrooms in various schools in the country is in line with government's efforts to ensure that all children get basic education through free education policy.

The event was also attended by Arusha Regional Commissioner, Mrisho Gambo among other government officials.

Speaking at the event CRDB Bank's board chairman, Ally Laay said that CRDB Bank will continue taking part in social investment activities through its Corporate Social Responsibility Policy, where it gives out 1 per cent of its profit towards supporting communities in the education, health and environment sectors.

"Our aim is to give back in a structured and sustainable manner that ensures the greatest possible impact on the communities. To achieve this, we periodically carry out need gap analysis in target communities to be able to accurately determine areas where our support are most needed," added Laay.

In his remarks, CRDB Bank managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela said the Bank recognises the value of education and life-changing opportunities it brings, hence the reason for supporting President John Pombe Magufuli's initiative in providing free education to all children.

Nsekela told the minister that CRDB Bank has been supporting various education projects including building dormitories, libraries, toilets, school desks, books, as well as providing various educational materials and scholarships to students.

"Last year alone, CRDB Bank spent 413m/- in supporting the education sector which is equivalent to 54 per cent of all corporate social responsibility projects undertaken by the Bank," said Nsekela.

Meanwhile, the CEO donated five motorcycles to the Arumeru District to help strengthening security henceforth ensuring low rate of crime in the district.

Invest in youth to turnaround your economies, Gates tell Africa

By Guardian Reporter

AFRICAN countries can turnaround their economies for the better if they invest heavily in the continent's young population, American philanthropists Bill and Melinda Gates have advised in their 2019 annual letter.

When economists describe the conditions under which countries prosper, the couple writes, one of the factors they stress is human capital, which is another way of saying that the future depends on young people's access to high-quality health and education services.

"Health and education are the twin engines of econom-

ic growth. If sub-Saharan Africa commits to investing in its young people, the region could double its share of the global labor force by 2050, unlocking a better life for hundreds of millions of people," the letter reads.

Girls' education, especially, is among the most powerful forces on the planet, they note, adding that educated girls are normally healthier wealthier.

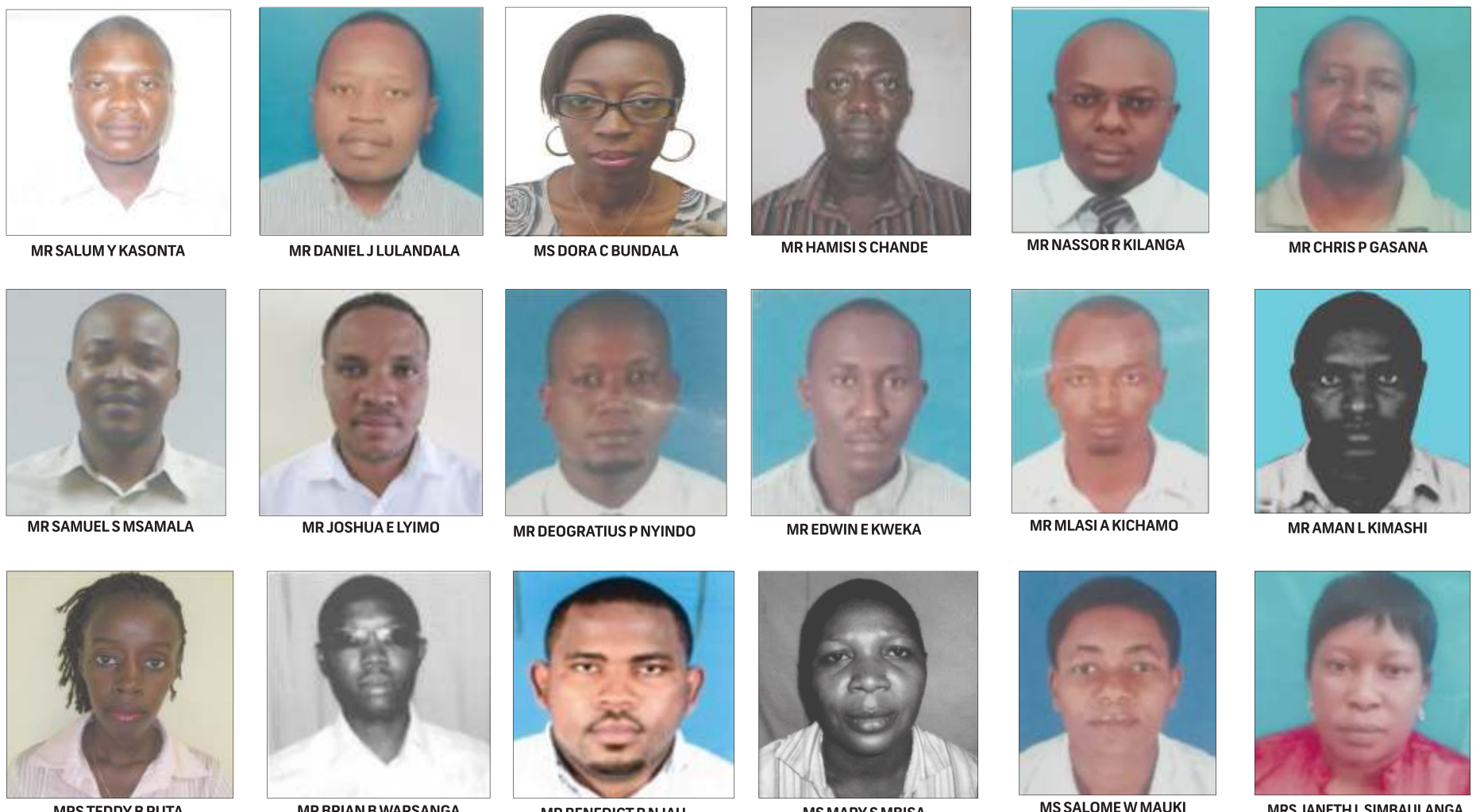
If all girls received 12 years of high-quality education, women's lifetime earnings would increase by as much as USD30 trillion, which is bigger than the entire United States economy, the letter reads.

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Mpwapwa farmers to benefit from new beekeeping project

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

FARMERS in six villages of Mpwapwa and Kongwa districts are set to benefit from a new beekeeping project launched by the Leadership Formation Environmental, Action for Development (LEAD) foundation.

The timely initiative, christened 'Kiboriani Reforestation and Beekeeping Project' is an incentive to encourage the farmers to beef up the war against environmental degradation in their areas.

In his remarks during launching of the project over the weekend in Mpwapwa District, director of programmes at LEAD Foundation, Njamasi Chiwanga, said the environment surrounding Kiboriani mountains, which is a major water source for the two districts have to a great extent destroyed by unfriendly human activities.

He added, mass deforestation at the said mountains had propelled major havoc, including floods, land erosion and degradation, a situation which destroyed even farming activities in most parts within the two districts.

"We have decided to introduce this project as indirect way of encouraging the farmers to actively stand at the fore

front in conserving their environment"

"As long as beekeeping banks largely on availability of enough healthier trees for carrying beehives, the farmers will automatically ensure for better environment in order to benefit from this project," he said.

He said to start with, the project will absorb at least 600 households in the six villages.

Speaking shortly after handed over 300 beehives to the beneficiaries, Mpwapwa District Administrative Secretary (DAS) Sarah Komba urged the beneficiaries farmers' groups to register their unions in order to access loans from different financial institutions.

Moreover, she hailed LEAD Foundation for its commitment to stepping up the war against the wave of deforestation throughout the country.

The launched project, is under auspices of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), GEF and Sgp (the GEF Small Grants Programme).

The foundation implements also a three-year project in all districts in Dodoma Region. Dubbed 'Visiki Hai' the regional wide move targets to make the region green, focusing to reach 180,000 households with set target of planting 1.4 million trees.



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Chemba district commissioner Simon Odunga (R) reads a message written on a placard held by a resident of Lahoda village, associating some local leaders with the suspicious sale of land meant for herders. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

Police hold farmer for allegedly killing village chairman

By Guardian Reporter

POLICE in Manyara Region are holding a farmer, Limito Lebangu (19) for allegedly killing the Gijedabung village chairman, Faustine Sanka (59).

Manyara Regional Police Commander, Augustino Senga said that police are also looking for three other suspects who are said to assist Lebangu to commit the crime.

RPC Senga claimed that youth in the village were accusing the late Faustine Sanka of collaborating with game rangers to restrict them from

conducting illegal hunting activities at the Gursi forest in the Tarangire national reserve.

He said the village chair was killed on February 14 at 5pm and his body dumped at the Gursi forest near the village.

"We found him dead on February 14th, and his body parts eaten by wild animals. The late Sanka left his home in the evening of February 9th using a motorcycle with registration T 942 BKE", said the RPC.

He said the first suspect, Limito Lebangu (19) a resident of Gijedabung

village has pleaded guilty claiming to have committed the crime in collaboration with three other persons.

He named them as Miraji Hidikimu, Hamis Hussein and Aziz who was identified by one name.

The RPC said that before his death, the village chairman had given a list to the game wardens of youths engaging in illegal hunting activities in the reserved forest within Tarangire national game reserve.

He said all the suspects will be arraigned as soon as investigation into the case is completed.

In another development, police in Manyara are holding Ramla Omari (23), a farmer from Nangara village for allegedly throwing away a one-day-old infant on February 12.

Ramla is said to have dumped her baby in a pit shortly after delivery at around 9am.

RPC Senga said "We are holding the suspect for interrogation. She claimed to have dumped the baby because she was facing financial constraints.

He said the body of the baby had been preserved at the Mrara hospital in Babati.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

For Provision of Procurement Management Specialist Consultancy Services

Expression of Interest No. SCL/C/2019/17

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- Assist in the Preparation of monthly, quarterly and annual procurement reports;
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- Provide the Capacity Building to the Internal Capacity through mentoring/training to impart knowledge and expertise on the job.
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- Assist in the Maintenance of an effective and transparent procurement record keeping system;
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- A minimum of 15 years relevant experience in procurement and contract management, with good knowledge of both the Tanzania Public Procurement Act and various donors procurement processes (Especially World Bank, DFID, USAID). (The CV will be expected to be delivered as attachment)
- Track record of successful undertaking similar assignment (provide recommendations letters with contact details, name of the employer, summary of the assignment performed.
- Generally, meet all the required qualifications and experience as outlined in the Terms of Reference accessible in the SCL website www.sagcot.co.tz (the CV will be expected to be submitted as an attachment)

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

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Kisarawe top in teenage pregnancy, report reveals

By Correspondent Amri Lugungulo, Kisarawe

KISARAWÉ District is reported to be leading in teenage pregnancy, whereby seven out of 21 girls were impregnated in Coast Region in 2017, according to a new report.

This was revealed over the weekend when speaking at a one-day full council meeting held in Kisarawe town following a report on rampant early pregnancy among the schoolgirls hence drop out of school.

According to a report issued by the acting district education officer, John Malibiche seven out of 21 girls impregnated in Coast Region in 2017 and many are from Kisarawe District.

The region has seven districts namely Kisarawe, Kibiti, Rufiji, Mafia, Mkuranga, Kibaha and Bagamoyo.

Debating on the report Mzenga ward councillor, Mohamed Rubondo called on the Kisarawe District Council to have in place the previous system that was used to test pregnancy amongst school girls to control teen pregnancy in the district.

The ward councillor said rampant teen pregnancy in Kisarawe District, Coast Region, should not be tolerated as it is the cause of many school girl dropout in the district an obstacle to education development among the girls.

For his part, District Council chairman, Hamisi Dikupatile urged the district leaders to mobilise parents to monitor the progress of their children.

Meanwhile, a non-governmental organisation, Karibu Tanzania Organisation (KTO) has started admitting girls at its college free of charge at Sanze area in the outskirts of Kisarawe town.

The college conduct trainings on masonry, cookery, tailoring, carpentry, mechanism, electricity and ordinary secondary school subjects.

KTO's programme officer, Mia Mjengwa Bergdahl said the college would enrol girls only with primary education and those who dropped out when pursuing secondary education or failed their national examination.



Natural Resources and Tourism deputy minister Constantine Kanyasu (gesturing) has a word yesterday with tour guides who were complaining about the wages they were being paid by tour operators. He was on a visit to Kilimanjaro National Park in Kilimanjaro Region. Photo: Correspondent Lusungu Helela

Australia-Tanzania reinforce trade ties via CSR initiative to help orphans

By Guardian Reporter

ON the 29th of January, Australian nationals living in Tanzania and a few invited guests celebrated the highly revered Australian National Day in the country's commercial capital Dar es Salaam.

The serene evening was characterised by a few speeches from the dignitaries and reflections on the importance of the day to the Australian people. The Embassy of Australia invited various guests, both Tanzanian and Australian to interact with one another to identify the potential business opportunities that lie unexploited in Tanzania.

At the peak of the event, Hyatt Hotels conducted a fundraiser in collaboration with the Australian Embassy in an effort to obtain funds that would be used to provide basic needs to orphans in Zanzibar.

The embassy also held a raffle where, winners had the honour of visiting Mazizini Orphanage Centre in Zanzibar on 2nd February where they carried food items for the needy children.

Every January 26th, Australians throughout the world commemorate the Australia Day. On January 26th, 1788, Captain Arthur Phillip guided a fleet of 11 British ships carrying convicts to the colony of New South Wales, effectively founding Australia. After overcoming a period of hardship, the fledgling colony began to celebrate the anniversary of this date with great fanfare.

Australia, once known as New South Wales, was originally planned as a penal colony. In October 1786, the British government appointed Arthur Phillip captain of the HMS Sirius,

and commissioned him to establish an agricultural work camp there for British convicts. With little idea of what he could expect from the mysterious and distant land, Phillip had great difficulty assembling the fleet that was to make the journey. His requests for more experienced farmers to assist the penal colony were repeatedly denied, and he was both poorly funded and outfitted.

Nonetheless, accompanied by a small contingent of Marines and other officers, Phillip led his 1,000-strong party, of whom more than 700 were convicts, around Africa to the eastern side of Australia. In all, the voyage lasted eight months, claiming the deaths of some 30 men.

Australian business interests in Tanzania took off immediately after the launch of an embassy in March 2012. Australia is known world over for her great expertise in the mining sector citing her economy that is largely driven by the mining sector. In 2013, IMX Resources of Australia discovered the existence of nickel sulphide mineralisation at Ntaka Hill in south-eastern Tanzania.

By 2018, the number of Australian mining companies in Tanzania had reached 16 with majority of them at different stages of completing their registration before launching their operations in the country.

In the period 2017-2018, major Australian exports to Tanzania included specialized machinery and parts at 19.7bn/- (\$8.5 million), Zinc at 16.3bn/- (\$7 million), aluminium at 9.6bn/- (\$4.1 million) and civil engineering equipment and parts at 3.9 bn/- (\$1.7 million). On the other hand, in the same period Tanzania exported goods worth 11.9 bn/- (\$5.1 million).



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Taking A New Look
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Bear with the media if it appears to be sliding

A Media Yearbook for Tanzania, where Media Council of Tanzania (MCT) and Spurk Media Consulting Ltd collaborated, says that reporting in both print and electronic media are not to standard due to insufficient sources and infrequency of own initiative stories.

One limitation is single source reporting which was true of 38 per cent of samples items, while another is excessive reliance on official calendar news items, true of 72 percent of news stories in the print media, unlike feature stories which largely arise from initiative within a media house.

Some of the remedies suggested may not be easy to meet, for instance establishing special desks with specialized reporters, as cost cutting is the norm in most media houses.

Gone are the days when the rest of the public depended on the print media, and a bit of broadcast media, to know what happens virtually in any sector of society.

Telecommunication has caught up with the media; so much is at one's fingertips these days.

Yet the Yearbook had some small good news that election periods, before general elections and for a while after that, are good for the print media. People spend more on newspapers at that time to find out what is being said in whatever direction, as everyone becomes a virtual stakeholder in figuring how to use his or her vote, or what to expect.

Some observations were perhaps

to be expected, but they matter all the same, for instance that urban areas taken more news items by far and away than rural areas.

While this is true it is also question begging, as urban areas are also in the centre of rural areas, the market for their produce in large measure, and the location of authoritative decision making affecting their lives on a daily basis.

In that case a lot of urban activity touch rural areas, and indeed individuals in rural areas don't always just stay there, and many of the youths, at a moment's notice, may change location to urban areas.

They are intertwined rather set in competition, in social life, media, political attention, etc.

While Dar es Salaam appeared to be favoured in coverage, this appears to be logical because traditionally the city of Dar es Salaam has twice the population of other main urban centres put together, and multiplied by two.

The same trend was noticed in news sources, with Dar having 33 per cent of the news items samples and other major urban centres 17 to 18 per cent; doubled, they add up to Dar es Salaam, or inch up a bit.

What was surprising was that Tabora had more news items than Mwanza, at 2.0 per cent vs 1.6 per cent respectively. That was intriguing - and could in a way show that the news platform is a bit uneven, not tied directly to population. But on the whole, the study appears to be genuinely scientific. Bravo MCT, Spurk!

Gap narrowing between North African, sub-Saharan clubs

RESULTS of three matches played so far by reigning Tanzania Premier League champions Simba SC with other continental giants in the group stage of the African Champions League has had plenty to enthuse, inspire and even shock so many local fans. It is firstly those following with keen interest the performance of the local champions for reasons of affinity with the club, and those who have a wider interest in both local clubs and the sport in general, looking dispassionately at what occurred.

That is why sentiments were mixed, for traditional outcomes when the two sets of clubs meet were in a way disrupted, though occasionally the gap was still visible.

The most enthusiastic result registered so far by the local champions was when they met JS Saoura of Algeria, where Simba won by an emphatic 3-0 margin, to underline that they were in the competition as real aspirants, not as also-rans in the group stage.

Reversals were soon to be felt all the same, as the side was whacked 0-3 in Kinshasa by AS Vita of DRC, and then it was a sombre scene when the side travelled to Cairo, and seemingly exposed to hostile night weather that was biting cold.

They were trounced 0-5 by a familiar name and frequent continental champions, Al Ahly, though this anomaly was sort of rectified when Al Ahly fell 0-1 in the return tie.

Plenty of guesswork of 'betting' awaits the fans on the subsequent

fixtures, for instance which is likely to be an easier day for Simba SC, playing JS Saoura in Algeria or AS Vita at home, given that the extent of defeat of the Algerian club in Dar es Salaam was the same as the extent of defeat of Simba in Kinshasa.

Using the matches against Al Ahly as a mirror, there was possibly a problem for the Algerian club here as there was for the Cairo club and similarly for the Tanzanian side in Cairo.

But the Kinshasa tie doesn't fall in that class of mishaps as the climatic or weather difference between Dar es Salaam and Kinshasa is next to negligible; we are on a level.

This situation indicates that despite the progress attained so far, there is still a gap to be covered between local champion clubs and the big names on the continent, as Simba shall have home ground advantage rather than weather in their last group stage match at home.

They are also likely to stand their feet with greater assurance after the first calamitous exposure to freezing temperatures of night play, so they will be more prepared to face their opponents. In that case Simba will find it hard to reverse the score against AS Vita in Dar es Salaam, while JS Saoura will face a more resilient side than the one Al Ahly hosted in Cairo, which failed to stand the weather.

At the group matches started Simba had airs of a weaker member of the group; it hasn't been easy to prove it.

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Charcoal viable cooking fuel, but environmentally disastrous

By Dr. Felician Kilahama

DESPITE the fact that biomass fuels account for nearly 90 per cent of national energy balance; no concerted efforts have been done to making household cooking energy a priority; only petroleum products and gas are well captured in national plans and budgets. For many years policy makers have overlooked the issue of charcoal: making little or no effort in sustaining its availability including taking measures to ensure safety and efficient use. If conventional energy sources are well cared through the Ministry of Energy, why marginalize biomass energy?

The perception is: "charcoal bags along the highways and roadsides can do it all" then why worry? There is something wrong because domestic energy is more than charcoal hence household cooking energy must be part and parcel of overall national energy policy including institutional set-up and budgets as the cases are for other energy sources. The nation must show serious concern about biomass energy including availability to consumers, as the cases are for electricity, petroleum and gas. Charcoal is one of the forestry products and/or produces however considered easily available. It is true in a sense

but if there could have been secured national will driving well instituted national mechanism to manage and control operations, including charcoal production in natural forests, availability of charcoal could not have been as easy as we think.

The Forest Act (Cap323 RE: 2002) requires all natural forests to be well protected and managed with approved management plans. In that context, no tree cutting should be allowed without legal permits. However, few forests have management plans and worse still no adequate forest guards to enforce management plans and the law. As a result, most forests are hardly managed hence "open-access regime" where it is business as usual leading to unsound environmental conditions: a situation leading to food insecurity and impoverishment. We celebrate using charcoal for cooking with beliefs that charcoal cooks food much better with excellent aroma compared to other fuels like kerosene or gas.

Furthermore, as it was vividly indicated during the debate that we believe charcoal is cheap, readily available and very affordable compared to other sources of cooking energy: electricity, kerosene or LPG and/or natural gas. However, as cautioned by the Minister of State (VPO-Environment), af-

fordability of charcoal is largely arbitrary in real business environment. The reason is that natural wood used to produce charcoal not included in production costs. Imagine a sixty or eighty years old tree (Mninga or Mpingo) is felled free of charge and carbonized and later claim charcoal is cheap. This is not correct thinking but rather a kind of double standards making charcoal cheaper while using valuable tree species free of charge without taking into account the forgone environmental values and/or ecological services like Carbon dioxide-CO2 sequestration and carbon sinks.

The other dimensions that encourage wide use of charcoal are the stoves and cooking appliances also considered cheaper, produced locally compared to alternative appliances considered unaffordable.

This is somehow true but the fact remains that if charcoal business would be treated, on equal basis and making sure that all costs are covered including well economically and environmentally priced wood (no free access to sources of wood); it is possible to make charcoal competitive to other sources of cooking fuels. In that context, the consumer will decide what type of cooking energy suits needs depending on prices, efficiencies/safety, easy access and reliability

in terms of supply.

In conclusion I would advise the decision and policy makers in government and party machineries firstly, to gauge biomass energy as crucial as it is to other conventional sources of energy, which are priorities on national development agenda. Secondly, cooking energy should not be visualized and pegged mainly on charcoal but rather a congruent of total energy mix within the Ministry of Energy, and well-articulated domestic energy policy adopted; the experts should think and operationalized strategies that will ensure domestic energy is sustainably produced and supplied in rural and urban areas. Thirdly, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism through Tanzania Forest Services (TFS),

Local Authorities and other key stakeholders like the Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (TFCG) should strive to produce charcoal from well protected and managed natural forest making sure that no more free access or business as usual scenarios. Fourthly,

TAMISEMI also in collaboration with TFS and other key stakeholders like Mpingo Conservation and Development Initiative (MCDI); should endeavour, through the Local Government Authorities (LGAs), to empower village governments and the local communities to protect and manage village land forest resources making sure that they are utilized efficiently and on sustainable basis including aspects of charcoal production and marketing.

Economic crisis can trigger world war

By Jomo Kwame Sundaram and Vladimir Popov

ECONOMIC recovery efforts since the 2008-2009 global financial crisis have mainly depended on unconventional monetary policies. As fears rise of yet another international financial crisis, there are growing concerns about the increased possibility of large-scale military conflict.

More worryingly, in the current political landscape, prolonged economic crisis, combined with rising economic inequality, chauvinistic ethno-populism as well as aggressive jingoist rhetoric, including threats, could easily spin out of control and 'morph' into military conflict, and worse, world war.

Crisis responses limited

The 2008-2009 global financial crisis almost 'bankrupted' governments and caused systemic collapse.

Policymakers managed to pull the world economy from the brink, but soon switched from counter-cyclical fiscal efforts to unconventional monetary measures, primarily 'quantitative easing' and very low, if not negative real interest rates.

But while these monetary interventions averted realization of the worst fears at the time by turning the US economy around, they did little to address underlying economic weaknesses, largely due to the ascendancy of finance in recent decades at the expense of the real economy.

Since then, despite promising to do so, policymakers have not seriously pursued, let alone achieved, such needed reforms. Instead, ostensible struc-

tural reformers have taken advantage of the crisis to pursue largely irrelevant efforts to further 'casualize' labour markets.

This lack of structural reform has meant that the unprecedented liquidity central banks injected into economies has not been well allocated to stimulate resurgence of the real economy.

From bust to bubble

Instead, easy credit raised asset prices to levels even higher than those prevailing before 2008.

US house prices are now 8% more than at the peak of the property bubble in 2006, while its price-to-earnings ratio in late 2018 was even higher than in 2008 and in 1929, when the Wall Street Crash precipitated the Great Depression.

As monetary tightening checks asset price bubbles, an-

other economic crisis -- possibly more severe than the last, as the economy has become less responsive to such blunt monetary interventions -- is considered likely.

A decade of such unconventional monetary policies, with very low interest rates, has greatly depleted their ability to revive the economy.

The implications beyond the economy of such developments and policy responses are already being seen. Prolonged economic distress has worsened public antipathy towards the culturally alien -- not only abroad, but also within.

Thus, another round of economic stress is deemed likely to foment unrest, conflict, even war as it is blamed on the foreign.

International trade shrank by two-thirds within half a decade after the US passed the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act in 1930, at the start of the Great Depression, ostensibly to protect American workers and farmers from foreign competition!

Warning...laxity at large with the nations assets!

Start the week with Cynthia Stacey

Greetings for the coming week, but what's engaged your attention in the last ones...mine was caught by Nigeria's Wole Soyinka saying of Buhari and Atiku Abubakar ... I find both of them worthy of absolute rejection...but am not interested in comparative assessments". He was of course referring to 2 of the major contenders vying for the presidency of his country, and said other things also, but the powerful brevity of the 'rejection' comments were enough on their own to convey his feelings.

This is similar to the statement famously made about Tony Blair after he left office, when referring to one of his possible job offers, someone commented that Blair "... was uniquely disqualified to be a foreign advisor on the Middle East..." quite so...and enough said...perfect!

But more than plain speaking is needed in Tanzania to convey the seriousness of reckless insider pillage of the public purse that never seems to end, and this month, saw the shameful media headline of 'NSSF spends 27bn/- on faulty projects'.

This was a Public Accounts Committee report for 2016/17, presented in the National Assembly, and the 'expenditure' was referred to as an 'embezzlement', as is always the case with misused government money. Also, we could substitute the word 'bogus' for 'faulty', because in one instance it was revealed by the PAC, there wasn't any project at all, faulty or otherwise!



Amazing...because in decades of writing on just about 'ghostly' everthings, last week in the media, I was surprised to note the arrival of 'ghost pensioners'.... and now we have 'ghost policemen'

Strangely enough, in this case NSSF authorised payment of the money, even knowing that the contractor had abandoned the scheme to allow for the implementation of the Rapid Bus Transit, but the PAC chairman said this 'white elephant project' had so far claimed 4.19bn/-

I thought the term 'white elephant' was used to describe something that had materialised, but proved to be unwanted, ineffective, or not fit for purpose. So maybe the description isn't correct...or perhaps it's a 'ghost' white elephant, in keeping with some of the other players in this sorry set up.

...I've forgotten which Nigerian president, when asked how he was tackling the corruption problem, replied he was tempted to sack the entire civil service, but couldn't... because there'd be no-one left to run the country!

...Well, I don't know how many it takes to staff and run the NSSF, but surely the institution and the country, would be healthier by pruning the bad elements. There you are I'm learning polite 'government speak', without using bad -mannered words like prosecution... court case...prison term etc!

...but how would the PAC deal with this...Ah yes, one newspaper reported that "...the committee proposed that the government conducts investigations to identify and take measures against all those involved in the misuse of public funds..."

Well, how mild can you get, it's certainly not hard hitting is it? This is straight from the school ofwe'll leave no stone unturned...heads will roll....root out the guilty etc. which has resulted in years of ineffectual blah blah etc. only redeemed by Magufuli's vigorous rhetoric and rapid action.

Fortunately, the PAC chairman recounted something positive when he said that... "authorities, in collaboration with security organs had identified four officers who engineered payments to 'ghost police' officials".

Amazing...because in decades of writing on just about 'ghostly' everthings, last week in the media, I was surprised to note the arrival of 'ghost pensioners'.... and now we have 'ghost policemen'...what next...ghost ministers...prime ministers' or even higher?!

....sadly the chairman went on to say "We regret that despite being suspended, these officials have not been arraigned...and that the case file was recalled by the Director of Pub-



Prestigious assets. In the past few years, high rise buildings, some of which belong to the National Social Security Funds (NSSF) have mushroomed in Dar es Salaam. However with developers ignoring engineers guidelines, the city is ill-equipped to handle additional stress on its already over burdened drainage systems. (File Photo.)

lic Prosecutions last June 28th."...so end of issue...and isn't that a surprise...or perhaps it isn't...it's just continuing a historic habit.

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...Well, at this time of year, if people ask what I've been doing, and I reply 'sweating' I know I should be leaving for a cooler country, though I'm still managing manfully, or should that be womanfully?

Anyway, with no fan or air conditioning, I'm hitting this out on my old computer

with one hand, and using the other to fan myself, but in the evenings when the mosquitos are swarming, I need to adapt the daily style, so I get into a rhythm, of 'type', fan, bash the blighters, type, fan, swat... etc.

It nearly works, but diminishes the thought processes...

...but is it a good enough excuse for today's below standard blah blah?!



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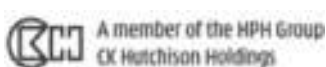
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The Board is pleased to announce the payment of final dividend for the year ended 31st December, 2017 at TZS 2.54 per share as approved by shareholders during the 13th AGM on 30th November, 2018.

Pursuant to this declaration, shareholders are advised to observe the following:

- Closure of the Members Register:** 13th March, 2019
- Trading of Shares cum Dividend:** 19th February, 2019 to 8th March, 2019
- Trading of shares Ex Dividend:** 11th March, 2019
- Dividend Payment on or by:** 21st March, 2019

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Donald J. Kamori,
Company Secretary.

Energy capacity shortfalls stunting Africa's industrialisation efforts

B PAIGE MÜLLER

Insurance company the Export Credit Insurance Corporation of South Africa (ECIC) says there are significant shortfalls and backlogs in Africa's installed energy capacity, which is stunting the continent's efforts to industrialise and expand its local economies.

ECIC COO Mandisi Nkuhlu stresses that electricity blackouts and interruptions in supply are commonplace occurrences in Africa, which place an unnecessary burden on the growth and development of industries throughout Africa.

"African industries are made to contend with unscheduled downtime and production losses, leading to a lack of international competitiveness and, as a result, limited foreign direct investment."

He stresses that the need to expand capacity, access and reliability of energy supply is currently the overriding challenge in Africa, which is more constrained by the lack of financiers willing to invest.

Nkuhlu reiterates that reliable and affordable access to energy is and will continue to be crucial in ensuring Africa's future economic growth, but adds that limited sources of finance, bankable projects and creditworthy counterparties limit the ability to fast-track investments in new projects and power infrastructure in Africa.

To aid the future growth of the continent, the ECIC provides political and commercial risk insurance for financiers looking to invest in energy projects across the continent, he says, adding that, on the back of ECIC cover, the financiers can extend long-term finance to the sponsors of energy projects. "Without ECIC support, financiers may not be willing to commit huge capital amounts of debt on a long-term basis, whereas access to this finance is essential for the viability and coming on stream of these projects," Nkuhlu explains.

He tells Engineering News that the ECIC aims to create partnerships with the energy sector in Africa to positively contribute towards the continent's power and energy goals by providing



export credit finance.

Nkuhlu cites the ECIC's ongoing work with Mozambique State-owned utility Electricidade de Mocambique (EDM) as an example. The ECIC is assisting the State utility with finance for a project that involves the rehabilitation of the electricity infrastructure in northern Mozambique.

"The success of this project would increase the supply of electricity in a fast-growing area... allow for higher levels of commercial and industrial activity and spread the economic development... to the northern part of the country..." enthuses Nkuhlu.

The ECIC also expects that the success of the rehabilitation project will impact positively and significantly on the lives of Mozambique citizens.

Nkuhlu states that, while the bankability of African energy projects

remains a challenge, opportunities still exist in the African energy space, with particularly independent power producers (IPPs) presenting opportunities for investment. He states that the scope for public-private sector partnerships, through IPPs, provides an alternative avenue for governments to roll out projects that ordinarily would not be affordable or for which there would be no budgetary funds immediately available through the fiscus.

Opportunities in other sectors, such as mining, are also relevant in serving as a catalyst for Africa's power projects to be launched, as these industries inevitably become end-users of the power, subsequently allowing such power projects to be bankable investments, he adds.

Promoting Continental Energy Projects

The ECIC is aiding Mozambique State utility Electricidade de Mocambique in a project to finance the rehabilitation of the country's electricity infrastructure in northern Mozambique and in Maputo

Nkuhlu tells Engineering News that the ECIC will sponsor the Africa Energy Indaba for the fifth consecutive year.

He says the Indaba - scheduled to take place at the Sandton Convention Centre, in Johannesburg, from February 19 to 20 - is one of the major global energy sector gatherings where decision-makers, policy developers and project sponsors meet to discuss Africa's energy programmes.

"ECIC views the event as critical and aligned to its objective of building and leveraging on strategic partnerships," Nkuhlu adds.

The ECIC hopes to use the event to further develop its

partnerships with the energy sector and increase the role it plays in Africa.

The ECIC will also have an exhibition stand at the event and ECIC senior underwriter Lebohang Moseu will participate in an innovative finance discussion panel on the topic: Attracting Finance and Investment, finding solutions to accelerate Africa's energy sector growth and development.

"The energy sector in Africa is crucial to the continent's economic growth and attendees can look forward to discussions that are solution driven and aim to address Africa's economic growth impediments," concludes Nkuhlu. **AGENCIES**

Nigeria election 2019: Observers urge calm after delay

Foreign election observers have appealed for calm following the last-minute postponement of the Nigerian election by a week.

"We call on all Nigerians to remain calm and support the electoral process", said a statement from EU, UN and African Union representatives.

President Muhammadu Buhari and his main rival Atiku Abubakar condemned the election delay.

The presidential and parliamentary polls will now be held on 23 February. Election officials cited "logistical" reasons for the 11th-hour postponement.

In a press conference on Saturday, the chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (Inec), Mahmood Yakubu, said the decision to delay had "nothing to do with political influence".

The foreign observers urged Inec to adhere to its new election date and provide regular updates to the public. How have the political parties reacted?

The two main groups, the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) and the People's Democratic Party (PDP), both condemned the move and accused each other of trying to manipulate the vote.

President Buhari, of the APC party, urged Nigerians to "refrain from civil disorder and remain peaceful, patriotic and united to ensure that no force or conspiracy derail our democratic development".

His main rival, Atiku Abubakar, called for calm, saying: "I'm appealing to Nigerians to please come out and vote and I'm asking them to be patient about it."

In a tweet he said the administration was trying to disenfranchise the electorate.

The chairman of the PDP, Uche Secondu, said the delay was "dangerous to our democracy", accusing Mr Buhari of trying to "cling on to power even when it's obvious to him that Nigerians want him out".

And the voters?

In many cases they reacted with disappointment, frustration and anger.

In the northern town of Daura, Musa Abubakar, who had travelled 550km (342 miles) from Abuja to take part in the election, told the BBC that he "couldn't believe" what had happened.

Hajiya Sa'adatu said she was "greatly disappointed" to learn of the delay when she came out to cast her vote in the northern city of Kano.

"We spent all night without sleeping hoping to vote today," Auwalu Usman, a voter in Maiduguri, told Reuters.

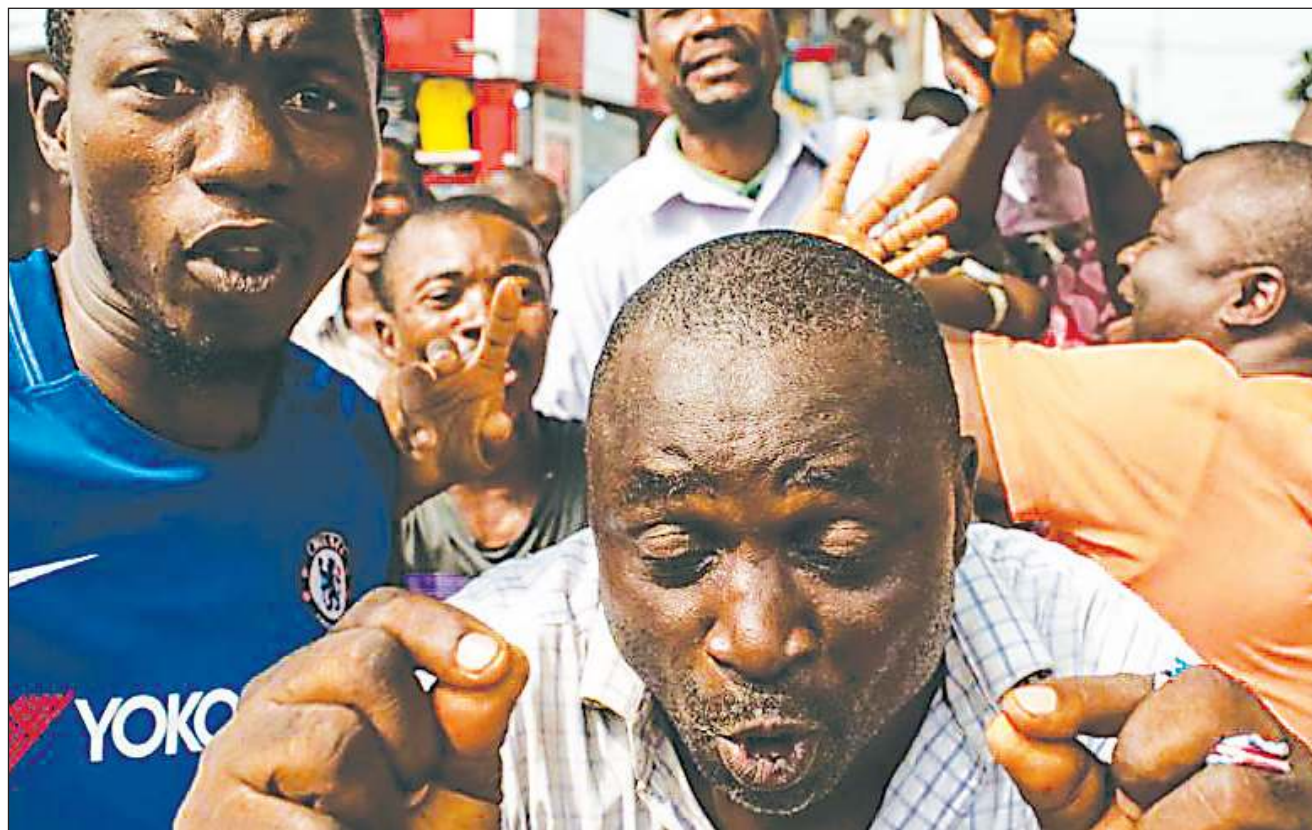
Oyi Adamezie, in the city of Warri, told Agence France-Presse: "I see this postponement of the election as a ploy to rig."

Yusuf Ibrahim, in Abuja, told Associated Press: "I came all the way from my home to cast my vote this morning... I am not happy, I'm very, very angry."

Election officials bore the brunt of the anger:

So why was voting postponed?

The electoral chief, Mr Yakubu, said: "Our decision was entirely taken by the commission. It has nothing to do with security, nothing to do with political influence."



Disappointed voters have criticised the electoral commission for the last minute postponement of the poll

He said the delay was down to problems with the transportation of electoral materials - ballot papers and results sheets - to some parts of the country.

He had earlier said the decision was made because of a "determination to conduct free, fair and credible elections".

In the past two weeks several Inec offices have been set alight, with thousands of electronic smart card readers and voter cards destroyed.

Nigeria has seen violence in the run-up to the elections and on Saturday 11 people were killed in an attack by Boko Haram militants south of Maiduguri.

Recriminations mixed with patience

Suspensions of skulduggery, rampant rumour-mongering - and a pre-disposition to suspect the worst based on past experience - are hallmarks of Nigeria's election season. It is not surprising that some voters expressed their fears that

a fix was being organised.

The election commission chairman has denied this, citing bad weather and the challenge of getting the necessary resources to the right areas. But as recently as last Wednesday he was assuring Nigerians that the commission was ready for the elections.

Recriminations began soon after the announcement. The opposition claimed there was a government plan to create a low turnout that would harm its candidate.

But there have been no calls for street protests from the opposition, which is prepared to wait for the polls next Saturday. Importantly, the two main contenders have appealed to their supporters to remain calm.

What happens next?

The presidential and parliamentary votes have been rescheduled for Saturday 23 February.

Governorship, state assembly and federal area council elections have been rescheduled until Saturday 9 March.

The contest between the two main presidential contenders is expected to be tight.

Presidential elections in 2011 and 2015 were also delayed.

How important is this poll?

The future of Africa's most populous nation and largest economy is at stake.

Media caption Nigeria election 2019: Father and daughter discuss the poll

Whoever wins will have to address power shortages, corruption, security problems and a sluggish economy.

There are 73 registered candidates in the presidential election, but campaigning has been dominated by President Buhari, 76, and Atiku Abubakar, 72.

Mr Buhari says he has built a strong foundation for prosperity, but his rival says Nigeria is not functioning.

Both men are from the mainly Muslim north of the country. While both are in their 70s, more than half of Nigeria's 84 million registered voters are under 35.

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ITA vows to back up government's industrialisation drive

TAX and non-tax revenue collection is one of the important components in fast-tracking national economic growth and development in Tanzania, including realization of the country's industrialization drive. On the basis of this reality, our correspondent conducted an exclusive interview with the Rector of Institute of Tax Administration (ITA), Prof Isaya Jairo, on a wide range of issues related to the subject.

Q. Could you please tell us briefly about ITA and what it does?

The Institute of Tax Administration (ITA) is a training arm of the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) whose primary role is to provide tailor-made courses aiming at building capacity of TRA staff. ITA also offers tailor-made courses to various stakeholders in fields of customs, taxation and related fields. Apart from tailor-made courses ITA offers competence-based training programmes leading to the award of certificates, diploma, bachelor degree, postgraduate certificate and postgraduate diplomas.

ITA is an accredited higher learning Institution under the provisions of the National Council for Technical Education Act (No. 9) of 1997 with a mandate uniquely focussed on improving the practice of customs and taxation through training, research and consultancy. Since its accreditation in 2007, ITA aims at being in the forefront to deliver competence-based training for current and future customs and tax practitioners. Being an integral part of the Tanzania Revenue Authority, ITA's programmes offer a unique blend of theoretical classroom training and real life customs and taxation experiences.

The programmes are designed to address competence needs of customs and tax practitioners at different stages of their careers.

ITA's strategy is to build on this foundation and achieve international recognition as one of the top customs and tax management training institutions in the world. This strategy emanates from our belief that world-class tax systems need a globally-recognized customs and tax management education partner. The East African Community (EAC) Secretariat has identified ITA as the leading training institution in customs and taxation fields and has therefore earmarked ITA for recognition as a Centre of Excellence for Customs and Tax Studies in the EAC region.

Q. What are the core-values, vision and mission of this Institute?

Of course, our vision is to become a globally recognized centre of excellence in customs and taxation training. With this vision, we aspire to climb to the global levels and international standards when it comes to the provision of customs, taxation and related training. This vision is supported by ITA main mission, which is to provide high-quality competence-based training, research and consultancy services in customs and tax studies. This implies that ITA intends to produce graduates who are practical oriented and not theoretical-oriented...graduates who can go straight to the field and do the work immediately after completing their studies. Graduates who can apply their knowledge/expertise on the spot, instead of waiting to gain experience while on the job.

As regards to the core-values, ITA is guided by the TRA's core values which state how employees are expected to

relate to their external and internal customers, other stakeholders and how they will accomplish their work in carrying out the Mission of the Institute. The values are a commitment to the stakeholders and are incorporated into all actions taken by the organization.

Q. What are the milestones ITA has registered since its establishment?

Since its inception, the Institute has recorded various achievements, including introducing various courses on taxation of specialised sectors of financial, telecoms, agriculture and extractive. Additionally, courses on international taxation, Electronic Accounting System (EAS) and Advanced Taxation were also introduced. A total of 454 staff attended the respective courses.

The institute continues to conduct tailor-made courses to TRA staff, and about 11,449 TRA staff attended various courses at ITA. We are engaging stakeholders for enhanced voluntary compliance through provision of training in customs and taxation. The Institute has trained a total 4,876 students in its long term programmes since 2007, besides spearheading the establishment of tax professional regulatory body in Tanzania. We have also introduced technology-based synchronous and asynchronous learning options that enables the institute to conduct e-learning, introduced the instructors' cadre in order to attract experienced and competent staff from TRA operations departments to join ITA as teaching staff.

Furthermore, the Institute continued cooperation with existing partners in training, research and capacity building and forged new

cooperation with Institutions both from within and outside the country. We have maintained collaboration and affiliation with international institutions such as IBFD, INCU, WCO, EAC, ATAF, JICA, GIZ, Muenster University, University of Dar es Salaam, ESAMI, NBAA, ZRB, BURS, TAFFA, and the Government of South Sudan, and upgraded our affiliation with the International Network of Customs Universities (INCU) from temporary to full membership. ITA has signed a three-year MoU with Zanzibar Revenue Board (ZRB) in 2017 on staff capacity building, collaborated with IBFD on design and delivery of International taxation and Double Tax Treaties courses to TRA staff, collaborated with Policy Research Centre, Slovenia to conduct training workshop on taxation of extractive sectors (Oil and Gas). Through collaborations with EAC, the Institute has been earmarked for accreditation as a centre of excellence in customs and taxation training.

Generally, since its accreditation in 2007, a total of 4,876 students graduated from ITA, as the number of long courses increased from five in 2007 to nine programmes in 2018.

Q. What plans the institute has in store to produce qualified, competent and professional tax experts for driving the national economic growth and development?

Basically, ITA will continue engaging stakeholders for enhancing voluntary compliance through provision of training in customs and taxation. Such training will improve community awareness of tax matters and compliance attitude. As per of academic programmes, we expect to increase students' enrolment by

20.8% (or an average of 5.2% annually) from 1,090 students in 2018/19 to 1,317 students in 2021/22 owing to increased capacity and marketing of programmes.

In the same vein, the Institute will spearhead the establishment of a tax professional regulatory body that will ensure, among other things, ethical practices in advising taxpayers for increased tax compliance.

As a professional college, ITA would continue providing capacity building to other government institutions such as Local Government Authorities (LGAs), Zanzibar Revenue Board (ZRB) and government ministries and agencies on revenue administration.

Q. Which strategies the Institute use to educate the general on tax issues in the context of enhancing tax compliance, thus increase revenue collection?

ITA provides both short and long term programmes to the public in a move to improve community awareness of tax matters and compliance attitude. The Institute is also offering tailor-made courses to the public upon demand by the client/customers.

Besides, the Institute has conducted various short courses to various government agencies—including Budget Committee of the Parliament of Tanzania, National Audit Office (NAO), Tax Appeals Board and Tribunals, Ministry of Land and Settlements, Zanzibar Revenue Board (ZRB), REPOA, GIZ, Local Governments Authorities. All these programmes are geared at raising awareness on tax compliance and ultimately increase revenue collection.

Q. What is the contribution of the institute to the government efforts aimed at broadening tax

collection base, finding new sources of government revenues?

The Institute will continue providing consultancy services and conducting research that will prioritize challenges faced in customs and taxation and proposing interventions for an improved situation. We will continue organizing Annual International Scientific conference in Customs and Taxation, planned to conduct two research on "Assessment of the impact of presumptive tax policy to the economy in Tanzania" and "Evaluation of Anti-counterfeit Strategies in Tanzania: A Case of Customs and Excise Department".

ITA will continue with research works aimed at finding new sources of government revenue. Some of the completed research works include Domestic Resources Mobilisation and long term economic growth in Tanzania, the influence of facilitating condition, perceived risks & perceived benefits on intention to adopt e-filing in Tanzania, Taxing High Net worth Individuals in Africa: Challenges and responses, maximizing the tax yield from the mining industry in Tanzania.

Q. How the Institute is prepared to support the realization of the national agenda, industrialization drive?

The Institute is prepared to provide labour force needed to drive national industrialization agenda. Our graduates are competent in the areas of customs and tax and related field and are expected to provide advisory services to improve tax compliance, something which I am sure will improve the general performance of the industrial sector, thus increase tax revenue collection, thus spur economic growth and development.



Deputy Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Dr Ashatu Kijaji (C) speaking during the ITA 11th Graduation Ceremony held at the Institute's compound recently. On the (R) is ITA Rector, Prof. Isaya Jairo. Left is the chairman of the board of directors, TRA, Prof Florens Luoga. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

Drink salty water or go thirsty: Climate change hits Tanzanian school children

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

THE students at Kingani school in the Tanzanian town of Bagamoyo used to have two choices for drinking water at school: get sick or remain thirsty.

Rising sea levels, increased drought and reduced or erratic rainfall made the drinking wells so salty it would cause headaches, stomach aches and ulcers. To make matters worse, the water that students would spend time fetching from watering holes was so dirty that it spread disease.

Ismat Hassan, who came from Tanzania's capital Dar es Salaam to study and board at Kingani, got stomach ulcers from drinking the well water, typhoid from the water collected from watering holes, and

pain and exhaustion when she chose to drink neither.

"We were sometimes not drinking water from morning until evening," she said.

"Sometimes I'd have pain in my head and my body would lose energy," she added.

The school administration tried to address the problem by having new wells dug, but they quickly turned saline from seawater intrusion. It then started paying for water to be trucked in, but this quickly became unaffordable, as did the students' spending on bottled water from nearby shops.

"Students were just asking all the time for fresh water for drinking," said deputy head Sylolian Stephen.

"Most of the students were having

stomach aches," said Stephen. Kingani's 650 pupils would also suffer from dizziness, fatigue and constipation due to dehydration.

In addition to the absenteeism, students were spending time to look for and fetch water from holes instead of studying, even though it kept making them sick. During the dry season, the well water sometimes became so salty that it could not even be used for laundry, as it would bleach clothes.

All that has changed after UN Environment and partners supported a project to construct a rainwater harvesting system, involving rooftop guttering and a series of large tanks for storing water that students can use for drinking, washing and cooking.

Kenya to host first African protected areas congress in November this year

NAIROBI

KENYA will in November host the inaugural Pan African Protected Areas Congress to discuss protection of the continent's protected areas like wildlife sanctuaries, forests, wetlands and marine ecosystem, officials said on Thursday.

Margaret Mwakima, principal secretary in the State Department of Wildlife, said the meeting which is to be held in Nairobi from November 18 to 23 will be attended by more than 2,000 delegates.

"The congress will be attended by senior government officials, researchers, donors and business leaders and will focus on African-led solutions to challenges facing our

biodiversity," said Mwakima.

She noted that Africa's biodiversity hotspots are grappling with threats linked to climate change, human encroachment and invasive species, hence undermining their ability to unlock benefits to local communities.

"We are the cradle of biodiversity and wildlife and the November congress will chart a new roadmap to enhance protection of these natural treasures that are the bedrock of our sustainability agenda," said Mwakima.

She said that delegates will discuss harmonization of policies and legislation to strengthen the war against illegal trade in wildlife products in Africa.

The principal secretary said that Kenya is keen to tap into expertise

from other African countries during the November congress to address conservation challenges like habitat loss. "As a country, we are losing our large mammals at a high rate and are keen to learn from models that have worked in other African countries to reverse this trend," said Mwakima.

John Waitthaka, chairman of Kenya Wildlife Service, said that Kenya has developed innovative strategies to reverse loss of marine and terrestrial ecosystems that are key to accelerating green growth.

"The congress will provide an opportunity for us to showcase biodiversity conservation programs that have worked and can be replicated elsewhere in the continent," said Waitthaka.



Students at Bagamoyo secondary school now have more time to study and less days off sick, thanks to a UN Environment-supported rainwater harvesting system that provides fresh water to an area where climate change is turning the ground water increasingly salty. Photo by UN Environment / Hannah McNeish

Civilians face familiar threats in rebel-held areas

BEIRUT, LEBANON

The last rebel-held enclave was meant to be a safe zone for three million displaced Syrians who fled government-controlled areas fearing arrest, torture or both.

But similar crimes are happening in Idlib province - although to a lesser extent than they have been committed in government-controlled territory - as well as in areas west of the Euphrates.

Hay'et Tahrir al-Sham, also known as HTS, the former al-Qaeda affiliate which dominates Idlib and parts of west Aleppo, and some of the other rebel groups backed by Turkey in north Aleppo, have been accused by human rights groups of looting, extortion and torture.

An agreement between Russia, Turkey and Iran last September succeeded in shielding the province in northwestern Syria from an attack by the Syrian government, which would have likely been catastrophic. But the deal has not been sufficient to protect residents from a failing economy and the lawlessness in the enclave.

The daily lives of many civilians continue to be paralysed by collective fear that they may be picked up and tortured if they are unable to pay a ransom.

In some cases, rebel gangs have seized men to punish them for preferring a rival faction, while in others, the kidnappers have been motivated by money.

Arrests, torture by armed groups On September 4 last year, Mohammad Nour Hemedi, a retired judge, was shoved in a silver van by five masked men outside his farmhouse near Idlib city.

"They extracted my toe-nails," he said. "I had never even heard about such torture."

Recounting his 21-day ordeal, the judge said that he was given a bottle of water and fed a loaf of bread a day. Sometimes, when the captors felt charitable, he was given an apple.

He was forced to defecate in an open plastic container which stayed in his underground solitary cell for days on end.

They demanded a ransom of

\$300,000 but settled for \$50,000, a hefty sum even for a judge's family to put together.

Hemedi said that at least two of his friends, wealthier Syrians, were also abducted and released after paying a ransom of \$120,000 each.

He did not say who abducted him, but said he was picked up in an area under the control of Hay'et Tahrir al-Sham.

Abdulghani Ramzi al Aryan, a local journalist, was kidnapped and thrown in a hen-house for 24 hours on January 1 this year in Salaqin in Idlib. "They hit me with their hands and feet and with the butt of their guns," he said.

Aryan also said he did not know who kidnapped him but said that once before, in 2017, he was taken in by fighters from Hay'et Tahrir al-Sham for reporting on infighting with another group, Faylaq al-Sham.

Those abducted rarely reveal the names of the abductors, often because they fear retribution.

However, Human Rights Watch released a report in January and found Hay'et Tahrir al-Sham responsible for the kidnapping of at least eleven people, and the torture of six people.

The Syrian Network for Human Rights claimed that Hay'et Tahrir al-Sham has arrested 184 people in the last three months.

Lama Fakhri, deputy Middle East director at HRW, said: "We have seen HTS use some of the same tactics as the Syrian government, such as illegal detentions and torture."

She said that HRW defines Hay'et Tahrir al-Sham as an "extremist" group because of its affiliation with al-Qaeda in the past and because it is labelled as a terrorist organisation by the United States and Turkey.

Arun Lund, a Fellow with the Century Foundation, said that despite Hay'et Tahrir al-Sham officially cutting ties with al-Qaeda and forming a Salvation Government, its administrations wing responsible for the provision of basic amenities like water and electricity in Idlib, the group is still seen as "extremist" because it is hard to pin down their exact relationship with al-Qaeda.

"They will be on terrorism lists as long as the United States, Russia, and other nations perceive them as al-Qae-

da linked, or just as intolerably extreme and dangerous. And that perception obviously exists now," Lund said.

Since the Sochi agreement, Hay'et Tahrir al-Sham has strengthened itself in Idlib and expanded to the countryside in Hama and Aleppo in recent days.

The agreement is mute on Hay'et Tahrir al-Sham's presence in wider Idlib and Turkey is not bound to contain the group.

However, the understanding is that Turkey is responsible for reining in the group and having its members either join the conglomeration of almost a dozen rebel groups - the National Liberation Front (NLF) formed in May last year - or give up its weapons and leave the area. Neither outcome has been achieved.

Fakhri said that Turkey has lines of communications with Hay'et Tahrir al-Sham and that it should use its leverage over the group regarding their treatment of civilian population.

Joshua Landis, director of the Center for Middle East Studies at the University of Oklahoma, said that Turkey's influence over Hay'et Tahrir al-Sham has waned.

"Turkey is supposed to control Idlib, but it does not. HTS has defied Turkish requests all along," he said.

He added that the fear that the Syrian government might still invade Idlib is possibly causing the group to opt for desperate measures.

"At any moment Syria could decide to invade forcing the HTS fighters to flee," he said. "No doubt, many are looking to feather their nests or stash away money to ensure they can smuggle themselves out of Syria to some safer place."

Lack of protection Syrian Activists have been targeted by a range of groups over their real and suspected allegiances in Idlib and in areas west of the Euphrates, which are under the control of the Turkey-backed NLF.

In June, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), gave a detailed account of human rights abuses in areas under Turkish control such as Afrin, al-Bab and Jarabulus.

In a report, it said: "There are high levels of violent crime, with civilians



Fighters from Hay'et Tahrir al-Sham are seen outside the villages of al-Foua and Kefraya in July [File: Khalil Ashawi/Reuters]

falling victim to robberies, harassment, abductions, and murder."

It quotes a case of 10 civilians being shot in the head in al-Bab because of inter-group rivalry.

The report described the situation as volatile, adding that the de facto authorities in the region were unable to act to ensure public order.

Elizabeth Tsurkov, research fellow at the Israel-based Forum for Regional Thinking, said that Turkey seemed unwilling to contain the problem in areas under the control of groups it backs.

"As an occupying force, Turkey has an obligation to protect the lives and property of Syrians living under its control," she said.

"Especially since the factions carrying out much of the abuse are financed and trained by Turkey."

Media activist Bilal Srewel was kidnapped in Afrin in November and tortured by a Free Syrian Army group called the Sultan Murad Brigade, which is almost entirely funded by Turkey.

"The first criminal is Assad," he told

Al Jazeera. "But all revolutionaries understood that by 2014, the so-called FSA had ended and had been replaced by militias. It's a disgrace."

When news of Srewel's abduction and torture spread on social media, Turkish authorities came to his rescue. He said he is now based in Turkey.

Another young man, who chose to stay anonymous, says he was kept in confinement for a month by the al-Hamzat Battalion, a part of the NLF, in Afrin.

Some of the violence is caused by criminal gangs divorced from the political factions. The enclave that comprises Hay'et Tahrir al-Sham-held Idlib and the NLF-controlled northern Aleppo is squeezed between government forces and the sealed-off Turkish border.

The lack of free movement and the arrival of more than two million Syrians has debilitated the local economy, one reason for the descent into lawlessness. Goods transported through government areas or Turkey became more expensive, with added costs such as

increased fees at the checkpoints. International organisations have cut aid in the education and health sectors because of the fear that the money may end up in the hands of Hay'et Tahrir al-Sham.

Salaried personnel including those working for the western aid sector run a particular risk of being targeted.

Syria Relief, a charity backed by British doctors, offers medical help to the people in Idlib by training and paying the salaries of doctors on the ground.

Hamish de Bretton-Gordon, a former British army colonel and an adviser to the group, said that in the last eight weeks, at least two of its doctors have been abducted.

"The captors demanded a ransom of \$50,000 for one of them," he said. "It could not be paid and we believe he has been killed."

With nowhere to flee to, the civilians in the rebel enclave are forced to live under the control of whoever holds the weapons.

Agencies.

Event set to dissect the future of African energy



The Africa Energy Indaba will take place at the Sandton Convention Centre, in Johannesburg, from February 19 and 20 this year

BY PAIGE MÜLLER

The eleventh edition of the Africa Energy Indaba - which will take place at the Sandton Convention Centre, in Johannesburg, from February 19 to 20 this year - will focus on the future prospects and direction of energy on the African continent from an energy provision and investment point of view.

"Africa is the next investment

frontier for energy. Energy access is now part of the political debate on the continent and there is an increase in political will to provide energy for African countries," says Africa Energy Indaba MD Liz Hart.

She explains that the 2019 Indaba - themed 'Africa's Energy Future' - hopes to also create meaningful dialogues regarding the impact of digitalisation on energy in Africa and providing access to energy for

Africans who are without it. To support the theme, the Indaba will play host to an array of detailed dialogue discussions and have an exhibition area that will demonstrate global energy technology innovations.

This year's Indaba will host a minimum of ten African energy Ministers and a broad series of CEO roundtables, during which critical issues that are "keeping energy leaders awake at night" will be discussed. Engaging

with his counterparts from the rest of Africa, Minister Jeff Radebe will also be delivering the event's opening keynote address.

Hart states that roundtable sessions are by invitation only and that an array of global, African and local CEOs will be invited to attend, workshop and seek resolutions to Africa's energy challenges. Key issues that impact African Energy CEOs that will be discussed in the CEO Roundtables include: funding and credit

ratings, utility business model and funding requirements, on-grid versus off-grid energy supply - the challenge for business, and will gas substitute oil in Africa.

Added to this will be a series of investor roundtables, unpacking energy project developments in various African countries, enabling investors, financiers, project developers and partners to find out about the latest energy projects and explore active participation in the said projects.

The event will host 240 speakers and more than 5 000 participants are expected to attend the Indaba.

Investment Opportunity

"The aim is to do business using the Africa Energy Indaba as the conduit to allow for the ideal flow to occur," enthuses Hart.

She stresses that access to energy and the rate at which Africa is realising this will be among the dominant themes of the event.

Hart explains that the continent is a significant opportunity for "serious" energy investment, owing to its vast array of natural energy resources - such as coal, oil, gas, hydro, solar, wind and geothermal - and the issues regarding continued lack of access.

She stresses that modern, affordable, reliable and sustainable energy is critical for economic growth, and providing access to modern energy contributes significantly to improved healthcare and better education. It also allows for economic opportunities to be created in urban and rural areas in Africa. However, she qualifies that, although access to modern en-

ergy in African countries is improving, the lack of access to energy on the continent is an ongoing challenge.

According to Hart, about 615-million people in Africa are currently without access to energy and 730-million rely on biomass for their energy needs. She elaborates that the issue is likely to worsen, with predictions that the African population will grow from 1-billion to 2.2-billion by 2050.

"This population growth and the associated migration from rural to urban areas in African countries will lead to increased demand for energy in African cities and towns," highlights Hart.

While this could potentially present an issue for the continent, Hart states that it is also an opportunity for investors looking to expand into the African energy market.

Digitalisation is Key

The role of digitalisation in the African energy sector is growing rapidly and will result in demand for innovation, adaptation to new market technologies and the development of a new skills set in companies, says Hart.

"According to last year's 'African Digitalisation Maturity' report, African countries can add R4-trillion, or \$300-billion, to the continent's economy by 2026 simply by adopting digitalisation."

Hart adds that digitalisation and the implementation of Industry 4.0 will feature prominently at the Indaba. She says a leading plenary panel discussion will be featured, with a focus on the new age of digitalisation and its impact on the African energy sector

AGENCIES

INFLUENCE

Tourism industry leaders lobby Ndugai on better investment climate

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

PARLIAMENT has been requested to help the country's tourism industry flourish by ensuring that legislation relating to taxes and other regulatory bodies are business friendly.

Speaking during a round-table discussion with House Speaker, Job Ndugai last Friday, Tanzania Association of Tour Operators (TATO) and Hotels Association of Tanzania leaders said the multi-billion-dollar industry is going through tough times due to unfriendly and inconsistent policies.

"The industry needs the intervention of your august house now than ever before," said TATO board of trustee member and founder Chairman, Merwyn Nunes. Nunes said a myriad of taxes and levies imposed on the industry were not only making the business environment unfriendly, but also depicting the country as a non-competitive.

Official records indicate that tour operators in the country are sub-

jected to 32 different taxes, levies and fees which include business registration, regulatory licenses fees, entry fees, income tax and annual tourism licenses for each tourist van.

A study on the Tanzania's tourism industry last year revealed that administrative burdens of filling in licensing, tax returns and levy paperwork alone place heavy cost on businesses in terms of time and money.

A tour operator, for instance, spends over four months to accomplish regulatory paperwork, let alone tax and license paperwork consuming a total of his 745 hours per year, the study established.

An average annual cost of personnel completing regulatory paperwork per local tour operator stands at \$1,300 a year, the joint study by the Tanzania Confederation of Tourism (TCT) and BEST-Dialogue stated.

"We really need new ways and means, especially at policy making levels, if the industry is to turn around the economy," chipped in the TATO



House Speaker, Job Ndugai (3rd R) in a group photo with TATO and HAT leaders after holding a round-table discussion in Dodoma last week. Photo: Guardian Photographer.

Vice-Chairman, Henry Kimambo.

HAT Chief Executive Officer, Nura-Lisa Karamagi said Ministry of Livestock Development and Fisheries' recent impromptu inspections of hotel restaurants embarrassed investors in the industry but also imposed hefty penalties.

Notwithstanding challenges facing the industry, Tourism and hospitality earns Tanzania's economy about \$2.05 billion per annum or an equivalent to 17 per cent of the country's gross domestic product.

TATO CEO, Sirili Akko touted tourism as a sure way to turnaround the country's economy because it is not consumptive but also employs millions of

people directly.

"Tourists come just to see with their eyes and take photos and leave behind \$2 billion annually. It is high time we gave tourism its due attention so that it grows and spur other sectors of the economy," Akko noted.

Addressing the delegation, Speaker Ndugai pledged to support the industry's bid to turn tourism into a national priority sector with friendly policies.

Ndugai called upon TATO and HAT leaders to sustain the partnership they have forged with the House in a bid to resolve hiccups facing the indus-

try. According to its national five-year marketing blueprint, Tanzania anticipates hosting two million tourists by end of next year, boosting its revenue from the current \$2 billion to nearly \$3.8 billion.

Thanks to United States Agency for International Development Project to build capacity of TATO, an umbrella organisation with over 300 members, the tourism industry is headed for a bright future only if the hostile environment is addressed.

Project Coordinator, Jumapili Chenga said engagement with legislators is an important step towards addressing challenges facing the industry.

CONTROVERSY

Bushiri aircraft attached, investigators allege loan agreement fabricated

JOHANNESBURG

SELF-PROCLAIMED prophet Shepherd Bushiri's multimillion-rand private jet has been attached by the Asset Forfeiture Unit (AFU) - part of the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) - amid allegations that he fabricated loan agreement papers to acquire it.

News24 has seen two affidavits - one from a detective colonel attached to the Hawks and one from the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) - detailing how cash was used to pay for the jet. Earlier this month, Bushiri and his wife Mary were charged with fraud, money laundering and the contravention of exchange control regulations.

They have been released on R100 000 bail each and are expected to appear in court again on May 10. Hundreds of devoted followers of embattled self-proclaimed prophet Shepherd Bushiri gathered outside court again on Wednesday to show their support. Bushiri, 35, and wife, Mary, were granted bail of R100 000 each when they appeared in the spec...

Hundreds of devoted supporters of embattled self-proclaimed prophet Shepherd Bushiri gathered outside court again on Wednesday

to show their support. Watch. Hawks spokesperson Hangwani Mulaudzi told News24 that a preservation order was served on Bushiri on February 6 at the Pretoria Specialised Commercial Crimes Court.

"He has 14 days [from February 6] to enter an appearance if he intends to oppose the application for forfeiture. "If he fails to enter an appearance [to oppose] in terms of the order or to comply with the requirements, he will not be given notice of the application for a forfeiture order and will not be entitled to appear at the hearing of the application," he said.

Mulaudzi said the Hawks' investigation was at a "very sensitive stage." "There is a lot that we gained and we would not want to jeopardise the co-operation we have with the witnesses. We continue to receive magnitudes of information. We have a strong case with the current matter in court," he said.

An affidavit deposited to by a Hawks investigator - which News24 has seen - states that Bushiri purchased the aircraft for \$1.25m in November 2015. However, last year, SARB investigators assisted the Hawks to probe the purchase of the aircraft.

According to investigators, Bushiri alleged

that funds he used to secure the aircraft were obtained from a loan for \$1.25m from Joint Aviation Resources LLC (JAR) and that he paid the money back. An investigator from SARB then requested bank statements. But he was unable to trace any transactions that matched the amount.

Factually untrue

It was then concluded that Bushiri might have provided false information to the department about how he obtained the funds. But in his affidavit, Bushiri disputed the allegations. He maintained that the reports were not only factually untrue but they were also "malicious as they are intended and designed to tarnish my good image."

"I have never exported funds (except for the nominal amounts admissible in terms of the foreign exchange control) or gold from the Republic.

"All the relevant times when I travel from the Republic, the South African Police and immigration authorities conducted a thorough check on my person and all those accompanying me, which in itself would negate any export of funds or gold in that sense," he said

in the affidavit.

Bushiri added that his ministry acquired the Gulfstream from the National Airways Corporation at a price of \$1.25m. He said the funds for the payment of the aircraft were secured by a loan from Joint Aviation Resources.

"The ministry repaid the funds in South Africa to [JAR]. The source of the repayment of the loan to JAR was church donations to the ministry. JAR will be in a position to provide proof that it was fully paid," he said. Investigators also interviewed Sabine Stefanie Kruger, a director at JAR.

False receipts

She alleged that she had never seen the loan agreement and did not have any knowledge of such an agreement. The signature on the agreement indicates a possible resemblance to that of her husband, who resigned from his directorship in 2017.

Kruger stated in her affidavit that JAR was neither authorised nor permitted to deal in US dollars or any foreign currency. "The receipts are false as JAR [does] not issue receipts at all. JAR only issues invoices to customers," she told investigators.

According to Kruger, the company never received the payments as indicated on the receipts. She also stated that she had never met Bushiri and that JAR didn't do any business with him. Kruger's husband, Henry, also told investigators that he did not recognise the loan agreement.

"I also dispute my signature on the said document. The receipts shown to me are also fabricated as JAR do not issue such documents," Henry said in his affidavit. Investigators concluded that it was evident that Bushiri "intentionally and falsely presented" to the SARB that the money he used to buy the aircraft originated from JAR.

The investigator in the matter said although he was not a handwriting expert, he compared Kruger's signature as reflected on the purported loan agreement with his signature on his affidavit. "It is evident that on the face of it, these signatures differ," reads the affidavit.

"In addition, both Sabine and Kruger confirm that the receipts provided by Bushiri to create the impression that the loan amount was repaid to JAR are false. JAR does not issue receipts at all. JAR only issues invoices to customers.

INVESTMENT

Hundreds of local entrepreneurs receive over 2.2bn/- from Elumelu Foundation

By Francis Kajubi

A RECORD 114 young Tanzanian entrepreneurs have received US \$1.14m (over 2.2bn/-) in grants from Tony Elumelu Foundation since the program began in 2015.

United Bank of Africa Tanzania Limited's Managing Director, Usman Isiaka said in Dar es Salaam last week that the entrepreneurship program which was established by Nigerian tycoon, Tony Elumelu identified and selected 1,000 talented young Africans with tangible business ideas every year.

The selected entrepreneurs are then trained on best business practices before being given grants of up to \$10,000 each. Isiaka said TEF entrepreneurship program is set to fulfill its commitment of donating US\$100 million to 10,000 young entrepreneurs from 54 African countries in 10 years time.

"UBA believes that empowering and investing in such young entrepreneurs will have a poverty alleviation cascading effect to local communities since these young entrepreneurs will employ others through their ventures, expand the tax base for the government," Isiaka added.

He asserted that Africa can only be developed by Africans hence Elumelu's decision to empower young Af-

ricans including Tanzanians to become successful business people.

The UBA MD urged local youth to apply for funding from the Tony Elumelu Foundation Entrepreneurship Programme (TEEP) which has already opened doors for new applications this year.

Elumelu who is founder and Chairman of Heirs Holdings Limited is also Chairman of United Bank of Africa Public Limited Company. UBA through UBA Foundation also follows TEF's principle of supporting communities through its corporate social responsibility initiatives through supplying of free literature books to secondary schools in the country.

The bank M.D noted that UBA Tanzania has also been one of major providers of infrastructural development facilities in the power sector, construction and the manufacturing sector which aligns with the industrialization agenda of the government.

"Specifically, within the last five years, UBA Tanzania has provided funding in excess of \$250m to these sectors that are critical to the social economic development of any nation," Isiaka noted.

UBA Tanzania is also providing funding to retail and consumer segment of the economy in order to boost the purchasing power needed for growth of the industries.



Nigerian billionaire who is founder of TEF and Chairman of United Bank of Africa Plc, Tony Elumelu speaks at a past event. File photo.

EXCELLENCE

Japanese Kaizen principle adopted by TCC employees proving successful

By Guardian Reporter

JAPANESE origin Kaizen Principle which has successfully made the Asian island nation a global industrial powerhouse for motor vehicles is taking shape among Tanzania Cigarette Public Limited Company (TCC Plc) employees.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam last Friday, TCC Plc's Primary Manager, Phillip De Gaulle said the principle which involves

employees continuous improvement in what they do is proving to be successful at the company which is a subsidiary of Japan International Tobacco (JIT).

"Kaizen is a Japanese word meaning change for good and this change is a step by step movement which, among other things, improves efficiency at work place which is what is happening at TCC," De Gaulle said.

He said TCC Plc's employees are con-

versant with the principle hence apply it in their daily activities which has led to successful results at the cigarettes manufacturer.

De Gaulle pointed out that as part of the principle, TCC Plc's employees including himself have been undergoing regular training in Japan which has enabled them to become experts in implementing the Kaizen principle.

"Recently, TCC was among partici-

pants at a seminar that was organized by the National Institute for Productivity (NIP) which is under the Prime Minister's Office in collaboration with the Japan Productivity Centre (JPC) to discuss on how best to implement the 5S and Kaizen Principle in private and public institutions," the TCC Plc's Primary Manager added.

During the seminar, the TCC employees interacted and shared experiences

with colleagues from other institutions who had been undergoing training on the Kaizen Principle in Japan under a pilot study coordinated by JPC and NIP.

Implementation of the Kaizen Principle has helped TCC employees in boost efficiency by cutting down unnecessary costs. "All employees are by now aware about this principle and are implementing in their daily work," he stressed.

The best practices of the Kaizen

Principle include focusing on the processes, engaging staff in decision making, improving step by step in efficiency, improving on whatever one does and eliminating waste in all forms.

"This, if properly implemented will improve customers trust and also ensure that businesses and institutions are run efficiently minimizing losses and unnecessary expenditure," he underlined.



Kibaha District Commissioner, Assumpter Mshama (2nd L) cutting a ribbon held by NMB Public Relations Manager for Eastern Zone, Aneth Kwayu (3rd L) to symbolize receiving 100 desks and chairs which NMB Bank Plc donated for Kilangalanga Secondary School and Uhuru Primary Schools. Third from right is NMB Kibaha Branch Manager, Hosea Lyatuu and Kilangalanga Secondary School Headmaster Albert Mabiki (2nd R). Photo: courtesy of NMB.

ACQUISITION

Kenya's BRCK acquires local ISP, Surf

NAIROBI

KENYA-BASED integrated hardware and software company, BRCK has announced its plans to acquire local ISP Surf.

Erik Hersman, chief executive officer at BRCK, said the acquisition fits with the company's plans to expand its services in Kenya to those who do not have access to the internet.

"Surf Kenya offers low cost internet services in 20 towns in Kenya. Some users do not have the ability to spend more than 15 shillings (approximately US\$ 0.15) on internet bundles every week," he said.

"The big ISPs only concentrate on about 20 to 30 percent who can af-

ford internet, to pay for fixed internet access, leaving a whole 70 percent of the population without (a) better alternative to access the internet," he added.

BRCK currently has 300,000 users who access internet through public vehicles, where they have stationed portable Supa BRCK. Surf has approximately 200,000 monthly users across the country.

"This will bring our users to 500,000 after the acquisition," Hersman said. The company is aiming to increase the number to 1 million monthly users by the end of 2019.

Following the acquisition, the combined Wi-Fi access points for BRCK

will increase from the current 1,500 nodes to 2,700 nodes, making it one of the biggest public Wi-Fi zones in Sub-Saharan Africa.

BRCK runs its Moja Wi-Fi, which is a free public Wi-Fi, in public service vehicles but generates its revenue from running ads on its network.

Surf began its operations in Kenya in 2016 and in 2018 partnered with Internet Solutions and Facebook to launch Express Wi-Fi, a public network that enabled them expand nationally. Hersman declined to mention how much the transaction is worth or when it will be closed. Surf could not be reached for comment at the time of publishing.

FISCAL SHIFT

Important tax change for South Africans working abroad

CAPE TOWN

IN December 2017 South Africa amended its legislation relating to the exemption of foreign employment income, and effective 1 March 2020, this exemption will be capped at R1m, explains Zohra de Villiers, tax partner in the Cape Town office of KPMG.

"Over the past few years we have seen a steady increase in the number of South African outbound expatriate employees," she says. "Some of them want to gain experience working in a different country and others want to take advantage of potentially earning tax-free salaries in certain jurisdictions."

Since the introduction of VAT in the Middle East in January 2018, tax professionals from South Africa have also taken up employment in this region.

Currently, if a South African tax resident works offshore and is physically present outside South Africa for more than 183 days - of which more than 60 days are consecutive during a 12 month period - the salary earned for the work performed offshore during this period is exempt from tax in South Africa.

This can be attractive to offshore workers if they are in a country that does not levy personal income tax. The amendment, effective 1 March 2020, will, therefore, have a significant

impact on the tax liability of South African residents working abroad and in particular in jurisdictions with no personal income tax or a lower tax rate than South Africa.

Currently, those working in the Middle East earn their salary tax free. Therefore, if a South African resident works in Dubai and earns R3m a year, there is no tax liability in South Africa, on the basis that they are physically absent from South Africa for the required days.

Once the amendment comes into effect, the South African resident will, for example, have a tax liability of R742 974 on taxable income of R2m as only the first R1m will be exempt.

Resident versus non-resident

This amendment impacts South African tax residents working abroad. If an individual has broken South African tax residency, the amendment will not impact the individual's South African tax liability.

Where a South African tax resident also becomes tax resident in the jurisdiction where he or she is working due to that country's domestic legislation, the double tax agreement between South Africa and the host country should be reviewed to determine in which country the individual would be, exclusively, a tax resident.

Should the individual break South African tax residency due to the ap-

plication of tie-breaker clauses in the double tax agreement, he or she may be liable for exit taxes in South Africa. Further, there may still be a requirement to file a South African tax return if the individual earns rental and/or investment income in South Africa.

Double taxes

As the amendment may result in taxes payable in South Africa and in the country the individual is working, on the same remuneration, a tax credit may be claimed in South Africa in respect of the foreign taxes paid. This is, however, limited to the taxes the person would have paid in

South Africa.

Further, as one is required to have documentary proof of taxes paid offshore, the credit may only be claimed when filing the tax return - if the documentary proof is available. This could result in the refund being paid a year or even longer after the relevant tax year.

South African tax residents working abroad are, therefore, encouraged to review their specific circumstances and consult their professional tax advisor to ensure that they are well aware of the impact, if any, the amendment will have on their South African tax liability and compliance.

CREATIVITY

'Mkeka na Mvinyo' organisers see onset of new tourism product

By Guardian Reporter

A LOCALLY crafted 'Mkeka na Mvinyo' event which took place on Valentine Day in Dar es Salaam was a success and now organizers want it to become a new tourist attracting annual event.

The event's Coordinator, Caroline Kirwanda of Real PR Solutions said in Dar es Salaam last Friday that they plan to conduct the exercise annually all over the country. "We are grateful that 'Mkeka na Mvinyo' has been well received by stakeholders. This is just the beginning they should expect more to come," said Kir-

wanda.

She further pointed out that next April, the event be rolled out nationally with a goal of promoting domestic tourism and the same time unlock various business opportunities to spur economic growth.

"We need to promote massive local consumption to stimulate economic growth. After this Valentine edition, we will organize similar events during Easter, Sabasaba and end of the year," she added.

Apart from wine consumption while sitting on a mart (mkeka), the event also involved consump-

tion of local delicacies associated with the country's ethnic groups.

Speaking during the occasion, Alko Vintages Operation Manager, Sweetbertha Rwabizi said they were excited to be associated with the novel idea which complements the government's agenda on industrialization by giving the local producers an opportunity to sell their wine.

"So we need to promote massive local consumption to stimulate economic growth," Rwabizi said while adding that increased consumption of locally made wines will also translate into farmers selling more grapes and thus

improving their household income as well tame poverty.

She paid tribute to main sponsors of the event who included Alko Vintages Company Limited which produces a variety of premium quality wines, Air Tanzania Company Limited and Tanzania Tourist Board (TTB).



We need to promote massive local consumption to stimulate economic growth



Operation Manager for local wines producing company, Alko Vintages, Sweetbertha Rwabizi (R), serves one of the attendees of the maiden 'Mkeka na Mvinyo' held in Dar es Salaam on Valentine Day last week. Photo: Guardian Photographer.

BREAKTHROUGH

Xi hails important progress, says trade talks to resume in US

BEIJING

PRESIDENT Xi Jinping said US-China trade talks would continue next week in Washington, as the two sides race to reach a deal that would avert a tariff increase on Chinese goods after March 1.

"Negotiations between both sides have achieved important progress in another step," Xi said after a round of trade talks wrapped up in Beijing, according to China's Xinhua News Agency. "Next week, both sides are going to meet in Washington. I hope you keep up the good work, and push for a mutually-benefiting and win-win agreement."

Xi said he values the "good working relationship" with President Donald Trump very much, and is willing to keep in touch with him in various ways. He added that China was "willing to solve the bilateral economic disputes and frictions through cooperation, and push for an agreement that both sides can accept. But cooperation has principles."

The Chinese side added that they "reached consensus in principle on major issues," without providing further details, according to Xinhua.

The US echoed the sentiment, saying there had been progress, but that work remained, according

to an emailed statement from the White House. The two sides agreed that commitments reached would be stated in a memorandum of understanding, according to the statement.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin sounded a positive note on Friday, saying he and U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer held "productive meetings" with China's Vice Premier Liu He. They both also met Xi later in the day.

"We feel we have made headway on very, very important and difficult issues," Lighthizer said, according to the Associated Press. "We have additional work we have to do but we are hopeful."

Sealing the deal
The two sides remained far apart this week on structural reforms to China's economy that the US has requested, according to three US and Chinese officials who asked not to be identified because the talks were private. They said it would likely take a meeting between Xi and Trump to seal a deal.

The US and China were scrambling on Friday to produce a memorandum of understanding that would pave the way for a meeting between the two presidents, the Financial Times reported earlier, citing people briefed on the negotiations.



US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer (L) and Chinese Vice-Premier and lead trade negotiator Liu He before the opening session of trade negotiations at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing on Friday.

The US has also not relented on demands for China to dial back government subsidies for state-owned enterprises and improve corporate governance, one of the people said, an extremely sensitive issue that is seen as a non-starter for Chinese leaders.

The uncertainty has weighed on investors, with Asian stocks retreating from the highest levels since October following a dip in US equities. Both sides have an incentive to strike a deal: Trump has repeatedly linked market gains to his administration's policies, while

Bloomberg Economics estimates China would avoid a 0.3% drag on 2019 gross domestic product if the trade truce holds.

Trump earlier this week said he was open to delaying the deadline to more than double tariffs on \$200bn of Chinese goods if the two countries were close to a deal that addresses deep structural changes to China's economic and trade policies. Bloomberg News reported late Wednesday that he's considering pushing back the deadline by 60 days.

Asked Thursday if the Trump administration was considering extending the deadline for tariff increases, White House economic adviser Larry Kudlow said no decision has been made.

Negotiators in Beijing "are soldiering on" and the "vibe" is good, Kudlow said on Fox News, adding that he was briefed by U.S. officials earlier Thursday. "They are going to be meeting with President Xi tomorrow, which is a very good sign. They are moving through all of the issues. They are getting the job done."

Kudlow later told reporters at the White House that he's "cautiously optimistic" on the outcome of the talks with China.

PLUMMET

EU flag sales come down in Brexit Britain

LONDON

AT a flag-making workshop in northern England, orders for Union Jacks are flying off the production line while the EU's blue-and-yellow standard is proving less and less popular. Flying Colours, which makes flags for Britain's royal palaces, has seen EU flag orders drop by 90% since the country voted to leave the bloc in 2016.

"We've certainly seen a fall," Andy Ormrod, director of the factory in North Knarborough in Yorkshire, told AFP. "Times have changed, our attitudes have changed... The demand isn't there," he said.

Britain's union flag is proving more popular than ever, with orders up roughly 75% since last summer. "People are getting a little bit more passionate, I personally think, in being British," said Ormrod, who voted for Brexit because he is "sick and tired" of Brussels.

"I have a feeling that we are wanting more of our identity within the UK," the flag-maker added. "Standoffish" about flags
Britain has a long and complicated history with flags, according to Graham Bartram, chief vexillologist at the Flag Institute, a research centre in London. Until the last decade, the country has been reticent about displaying even its own national flag, he said.

The union flag is currently only flown from government buildings on 21 days each year, including royal birthdays and anniversaries and saints' days. Bartram puts the trend down to various factors, including Britons wanting to downplay latent displays of patriotism and the country's imperial past.

"We were standoffish about all flags," he said, noting this extended to the European flag. "It's not a flag you would tend to see around Britain."

In fact, prior to 2007, it was technically illegal to fly the EU and other national flags in Britain without planning permission, because they were considered advertising. Following a change in the law, the bloc's flag began to be seen more, flying outside the Scottish parliament, the Welsh and London assemblies and some other civic sites.

Hotels, organisations that have received significant funding from the bloc and EU member states' embassies are also among those to fly the European flag.

Symbol of resistance?
A petition lodged with parliament in the aftermath of the 2016 referendum - signed by nearly 20,000 people - called for all EU "flags, emblems and logos" to be removed immediately from public buildings in Britain.

The government dismissed the calls, noting that "while the UK is a member of the EU it is in order for EU flags and symbols to be used in UK government buildings." All that could change once Britain has left the EU.

A spokesperson for the mayor of London said the emblem would be taken down from outside City Hall. However, spokespeople for the Welsh Assembly and Scottish Parliament, said no decisions have been taken.

"We'll take stock when the time is appropriate," said the spokesman in Scotland, where voters overwhelmingly backed remaining in the bloc in the 2016 referendum. The European flag was first created by the Council of Europe and only later adopted by the EU.

Bartram said its continued use by the Council, which Britain will remain a member of after Brexit, could provide cover for those who want to keep flying it after March 29. Could it become a symbol of Brexit resistance? "Possibly," he added. "And that would be interesting."



Andy Ormrod, the owner of Flying Colours Flagmakers



ISIDINGO MONDAY - FRIDAY STARTING 7:30 PM

I T V

SATURDAY 16 Feb

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

SUNDAY 17 Feb

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

MONDAY 18 Feb

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 Habari
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:30 HABARI

8:00 Kumekucha Michezo

- 8:55 Habari za saa
- 9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
- 9:30 Isidingo
- 9:55 Habari za saa
- 10:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:30 Igizo: Hatua
- 10:55 Habari za saa
- 11:00 Kimya Milele
- 11:55 Habari za saa
- 12:00 Al Jazeera
- 12:30 Jungu kuu rpt
- 12:55 Habari za saa
- 13:00 Mjue Zaidi
- 13:55 Habari za saa
- 14:00 Telenovela: Destiny (Destino)
- 14:55 Habari za saa
- 15:00 Meza Huru
- 16:30 Watoto Wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:10 Aibu yako rpt
- 18:15 Huduma ya kwanza
- 18:30 Shamba shape up
- 19:00 Afya ya Jamii
- 19:30 Isidingo
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:05 Dakika 45
- 22:00 Telenovela: Destiny (Destino)
- 23:00 Habari
- 23:30 The Base
- 00:30 Al Jazeera
- 02:00 CNN International

TUESDAY 19 Feb

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

- 18:15 Korean drama rpt: The Great Queen Seonduk
- 19:00 Jarida la wanawake
- 19:30 Isidingo
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:00 Kipindi maalum:
- 22:15 Telenovela: Destiny (Destino)
- 23:00 Habari
- 23:30 The Base
- 00:30 CNN International

WEDNESDAY 20 Feb

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:30 HABARI
- 8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
- 8:55 Habari za saa
- 9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
- 9:30 Isidingo
- 9:55 Habari za saa
- 10:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:30 Shamba shape up
- 10:55 Habari za saa
- 11:00 Korean: The Great Queen Seonduk
- 11:55 Habari za saa
- 12:00 Al Jazeera
- 12:30 Jarida la wanawake rpt
- 12:55 Habari za saa
- 13:00 Dakika 45
- 13:55 Habari za saa
- 14:00 Telenovela rpt: Destiny (Destino):
- 14:55 Habari za saa
- 15:00 Meza Huru
- 16:30 Watoto Wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Mapishi rpt
- 18:30 Ijue Sheria
- 19:00 Kipindi Maalum: TFDA
- 19:30 Isidingo
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:00 Aibu Yako! Hata wewe?
- 21:10 Kipindi Maalum : Tanesco
- 21:40 Kipindi Maalum:
- 22:15 Telenovela: Destiny (Destino)
- 23:00 Habari
- 23:30 The Base
- 00:30 Al Jazeera
- 2:00 CNN International

THURSDAY 21 Feb

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

10:00 Watoto wetu

- 10:30 Igizo: Hatua
- 10:55 Habari za saa
- 11:00 Igizo: Hatua
- 11:15 Usafiri wako
- 11:55 Habari za saa
- 12:00 Al Jazeera
- 12:30 Ijue Sheria
- 12:55 Habari za saa
- 13:00 Sanaa na wasanii rpt
- 13:30 Jungu Kuu
- 13:55 Habari za saa
- 14:00 Telenovela rpt: Destiny (Destino)
- 14:55 Habari za saa
- 15:00 Meza Huru
- 16:30 Watoto Wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Huduma ya kwanza rpt
- 18:30 Kipindi Maalum: Ewura
- 19:00 Usafiri wako
- 19:30 Isidingo
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:00 Malumbano ya hoja
- 23:00 Habari
- 23:30 The Base
- 00:30 CNN International

FRIDAY 22 Feb

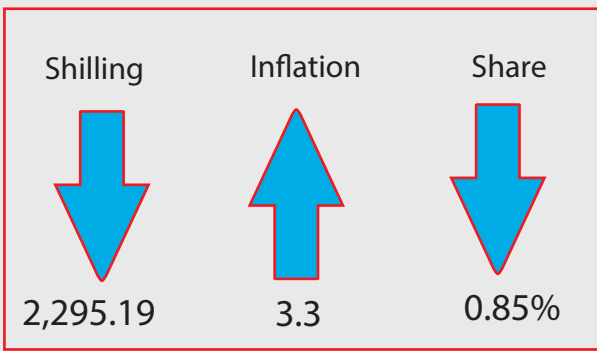
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- 17:00 The Base
- 17:30 Ibada ya kiislamu
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Igizo: Mizengwe
- 18:30 Uchumi na biashara
- 19:00 Kipindi maalum: TCRA
- 19:30 Isidingo
- 20:00 Habari

21:05 Kipima joto

- 23:00 Habari
 - 23:30 The Base
 - 00:30 CNN International
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- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
 - 6:00 HABARI
 - 6:40 Kumekucha
 - 7:00 Habari
 - 8:00 Al Jazeera
 - 9:00 Watoto wetu
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 - 22:30 Isidingo rpt
 - 01:00 CNN International

SUNDAY 24 Feb

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:00 Habari
- 8:00 Al Jazeera
- 09:00 Watoto Wetu
- 10:00 Isidingo
- 11:45 Aibu Yako
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- 18:30 Mizengwe rpt
- 18:45 Matukio ya wiki
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- 22:00 Telenovela rpt: Destiny (Destino)



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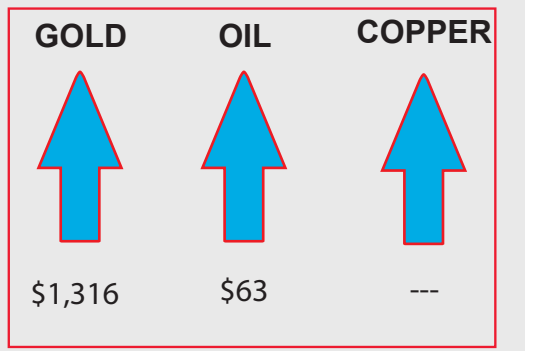
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 DSEI 2,139.21 +3.21

AVERAGE PRICES FOR FOOD CROPS TSH/100KG

Maize	52130.43	Finger Millet	142263.16
Rice	187045.45	Wheat	124857.14
Sorghum	75315.79	Beans	177272.73
Bulrush Millet	72076.92	Round potatoes	79295.45

Exchange Rates (DSE)

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



Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange

Date: February 15, 2019

Company	Closing	Prev	Chg (%)
ACA	6,100	5,600	+8.93
CRDB	135	135	+0.00
DCB	340	340	+0.00
DSE	1,300	1,300	+0.00
EABL	4,780	5,000	-4.40
JHL	9,700	9,700	+0.00
KA	195	190	+2.63
KCB	990	1,000	-1.00
MBP	490	490	+0.00
MCB	500	500	+0.00
MKCB	800	800	+0.00
MUCOB	400	400	+0.00
NICO	165	175	-5.71
NMB	2,340	2,340	+0.00
NMG	1,580	1,580	+0.00
PAL	400	400	+0.00
SWALA	490	490	+0.00
SWIS	2,340	2,340	+0.00
TBL	11,700	11,700	+0.00
TCC	17,000	17,000	+0.00
TCCL	640	640	+0.00
TICL	385	385	+0.00
TOL	660	660	+0.00
TPCC	2,060	2,060	+0.00
TTP	120	120	+0.00
USL	20	15	+33.33
VODA	800	800	+0.00
YETU	600	600	+0.00

DSE MARKET SUMMARY

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TRADING STATS

Market Cap (bln) 20,619.65
 Equity Turnover 48,317,900.00
 Total Volume 166,970
 Total Deals 51

TOP MOVERS

NICO 165 71,020
 CRDB 135 65,000
 VODA 800 25,090

GAINERS & LOSERS

Company	Price	Change
EABL	4,780	-4.40%
NICO	165	-5.71%
KCB	990	-1.00%
USL	20	+33.33%
KA	195	+2.63%
ACA	6,100	+8.93%

Interbank Foreign Exchange Market (IFEM)

Date	Amount Traded (Mn USD)	High	Low	Weighted Average
15/Feb/2019	1.53	2,308.50	2,293.95	2,295.19
14/Feb/2019	1.42	2,307.80	2,293.98	2,295.15
13/Feb/2019	1.55	2,305.80	2,293.97	2,295.12
12/Feb/2019	1.42	2,308.15	2,293.94	2,295.14
11/Feb/2019	1.10	2,307.50	2,293.95	2,295.19
8/Feb/2019	1.65	2,307.00	2,293.97	2,295.16
7/Feb/2019	1.12	2,304.60	2,293.96	2,295.10

Inter-bank Local Money Markets

Date	Volume (million-TZS)	High	Low	Weighted Average Rate (WAR)
15/Feb/2019	25,100	5.00	4.25	4.68
14/Feb/2019	27,900	5.20	3.00	4.76
13/Feb/2019	36,200	5.50	4.00	5.03
12/Feb/2019	2,000	5.00	5.00	5.00
11/Feb/2019	6,350	7.50	4.50	5.04

Tanzania Shilling On Average bases

The USDZTS increased 2.0000 or 0.09% to 2,322.0000 on Wednesday February 13 from 2,320.0000 in the previous trading session. Historically, the Tanzania Shilling reached an all time high of 2340 in January of 2019 and a record low of 1014.30 in December of 2004.

Gold rises as weak U.S. data supports Fed pause hopes

* Gold range bound between \$1,300-\$1325/oz - analyst
 * Silver, platinum on track for second week of declines
 * Palladium eyes second straight weekly gain

LONDON, Feb 15 (Reuters) - Gold rose on Friday after weak U.S. economic data dialled down chances the Federal Reserve would hike rates this year, and as dismal signals from China and Europe compounded concerns of a global slowdown and supported safe-haven demand for bullion.

Spot gold rose 0.3 percent to \$1,316.66 per ounce by 1036 GMT, on course for a small weekly gain.

U.S. gold futures gained 0.5 percent to \$1,319.90 an ounce.

"The weak retail sales data from the U.S. in the previous session falls in line with general expectations that the Fed will not be pushing through with their monetary tightening as hard as they were planning," SP Angel analyst Sergey Raevskiy said.

Gold gained 0.5 percent in the last session after weak U.S. retail sales data, along with soft inflation numbers on Wednesday, added to concerns of slowing growth, which could allow the Fed to hold interest rates steady for a while.

The disappointing U.S. data followed a spate of weak economic reports from China and Europe.

This helped gold hold its ground amid a slight rebound in the dollar, which held close to a two-month peak versus a basket of currencies, as the market awaited developments in trade talks between Washington and Beijing.

Two White House negotiators will meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping later on Friday, but there has been no decision to extend a U.S. deadline for a deal by March 1, U.S. President Donald Trump's economic adviser Larry Kudlow said on Thursday.

"The market is just waiting for a breakthrough. So long as China-U.S. trade concerns are lingering in the market, investors are in ambiguity about where they should go," said Vandana Bharti, assistant vice-president of commodity research at SMC Comtrade Ltd.

Also offering limited support to bullion was uncertainty surrounding Brexit, with increasing expectations Britain would leave the European Union next month without a deal, analysts said.

On the technical front, "Gold has been range-bound between \$1,300 and \$1325 per ounce, and if it breaks that level, gold will go up to \$1,350," SP Angel's Raevskiy said.

In other precious metals, palladium was down 0.1 percent at \$1,414 per ounce, but was still on track for a second consecutive weekly gain, up 0.9 percent so far.

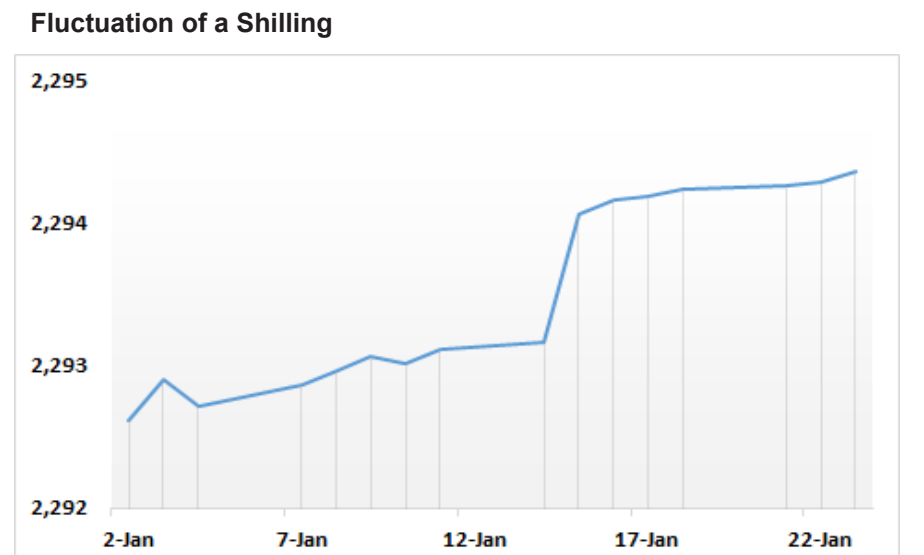
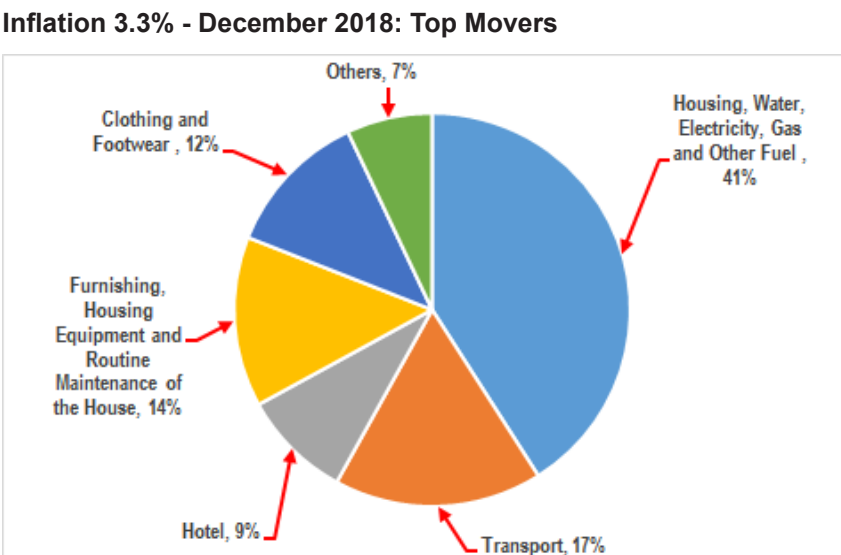
Platinum fell 0.2 percent to \$784, set for a second straight weekly fall.

Silver rose 0.2 percent to \$15.66, but was on track for its second weekly decline, down 1 percent so far.

All Share Index :15 Feb 2019

Africa	Actual	Change	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly
NSE-All Share	32,715	261.51	0.81%	3.76%	7.40%	-23.27%
FTSE/JSE TOP 40	48,446	96.32	0.20%	3.07%	1.64%	-7.03%
JALSH-All Share	54,628	101.30	0.19%	2.60%	1.56%	-7.60%
Egypt EGX 30	14,984	35.39	0.24%	1.56%	11.43%	-0.41%
Casablanca CFG 25	11,385	68.65	-0.60%	0.08%	2.34%	-13.50%
NSE All Share	157	1.56	-0.98%	-1.96%	8.66%	-12.74%
Nairobi 20	3,045	12.89	-0.42%	-0.48%	7.07%	-17.99%
DSEI	2,139	3.21	0.15%	-0.35%	6.62%	-9.09%
TUN	7,106	31.55	0.45%	-0.79%	-1.70%	8.11%
GGSECI	2,425	7.35	0.30%	0.36%	-3.14%	-27.37%
NSX Overall	1,326	9.18	0.70%	0.86%	-1.18%	-6.80%
Gaborone	7,880	1.94	-0.02%	0.13%	0.06%	-9.57%
SEMDEX	2,198	2.26	-0.10%	-0.56%	-0.94%	-3.83%
Zimbabwe Index	505.91	5.26	-1.03%	-4.03%	-1.13%	70.25%

DSEI decreased 18 points or 0.85% to 2139 on Friday February 15 from 2136 in the previous trading session. Historically, the Tanzania All Share Index DSEI reached an all time high of 3686.97 in January of 2019 and a record low of 1161.30 in December of 2010.



Brent oil briefly hits \$65 as production cuts fuel 2019 high

LONDON, Feb 15 (Reuters) - Brent crude oil briefly reached 2019 highs above \$65 per barrel on Friday, as OPEC-led supply cuts and the announcement of a higher-than-expected cut by Saudi Arabia this week encouraged investors.

The international benchmark for oil prices rose as high as \$65.10, pushing past \$65 for the first time this year. It fell back to \$64.75 by 0850 GMT, up 18 cents or 0.28 percent from the last close.

Brent is near a three-month high and set for a more than 1 percent gain on the week.

U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude futures were at \$54.50 per barrel, up 9 cents from their last settlement.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries along with allies led by Russia made voluntary production cuts beginning last month aimed at tightening the market.

Top exporter and de facto OPEC leader Saudi Arabia said on Tuesday it would cut over half a million barrels per day (bpd) more in March than the deal called for, sending prices surging.

Prices were also buoyed by the partial closure of Saudi Arabia's Safaniya, its largest offshore oilfield with a production capacity of more than 1 million bpd.

The shutdown occurred about two weeks ago, a source said, and it was not immediately clear when the field would return to full capacity.

"Brent should average \$70 per barrel in 2019, helped by voluntary (Saudi, Kuwait, UAE) and involuntary (Venezuela, Iran) declines in OPEC supply," Bank of America Merrill Lynch said in a note.

It also said it expected a drop of 2.5 million bpd in OPEC supply in the fourth quarter of 2019 compared to a year earlier.

But faltering economic growth is also a concern, with signs of a slowdown now abundant in Europe, Asia and the United States.

"Our macroeconomic view remains firmly bearish," commodities brokerage Marex Spectron said.

Surging U.S. output may also undermine OPEC's efforts to tighten the market.

Retail sales post biggest drop in nine years in December

U.S. crude production rose by more than 2 million bpd last year, to 11.9 million bpd, making the United States the world's biggest oil producer.

Most analysts expect U.S. output to rise past 12 million bpd soon, and perhaps even hit 13 million bpd by the end of the year.

Fuel Wef. Wednesday, 6th Feb 2019

Town	Petrol (TZS/Litre)	Diesel (TZS/Litre)	Kerosene (TZS/Litre)
Dar es Salaam	2,120	2,080	2,046
Arusha	2,255	2,299	2,286
Kibaha	2,125	2,084	2,050
Dodoma	2,179	2,139	2,105
Geita	2,286	2,245	2,211
Iringa	2,185	2,144	2,110
Kagera (Bukob)	2,336	2,295	2,261
Katavi	2,329	2,288	2,254
Kigoma	2,352	2,311	2,277
Moshi	2,245	2,289	2,276
Lindi	2,110	2,089	2,105
Manyara (Babati)	2,289	2,333	2,320
Mara	2,299	2,258	2,225
Mbeya	2,228	2,187	2,153
Morogoro	2,146	2,105	2,071
Mtwara	2,096	2,075	2,118
Mwanza	2,271	2,230	2,196
Njombe	2,213	2,172	2,138
Rukwa	2,294	2,253	2,219
Sumbawanga	2,294	2,253	2,219
Ruvuma	2,182	2,161	2,169
Shinyanga	2,249	2,209	2,175
Singida	2,211	2,171	2,137
Songwe	2,237	2,196	2,162

Foreign Exchange - Feb 15

	Actual	Chg	%Chg
EURUSD	1.12930	0.0006	-0.05%
GBPUSD	1.28890	0.0078	0.61%
AUDUSD	0.71390	0.0034	0.48%
NZDUSD	0.68630	0.0028	0.41%
USDJPY	110.48	0.0100	0.01%
USDCNY	6.76980	0.0083	-0.12%
USDCHF	1.00500	0.0003	0.03%
USDCAD	1.32430	0.0050	-0.38%
USDMXN	19.2352	0.0208	-0.11%
USDINR	71.3200	0.3100	0.44%
USDBRL	3.7007	0.0225	-0.60%
USDRUB	66.2523	0.4004	-0.60%
US Dollar	96.90	0.0740	-0.08%
USDKRW	1,125.44	0.0400	0.00%

Exchange Rates for 15 / Feb /2019

Currency	Spot	Buying	Spot	Selling
EAST AFRICAN CURRENCIES				
Kenya SHS	2,270.16		2,288.29	
Uganda SHS	58.28		62.45	
Rwandan Franc	253.09		255.84	
Burundi Franc	217.57		219.21	
OTHER SELECTED CURRENCIES				
USD	227,242.57		229,515.00	
Pound STG	290,961.39		293,962.81	
EURO	256,034.21		258,686.36	
Canadian \$	171,361.57		173,049.08	
Switz. Franc	225,349.64		227,512.89	
Japanese YEN	2,046.86		2,066.77	
Swedish Kronor	24,486.82		24,723.69	
Norweg. Kronor	26,256.85		26,510.23	
Danish Kronor	34,320.97		34,661.04	
Australian \$	161,501.30		163,162.21	
Indian RPS	3,193.49		3,223.93	
Pakistan RPS	1,555.33		1,627.77	
Zambian Kwacha	19,024.96		19,327.58	
Malawian Kwacha	290.43		310.23	
Mozambique-MET	3,650.48		3,681.07	
Zimbabwe \$	42.52		43.38	
SDR	315,783.10		318,940.93	
Gold (T/O)	296,690,177.38		299,838,396.00	
S. African Rand	16,071.13		16,221.29	
UAE Dirham	61,871.75		62,478.56	
Singapore \$	167,274.62		168,922.50	
Hong Kong \$	28,956.58		29,245.78	
Saud Arabian Rial	60,594.79		61,195.84	
Kuwait Dinar	747,483.88		754,735.28	
Botswana Pula	21,247.18		21,643.26	
Chinese Yuan	33,570.57		33,856.26	
Malaysia Ringgit	55,778.74		56,281.27	
South Korea Won	201.87		203.53	
Newzealand	155,320.30		156,965.31	

World Commodities (\$) 15 February 2019

Energy	Price	Day	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly
Crude Oil Brent	55.59	2.17%	5.44%	6.27%	-9.93%
Natural gas	66.25	2.60%	6.68%	8.04%	1.96%
Gasoline	2.625	2.02%	1.63%	-22.43%	0.61%
Heating oil	1.5729	4.27%	8.75%	11.09%	-11.67%
Ethanol	2.0203	2.47%	5.86%	4.80%	4.80%
Naphtha	1.329	0.00%	1.61%	4.73%	-9.90%
Propane	497.69	1.63%	4.69%	7.46%	-9.72%
Uranium	0.67	1.60%	5.96%	-0.46%	-19.08%
	28.7	-0.17%	-0.52%	-0.69%	31.95%

CROPS, PRICE PER 100KG FEB 13, 2019

Region	Maize	Rice	Sorghum	Bulrush Millet	Finger Millet	Wheat	Beans	Irish potatoes
Arusha	Low 42000	High 160000	Low 200000	High 38000	Low 40000	High 42000	Low 75000	High 80000
D'Salaam	65000	70000	160000	220000	60000	90000	60000	70000
Dodoma	39000	43000	142000	190000	30000	35000	32000	35000
Iringa	38000	40000	150000	200000	NA	NA	NA	100000
Kagera	55000	60000	136000	185000	90000	100000	110000	120000
Kilimanjaro	48000	48000	180000	180000	70000	80000	NA	180000
Kigoma	48000	50000	150000	160000	70000	70000	60000	130000
Lindi	60000	70000	190000	200000	100000	140000	NA	175000
Mara	50000	50000	120000	135000	50000	55000	NA	NA
Manyara	45000	54000	150000	200000	36000	42000	80000	100000
Mbeya	38000	40000	175000	185000	98000	105000	NA	110000
Mtwara	51000	52000	170000	190000	90000	100000	NA	190000
Mwanza	60000	60000	150000	180000	NA	NA	1500	

WORLD

More US aid lands near Venezuela amid distribution uncertainty

CUCUTA, Colombia

A US military transport plane carrying humanitarian aid meant for Venezuelans landed on Saturday in the Colombian border city of Cucuta, where food and medicine is being stored amid uncertainty over how and where aid will be distributed.

The shipment will be the second arrival of large-scale US and international aid for Venezuelans, many of whom have scant access to food and medicine, since opposition leader Juan Guaido declared himself interim president in defiance of socialist President Nicolas Maduro.

Guaido, who argued Maduro's 2018 re-election was a sham and invoked constitutional provisions to declare

himself the country's leader last month, has said aid will enter Venezuela on Feb 23.

But it remains unclear whether Maduro, who has called the aid a US-orchestrated show and denies any crisis, will allow the supplies to cross into Venezuela.

Speaking in Caracas to supporters who had volunteered to help with the aid effort, Guaido said he would announce details on Monday about how he planned to get aid into the country from Colombia, Brazil and Curacao despite Maduro's opposition.

"We will organize ourselves into brigades," Guaido said, calling on the military to allow the aid through. "The message we have to get through to the armed forces is that they have one



A C-17 cargo plane loaded with humanitarian commodities landed at Camilo Daza airport in Cucuta, Colombia, on Saturday. The United States is airlifting and pre-positioning additional humanitarian commodities to provide relief to Venezuelans suffering from severe food and medicine shortages. (AP)

week to do the right thing. Will you be on the side of your family and your people or of the usurper who keeps lying?"

Millions of Venezuelans will be traveling to the border to safeguard arriving aid, Lester Toledo, a Guaido representative, said at a news conference in Cucuta.

"We are seven days from this being a reality," Toledo said. "We are going to have the accompaniment of people, of hundreds of thousands, of millions of Venezuelans that our president Juan Guaido has called upon, who we have asked to go to the border dressed in white as a sign of peace."

A US official told Reuters the aid delivered on Saturday amounted to more than 200 tonnes but a US Embassy representative said they had no measurements of the shipment. Toledo said three planes would eventually arrive.

Acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan said on Saturday that the US used military aircraft to send aid to the Venezuelan border in Colombia because of the urgency of the humani-

tarian needs. "It's a message to Venezuela that we are supporting their humanitarian needs," Shanahan told reporters, adding the aid was being transported by three C-17 aircraft.

The supplies, including hygiene kits and special products meant for children suffering malnutrition, are arriving from a US Air Force base in Florida, the US Embassy said in a statement.

Additional aid flights will take place over the coming days, the statement said, and medical supplies and pharmaceuticals meant for use in hospitals will arrive early next week.

The first aid shipment, which included basic foodstuffs and medical supplies, arrived Feb 8 and is being stored in a Cucuta warehouse.

Two bridges outside Cucuta that mark the border between the two countries were open as normal on Saturday. A bridge outside Tienditas, Venezuela, which has never been used, remains blocked on the Venezuelan side by shipping containers.

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China hopes US will implement consensus reached by Xi, Trump

MUNICH

A SENIOR official of the Communist Party of China (CPC) on Saturday expressed his hope that the United States would implement, along with China, the consensus reached by heads of the two state, advancing bilateral ties based on coordination, cooperation and stability.

Yang Jiechi, a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, made the call while answering questions about China-US relationship after addressing the 55th Munich Security Conference (MSC).

The world is faced with both opportunities and challenges, and all countries need to cooperate with each other, he said at the three-day 2019 edition of the conference, which runs through Feb 17.

According to Yang, who is also director of the Office of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the CPC Central Committee, President Xi Jinping and President Donald Trump have agreed that China-US relations should be based on coordination, cooperation and stability, and President Trump said developing a constructive and cooperative US-China relationship is his priority.

The important consensus reached by the two heads of state has pointed to the direction for the development of future bilateral ties, he said.

This year marks the 40th anniversary



Yang Jiechi, a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, speaks at the 55th Munich Security Conference (MSC) in Munich, southern Germany, on Saturday. (AFP)

of the establishment of diplomatic ties between China and United States. Since President Richard Nixon, Chairman Mao Zedong and Premier Zhou Enlai opened the door for US-China exchanges, relations between the two countries have forged ahead with historic achievements through thick and thin, bringing tangible benefits to the two peoples and the world at large, he noted.

Yang urged the US to proceed from the fundamental interests of the two peoples and earnestly implement the important consensus reached by the two heads of

state.

As for China-US economic and trade differences and frictions, Yang said China is willing to solve them through cooperation, but maintaining principles.

Recently, he said, Chinese and US business teams have conducted intensive consultations and made important progress. It is hoped that both sides will continue to make concerted efforts to push for mutually beneficial and win-win agreements.

On the trade imbalance between China and the US, Yang said the causes are complex. A large part of this is due to the

US export control toward China. Report from a US research institute showed that the US trade deficit with China could be reduced by 30 percent if it relaxed its export controls to the level of France.

Regarding human rights, Yang noted, the Chinese government attaches great importance to the promotion of human rights. The Chinese people of all ethnic groups have forged ahead in unity and improved their living standards, which is a fact for all to see. China firmly opposes the US' groundless attacks and accusations against China under the guise of human rights.

The Chinese government always requires Chinese companies to abide by international rules and laws and regulations of the country where they operate, Yang said.

Over a long period, Huawei Technologies Co, Ltd has made positive contributions to the development of communication technologies in countries including in Europe, and strictly abided by international rules and local laws and regulations. China has no law requiring companies to install "back doors" or collect foreign intelligence.

The Chinese official expressed the hope that some countries will show some confidence in their own technologies and some respect for the willingness of other countries to develop cooperation with Chinese enterprises. Xinhua

Cameroon's 145 students, teachers released after kidnapping

YAOUNDE

GUNMEN released 145 students and teachers in a restive English-speaking region of Cameroon yesterday, about 24 hours after their kidnapping, school authorities said.

The students and teachers were abducted early Saturday from a private college in Northwest,

one of the two war-torn English-speaking regions of Cameroon.

School officials told Xinhua that only 11 students and three teachers were kidnapped, but "further investigation" revealed that the actual number stood at more than 100.

"After further investigation we realized 145 were kidnapped, among them three teachers. They

have all been released unharmed. They got to the school this night. They will be reuniting with their families on Sunday," Rev. Oliver Shey, a senior administrator of the school, told Xinhua.

"We did not pay any ransom," he added, without saying who had kidnapped them and for what reason.

The government and armed

separatists have been engaged in a blame-game of rampant kidnappings in the strife-torn regions.

The government regularly accuses separatists of the abductions while the separatists insist that they were staged by the government to tarnish their image internationally.

Armed separatists fighting for the "independence" of the two

Anglophone regions of Northwest and Southwest in Cameroon have been clashing with government forces since November 2017.

The separatists have ordered the closure of schools in the regions. Local authorities said the separatists have torched more than 100 schools that insist to operate. Xinhua

Number of anti-Russian articles in British media grows as Brexit nears, says Russian embassy

LONDON

THE number of anti-Russian articles in the British media will grow as Brexit nears, an official from the Russian embassy in London said, commenting on media reports, which claimed that Russian intelligence agencies were involved in the alleged poisoning of Bulgarian arms dealer Emilian Gebev in 2015.

"We have seen many of such bogus stories that combine intelligence data and fake news. We are confident that as Brexit nears, the number of such anti-Russian articles will only grow," the embassy official said.

"At the same time, we would like to reiterate that the allegedly 'independent' organization Bellingcat, on whose publications media reports are based, is clearly linked to western intelligence services. There is enough evidence of that. The fact that the results of its investigation concerning a Russian citizen named Sergey Fedotov, who visited Bulgaria at the time when Elimian Gebev was poisoned, were made public through British media outlets only confirms our observations," the embassy official noted.

What happened in Bulgaria

Bulgarian Prime Minister Boiko Borisov said in an interview with the Guardian earlier that "a team of British investigators is in Bulgaria looking into whether the 2015 suspected poisoning of a local arms dealer has links to the poisoning of Sergei Skripal and his daughter last year in Salisbury."

The Daily Telegraph reported earlier, citing a source, that "a Russian military intelligence officer - using the false name Sergey Fedotov - travelled to the UK on the same day as two hitmen who carried out the attempted assassination of Sergei Skripal."

According to the newspaper, "Fedotov was then booked on to the same flight back to Moscow with" the two others but he "checked himself and his baggage off the plane before departure." "He could still have been running around Britain," the paper quoted the source as saying.

The Times, in turn, said that "the Metropolitan Police and MI5 are understood to be examining the 2015 episode in which Emilian Gebev, a Bulgarian arms dealer, was reportedly poisoned in an attack that he survived." The newspaper added that Fedotov could have been involved in the poisoning incident.

Third suspect

Bellingcat alleged on Thursday that the third suspect in the Skripal poisoning was a Russian military intelligence (GRU) "officer, who operated internationally under the cover persona of Sergey Vyacheslavovich Fedotov." However, the Met Police declined to comment on this to TASS.

Skripal saga

According to London, former Russian military intelligence (GRU) Colonel Sergei Skripal, who had been convicted in Russia of spying for Great Britain and later swapped for Russian intelligence officers, and his daughter Yulia, suffered the effects of an alleged nerve agent in the British city of Salisbury on March 4, 2018.

Claiming that the substance used in the attack had been a Novichok-class nerve agent developed in the Soviet Union, London rushed to accuse Russia of being involved in the incident.

Moscow rejected all of the United Kingdom's accusations, saying that neither the Soviet Union nor Russia ever had any program aimed at developing such a substance.

On September 5, 2018, British Prime Minister Theresa May informed the country's parliament about the conclusions that investigators looking into the Salisbury incident had come to, saying that two Russians, believed to be GRU agents, were suspected of conspiracy to murder the Skripals.

The Metropolitan Police said their names were Alexander Petrov and Ruslan Boshirov.

In an interview with Russia's RT TV channel, Petrov and Boshirov said they had visited Great Britain for tourist purposes. According to them, they are businessmen with no links to the GRU and have nothing to do with the Skripal case.



South Korea and Sweden are the most innovative countries in the world

SOUL

SOUTH Korea and Sweden are the most innovative countries in the world, according to a league table covering everything from the concentration of tech companies to the number of science and engineering graduates.

The index on innovative countries highlights South Korea's position as the economy whose companies filed the most patents in 2017. Bloomberg, which compiles the

index based on data from sources including the World Bank, IMF and OECD, credits South Korea's top ranking to Samsung.

The electronics giant is South Korea's most valuable company and has received more US patents than any company other than IBM since the start of the millennium. This innovation trickles down the supply chain and throughout South Korea's economy. Sweden in second place is fast gain-

ing a reputation as Europe's tech start-up capital.

The Scandinavian country is home to Europe's largest tech companies and its capital is second only to Silicon Valley when it comes to the number of "unicorns" - billion-dollar tech companies - that it produces per capita.

Education hinders the US

The US dropped out of the top 10 in the 2018 Bloomberg Innovation Index, for the first time in the six years the

gauge has been compiled.

Bloomberg attributed its fall to 11th place from ninth last year largely to an eight-spot slump in the rating of its tertiary education, which includes an assessment of the share of new science and engineering graduates in the labour force. The US is now ranked 43 out of 50 nations for "tertiary efficiency". Singapore and Iran take the top two spots.

The US' ranking marks another setback for its higher education sector's

global standing in recent months: in September it was revealed neither of the world's top two universities were considered to be American. Those honours went to the UK's Oxford and Cambridge universities respectively.

In addition to the US' education slump in the innovation index, Bloomberg claims the country also lost ground when it came to value-added manufacturing. The country is now ranked in 23rd place, while Ireland and South Korea take the top two

spots.

Despite these setbacks, the Bloomberg Innovation Index still ranks the US as number 1 when it comes to its density of tech companies. The US is also second only to South Korea for patent activity.

These rankings may explain the disparity between Bloomberg's list of innovative countries and the World Economic Forum's own list of the 10 most innovative economies. Agencies

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Elise Mertens

Mertens stuns Halep to lift Qatar Open title

DOHA

BELGIUM'S Elise Mertens rallied from a set down to beat top seed Simona Halep 3-6 6-4 6-3 and clinch her first Premier-level title at the Qatar Open on Saturday. After both players dropped their opening service game, Halep took control of the encounter by winning 18 consecutive points from 3-3 to clinch the first set. World number three Halep grabbed an early break in the second set but Mertens responded immediately to get the match back on serve. Unseeded Mertens held her nerve to fend off two break points in the seventh game before she broke Halep's serve to love en route to claiming her first set in six played against the Romanian. With momentum firmly on her side, Mertens claimed a crucial early break in the

deciding set and went on to hold off a late Halep surge to win her fifth WTA title.

Mertens, ranked 21 in the world, recorded three top-10 victories in Doha this week, also beating Kiki Bertens and Angelique Kerber in the quarter-finals and semi-finals, respectively.

The 23-year-old enjoyed a breakthrough 2018 season, winning three titles, and has since maintained her steady progress on the WTA tour.

Halep, who helped Romania to their first-ever Fed Cup semi-final last weekend, struggled physically in the closing stages and needed medical assistance for treatment on her right foot.

"Honestly, I wanted to lift this beautiful trophy but Elise deserved it very much," said Halep, who won the Doha title in 2014.

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Oklahoma City Thunder Hamidou Diallo leaps over former NBA player Shaquille O'Neal during the NBA All-Star Slam Dunk contest, Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019, in Charlotte, N.C. Diallo won the contest. (Agencies)

Tatum, Harris, Diallo win titles at All-Star Saturday

CHARLOTTE, N.C.

BOSTON'S Jayson Tatum got his gamewinner from midcourt. Oklahoma City's Hamidou Diallo went over Shaquille O'Neal to help win his trophy. And Brooklyn's Joe Harris made all the shots at all the right times to deny Golden State's Stephen Curry a storybook ending in his hometown.

Say this for All-Star Saturday Night: It had flair.

Tatum won the skills competition, Diallo put on a show for the league's annual slam dunk title, and in easily the most anticipated part of the night Harris held off the Warriors' shooting star for the win in the 3-point contest.

Harris made 12 straight shots in the final round and went a staggering 15 for 18 on moneyballs – the shots worth the most – to win the 3-point title. He finished with 26 of a possible 34 points in the final round, beating Curry by two. Sacramento's Buddy Hield was third with 19 final-round points.

"Obviously, it's incredible," Harris said. "Steph is the greatest shooter of all time. But, again, shooting off of the rack for a minute is not indicative of being a better shooter than Steph Curry. I don't want anybody to get it twisted at all."

And the runner-up left a winner, too.

Stephen Curry and his brother Seth Curry of the Portland Trail Blazers had a bet where the winner of the 3-point contest – they were both entrants – would have to pay for tickets for the family over the rest of their careers.

Seth Curry didn't get out of the first round. He said that even though his brother didn't win, he'd pay up.

"It stands. He got that 27 in Round One and that's impressive," Seth Curry said. "He deserved to win the bet and I have to do what I got to do."

Stephen Curry won the first round with 27 points, making his last 10 shots. Hield was second with 26 points, and Harris

finished with 25 to grab the last spot in the finals. And in a weekend where the Curry family – Dell Curry is a former Charlotte star, Steph is a three-time NBA champion, Seth is in the league and mother Sonya beat them all by making an underhand half-court shot Friday – was celebrated, the trophy finish didn't happen.

"I would have loved the storybook ending – Steph comes home and wins in his native Charlotte," Stephen Curry said. "That's how I had it in my head anyway."

Stephen Curry went a combined 37 for 50 in the two rounds, the best of anyone in the event. But Harris' timely makes of the moneyballs put him over the top.

"It's been an honor for me to be here, for me to participate in this weekend," Harris said. "And it's certainly something that I'll remember for a long time."

Same goes for Tatum.

The night started with the skills challenge, and Tatum edged Atlanta rookie Trae Young in the final by making a shot from just past the midcourt stripe. Young was ahead of Tatum in the competition where players have to execute some passes, a layup and then a 3-pointer. So fearing that Young would make his 3 before Tatum could even get one off, he let it fly from about 50 feet.

"I didn't want to give Trae a chance," Tatum said. "I honestly didn't know I was going to hit the shot, but I had to give myself

a chance and throw it up there. It worked out for the best."

When the skills challenge and 3-point contest cleared the floor, that left the dunkers. The slam dunk contest field of four – New York's Dennis Smith Jr., Oklahoma City's Hamidou Diallo, Charlotte's Miles Bridges and Atlanta's John Collins – was pared to Diallo and Smith for the final.

Diallo pulled off a dunk that will be talked about for years in the first round – dunking over Shaquille O'Neal, hanging on the rim by his elbow, then tearing open his jersey to reveal a "Superman" shirt underneath. And his first dunk of the final round had the top of his head at basically rim level, putting him in control after Smith failed to make a dunk in his debut try of the final.

Smith leapfrogged Miami's Dwyane Wade and took a lob from Stephen Curry to give himself a chance with his last dunk, getting a perfect score from the judges – and a round of boos from the crowd, many of whom weren't that impressed.

That left Diallo as the night's final participant. Diallo got rapper Quavo out of the crowd, put the ball in his hands, then grabbed it as he went airborne for the slam that sealed the title.

"Atmosphere was great," Diallo said. "Just came out and gave the crowd what it was looking for."

(AGENCIES)

NBA, FIBA announce plans for pro league in Africa

CHARLOTTE, N.C.

THE NBA is bringing a pro league to Africa.

The Basketball Africa League, a new collaboration between the NBA and the sport's global governing body FIBA, was announced Saturday. The initial plan is for the 12-team league to begin play in January, and former President Barack Obama is among those who are expected to have direct involvement with the

league's plan to keep growing the game in Africa through the league and other initiatives.

The scope of what Obama's involvement will be remains unknown, and it's yet to be determined which existing club teams will be part of the league. Qualification tournaments will be held later this year to determine those clubs, with teams from Angola, Egypt, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa and Tunisia expected to

be among those taking part. No nation will have more than two teams in the league.

"As we've been talking about this concept over the last several months, there's been a tremendous reception from many of our NBA team owners ... and in addition, several of the partners of the NBA have expressed a strong desire to work with us in Africa," Silver said.

Silver said Pepsi and Nike's Jordan Brand – Charlotte owner Michael Jordan was among the

owners in the room where Silver made the announcement – are among the partners who have reached out to the NBA and said they want to be part of the Africa league. Silver also said that Obama, an enormous basketball fan, has told him he wants to "be directly involved with these activities in Africa."

Silver said talks between the NBA and Obama are ongoing. Obama spoke on a video that was shown during the event where

Silver announced the league.

"I hope you know through sport, that if you put in effort, you will be rewarded," Obama said. "I hope you learn through sport what it means to play as a team, and even if you are the best player, your job is not just to show off but your job is to make your teammates better."

The NBA and FIBA's involvement will include financial support and resources toward continued growing of the game on the continent, as well as providing

training for players, coaches and referees and some infrastructure for the new league. Silver said there are 438 companies in Africa that generate more than \$1 billion in revenue annually, but that sport there has not seen the same growth – yet.

"Africa is a huge economic engine," Silver said. "And one place, though, where we haven't seen enormous economic growth yet is in the industry of sport. And that's something that we are all

particularly focused on."

The NBA has held three games in Africa since 2015, all of them selling out – two games in Johannesburg, the other in Pretoria. Many of the league's current players and coaches, along with several legends and Hall of Famers, have been part of those trips.

"I went with them last year," Basketball Hall of Famer Kareem Abdul-Jabbar said. "The NBA reaches out across the world."

(AGENCIES)



Adam Silver

Chicago police seek follow-up interview with 'Empire' actor

CHICAGO

CHICAGO police have shifted the direction of their investigation into actor Jussie Smollett's report of a hate-crime assault and are seeking to interview him again, after releasing two men detained for questioning in the probe, a police spokesman said on Saturday.

Smollett, 36, an openly gay African-American performer who plays a gay character on the musical hip-hop TV drama "Empire," ignited a furor on social media last month when he reported he had been attacked on the street by two men yelling racial and homophobic slurs.

According to Smollett's account, his assailants struck him in the face, draped a

rope around his neck and doused him with an "unknown chemical substance" before fleeing. Police said the actor took himself to a hospital but was not seriously hurt.

On Wednesday evening this week, police said they arrested two Nigerian brothers described as "persons of interest" who were recognized from surveillance camera footage taken in the area of the alleged Jan. 29 assault.

The pair were freed two days later without charge, police told Reuters on Friday, in light of "new evidence" from their interrogation.

Police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi denied a media report on Thursday that detectives were looking into whether Smollett had staged the attack, saying then that

there was "no evidence to say this is a hoax."

On Saturday, Guglielmi issued a brief statement saying that "information received from the individuals questioned by police earlier in the 'Empire' case has in fact shifted the trajectory of the investigation." He added, "We've reached out to the 'Empire' cast member's attorney to request a follow-up interview."

Attorneys for Smollett said in a statement late on Saturday that he was "angered and devastated" by recent reports that the alleged attackers were people he is familiar with, including a personal trainer he hired to prepare him for a music video.

"He has now been further

victimized by claims attributed to these alleged perpetrators that Jussie played a role in his own attack. Nothing is further from the truth and anyone claiming otherwise is lying," said the lawyers, Todd Pugh and Jonathan Brayman.

Smollett and his attorneys anticipate being further updated by the Chicago police department on the status of the investigation and will continue to cooperate, they said.

Meanwhile, the New York Post reported that Smollett has also retained the services of criminal defense lawyer Michael Monico, a former Illinois federal prosecutor who is also representing President Donald Trump's former personal attorney and fixer, Michael Cohen.

Messi penalty helps under-par Barca beat Real Valladolid

BARCELONA

LIONEL Messi scored one penalty and missed another as Barcelona beat Real Valladolid 1-0 on Saturday to open up a seven-point lead at the top of La Liga.

The Catalans played far below their vibrant best but were not troubled by the visitors at the Nou Camp as they ended a run of three consecutive draws in all competitions.

Ousmane Dembele was handed his first start after injury, and loan signing Kevin-Prince Boateng featured for only the second time since joining in January as coach Ernesto Valverde started with Luis Suarez on the bench ahead of Tuesday's Champions League clash at Olympique Lyonnais.

Barcelona struggled to create chances against a tight Valladolid defence, only breaking the deadlock when Messi converted a penalty won by Gerard Pique just before halftime for his 22nd league goal of the season.

Messi almost scored his second early in the second half but former Barcelona goalkeeper Jordi Masip pulled off a breathtaking stop to deny La Liga's top scorer from close range.

The Argentine had another chance from the penalty spot in the final stages after substitute Philippe Coutinho was fouled but Masip made another impressive save to deny him.

"We didn't move the ball as quick-

ly as we needed to," said Valverde. "We lacked fluidity in the first half, we had it in the second. We were more ourselves."

"We had six chances but we know that everything is looked at through the result."

At times it seemed like Barcelona's minds were already drifting towards the return of the Champions League, with only Pique performing particularly well on his 300th La Liga appearance for the club.

The defender's charge upheld led to Barcelona's penalty in the first half and another similar drive forward got fans out of their seats after the break.

"We weren't the Barca we wanted to be today," said Pique.

"For Tuesday we have to be better or it will go badly for us. If we don't move the ball quickly, dominate possession and create chances we become a weaker team."

Messi, who has been suffering some discomfort in his thigh, looked fitter than he did last weekend when Barca drew 0-0 with Athletic Bilbao yet he gave the ball away on numerous occasions.

Valladolid, however, have the least potent attack in La Liga, having scored just 19 goals all season and rarely troubled Barca keeper Marc-Andre ter Stegen.

Only Masip prevented Messi from adding to his tally and the goalkeeper completed an impressive homecoming display with a fine save from substitute Suarez at the end.

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Zola: This Chelsea react differently than mine

LONDON

GIANFRANCO Zola has said that this Chelsea squad reacts differently to defeat than the teams he played in during his time at Stamford Bridge, but insisted that Maurizio Sarri remains confident of teaching them to respond in the way he wants.

Chelsea got back to winning ways with a 2-1 victory over Malmö in the Europa League round of 32 on Thursday, but questions about the resilience of Sarri's group of players and whether his style can work at Stamford Bridge persist in light of last weekend's 6-0 defeat against Manchester City.

Sarri has frequently suggested his players lack motivation and mental strength after setbacks this season, and Zola said an experience as humiliating as the City loss would have prompted a different reaction from some of his former Chelsea teammates.

"Every group has its own characters in it," he said. "There would have been some of the players in [my] group who wouldn't have finished the game, for sure, against Manchester City. Every group has its own personalities, good and bad ones. I don't think anyone in the group, in this group, has enjoyed that day. But everyone reacts differently. I don't want to get into it very much, but we all felt that defeat is burning [inside us]. [Against Malmö] was a good reaction. We're looking forward to

continuing that."

Sarri's predecessor Antonio Conte frequently warned that Chelsea needed to find new dressing room leaders after the departures of John Terry and Branislav Ivanovic during his two-year tenure, and the limp nature of their worst performances this season has led many to suggest they have still not been replaced. Zola, however, is confident that Chelsea's current squad has no shortage of strong individuals. "Yes, I believe so," he added. "They are different personalities, but characters... in this group, like the one I had in my times, doesn't like losing. Maybe they show it in another way, but it's wrong to make comparisons like that."

"We believe that we didn't like it. They reacted [against Malmö] and continue to react. It will be good if we can react more as a team rather than individuals. Even against City we reacted, yes, but individually. Players took responsibility and wanted to change the situation on their own. But what we are building here is a philosophy of playing."

"It's not enough for one person to get the ball and try and beat two or three players. That's not the way we want to play. But if you ask me if this group doesn't care, I don't believe that. They care. But they need to understand about how to work together, react together, pressing together. That's the way we win games."

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Sanchez: Atmosphere 'wasn't healthy' with Mourinho

LONDON

ALEXIS Sanchez claimed that the atmosphere at Manchester United wasn't healthy under Jose Mourinho, with the Chilean saying that players "lost confidence" because of the former Chelsea and Real Madrid manager's methods.

Sanchez, signed by Mourinho from Arsenal in January 2018, is a doubt for Monday's FA Cup fifth round clash with Chelsea at Stamford Bridge (live on ESPN+ at 11:30 a.m. ET) after being injured in a collision with an assistant referee during last week's 2-0 Champions League defeat against Paris Saint-Germain.

The former Barcelona forward's injury problem is the latest setback to befall him at Old Trafford, with fitness issues and loss of form seeing him score just five goals in 37 appearances for United.

Sanchez also fell out of favour with Mourinho prior to the Portuguese's sacking as manager in December and, while describing him as one of the best coaches in the world, the player has said that life became difficult for the players during the final months of his reign.

"Mourinho is one of the best coaches in the world, in the way that he coaches, how he studies videos, the way he goes about things," Sanchez told the BBC.

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Overcoming 'low block' could decide Prem title

LONDON

THE 2018-19 Premier League season offers the most intriguing title battle in many years, yet unfortunately, we won't witness a genuine title-decider between Liverpool and Manchester City. The two contenders have already played each other twice – a boring goalless draw at Anfield early in the season, and then a 2-1 City win at the start of January.

Instead, the title might be decided by which team is better at breaking down minnows who are deploying a low block.

The phrase "low block" has seemingly proved controversial amongst certain pundits in recent weeks, which is surprising considering it has been a recognised term for a few years and has a very obvious meaning. A side playing a low block makes little attempt to press in advanced positions, or in midfield zones, and instead stands off and forms a compact block close to their own goal. It's natural territory for defensive underdogs when facing the big guns, and it's often criticised for being a simple tactic. That doesn't mean, however, it's easy to beat.

Questions about Liverpool's ability to break down a deep defence were inevitably raised after their recent 1-1 draw with Leicester City, as Liverpool had the majority of possession throughout the second half but couldn't find a way through Leicester's low block.

In truth, Jurgen Klopp's side have largely played well against deep defences this season, but it's something of a historical problem for them, as their last two title challenges have faltered against deep blocks. In 2008-09, when Liverpool finished second, they took 12 points from their four games against Manchester United and Chelsea – who finished first and third, respectively – but suffered five goalless draws against Fulham, West Ham, Aston Villa and both home and away against Stoke.



Liverpool struggled to break down Leicester's low block when the two sides drew 1-1 last month. (Agencies)

"We've always done well against the bigger teams," Steven Gerrard later conceded. "But we've always struggled against a Fulham at home or a West Brom at home, when they haven't got that bit of magic to open them up."

It was also a deep block that cost Liverpool dearly in 2013-14, when they seemed nailed-on for the title before Gerrard slipped against Chelsea and, more crucially, Liverpool was unable to break down Jose Mourinho's parked bus in the second half.

Liverpool have again found it tough to penetrate low blocks this season, although they've generally found a way. In particular, two 1-0 victories home and away against Brighton have proved significant. In the first, Liverpool got their breakthrough when four players surrounded Yves Bissouma as Brighton attempted to play out from the back, helping Liverpool regain possession quickly and allowing them to feed Mohamed Salah, who curled home. But pressing in that manner isn't usually a possibility against teams who play in this manner, as they often play long balls into attack.

The reverse fixture also saw Liverpool winning by a single Salah goal, although this time it came from the penalty spot. Though no side can hope to completely rely on being awarded penalties against opponents sitting deep, in a wider sense, set pieces can be crucial in making the breakthrough. That's how Liverpool went ahead in a 3-1 come-from-behind victory at Burnley, another side using a low block, and in a 4-0 thrashing of Rafael Benitez's Newcastle, when Dejan Lovren opened the scoring following a set-piece situation.

Back in 2013-14, Liverpool consistently went ahead early through set pieces in big games – two close-range Martin Skrtel goals in a 5-1 thrashing of Arsenal spring to mind – and the likes of Lovren and Virgil van Dijk might prove particularly useful in the opposition box, as well as their own, over the next three months.

Manchester City have also pounced from set pieces against low-block teams more often than you might expect, with Aymeric Laporte heading an equaliser against Wolves, the first time City wobbled this season, and opening the scoring recently against Everton.

In general, City appear more comfortable attempting to break down a deep block. Pep Guardiola's system features outright width on both flanks, which means City are constantly switching the play between the wings, forcing the opposition to cover more lateral ground. Inevitably, this is tiring and means City force more defensive mistakes.

But perhaps more crucial is the fact that this width stretches the opposition and creates more gaps in the channels – Kevin De Bruyne and David Silva have particularly thrived over the last couple of seasons by darting between the opponents' centre-backs and full-backs, as the latter are drawn out toward Leroy Sane and Raheem Sterling.

The crucial factor when attempting to attack down the outside of a low block, though, is not resorting to hopeful high crosses into the box. Some Premier League sides have strikers who thrive on this kind of service – Chelsea's Olivier Giroud, Tottenham's Fernando Llorente – but neither Liverpool nor City have a classic Plan B. Therefore, more measured distribution from the flanks is required.

Liverpool are adept at getting the ball into cut-back situations, while City specialise in scoring a very particular type of goal: a low assist to the far post, and a tap-in for Sergio Aguerro or the winger on the opposite flank. Guardiola's sides once attempted to relentlessly play through the middle, but now he instructs his players to use the flanks more often and more intelligently.

In contrast, Liverpool's approach seems slightly more rudimentary. Andrew Robertson and Trent Alexander-Arnold overlap excellently, and their ability to switch play between themselves – as seen in Liverpool's equaliser in the defeat to City – works teams laterally. Liverpool don't open up deep defences quite as effectively as City.

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The Icardi saga comes at worst time for Inter

MILAN

STILLICIDIO is one of the great words in the Italian language. It describes a persistent annoying drip, the plip-plop noise that can cause distraction and irritation. It perhaps explains why the equivalent idiom in Italian for "the straw that breaks the camel's back" is the drop that provokes a vase to topple over and shatter to smithereens.

Inter's decision to strip Mauro Icardi of the captain's armband reached its tipping point on Sunday night when his agent, Wanda Nara (who also happens to be his wife), appeared on the couch in her role as a weekly guest on the show "Tiki Taka." For the neutral football fan, it's become box-office viewing over the past couple of months. The same can't be said if you work for Inter. Wanda is candid and straight-talking, meaning her appearances have been an uncomfortable watch for anyone connected to the club.

"There are no hairs on her tongue," as the Italians say. The truth always comes out and, entertainingly, we've learned how Inter, at least according to Nara, would have shopped Icardi to Juventus in the summer. She has also led audiences to believe that Ivan Perisic's transfer request in January was perhaps down to "personal problems" too, but on Sunday, Nara supposedly went too far.

Amid sustained reports of Icardi agitating for a new contract, she said a better deal wasn't top of her list of priorities for her client; she would settle instead for better service for Mauro. He doesn't want or need an extra €5 million a year. "Five balls" in the box would do the job.

As for Inter's coach, Luciano Spalletti, Nara felt he could have put match-winner Lautaro Martinez on earlier against Parma. After all, Mauro and Lautaro are "friends." There's "no rivalry between them," she says. The club, in her opinion, could also do more to "protect" Icardi from some of the cattive ("nastiness") leaking out from "the inside."

With all that in mind, imagine what it must have been like for Icardi when he showed up for training on Monday morning. Imagine walking into that dressing room. Awkward perhaps doesn't do it justice. A report in Thursday's edition of the Gazzetta dello Sport



Qatar coach Felix Sanchez Bas celebrates winning the Asian Cup with the players after their final match against Japan at Zayed Sports City Stadium in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates in this February 1, 2019 file photo. REUTERS

portrayed the 25-year-old as an increasingly isolated figure at Appiano Gentile, "eating practically alone." Il Corriere della Sera went so far as to claim there had been an exchange between Perisic and Icardi in which the Croat had allegedly said, "Tell your wife to stop talking about me on TV."

The issue, as Inter see it, isn't that Wanda Nara is Icardi's agent. Nor does the decision to take the armband away derive from on-off talks about a new and improved contract. It's that her comments carry the risk of upsetting the dressing room and also put Icardi, a senior figure, in a difficult position. He has taken to social media over the past month to publicly protect Nara from a strain of criticism that seems unable to overlook her gender and relationship with Icardi. She's been

compared with Yoko Ono and "The Woman in White" despite the fact she is no less sensational in speaking up for her client than, say, Mino Raiola.

The root of the problem, therefore, is something else.

Just as Nara feels Inter have not "protected" Icardi, there is also a sense that he's not done enough as a captain to protect his teammates and check the flow of comments that have ultimately undermined his position at the club. The decision to take the armband from Icardi, as Spalletti described it, was "painful" and "very hard" to take.

This is a delicate time for Inter. Third place and Champions League qualification looked all but assured as the team headed into the winter break. Since then, Inter have exited

the Coppa Italia and finally recorded their first league win of 2019 only last weekend. If they continue to flatline – starting with Sunday's visit of Icardi's former club, Sampdoria (12 p.m. ET, ESPN+) – they could quite easily find themselves as low as seventh place in a couple of weeks' time.

Everything, including their hard work over the first half of the season, could be compromised. And yet some fans have welcomed the news that Icardi is no longer captain.

Parts of Inter's support feel he should never have been given the armband in the first place and wanted it withdrawn after reading some explosive passages of his biography in 2016. The fact that news of Samir Handanovic's installment as Inter's new captain was communicated to the wider world via social media, a medium Nara appears to have mastered when it came to causing a stir, has been interpreted as no small irony. Spalletti's revelation that Icardi was called up to Inter's squad for Thursday's Europa League game against Rapid Vienna, only to stay at home, has hardly helped the player's cause, either.

Since then, Instagram stories of Icardi receiving treatment for inflammation in his right knee and a tweet from Inter confirming as much have added another layer to the affair at a time when questions about whether relations between the club and player can be reconciled. Inter's sporting director, Pier Ausilio, has affirmed the club are still open to negotiating a new contract with Icardi, which, it must be said, isn't at all urgent given his current one runs until 2021.

The question is simple, but crucial: How will Icardi go from being the guy to just one of the guys?

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Renegades pull off stunning turnaround to clinch Big Bash title

MELBOURNE

SWOOPING as if from the clouds above Docklands Stadium, Melbourne Renegades snatched their first ever Big Bash League title from the Melbourne Stars by forcing an extraordinary collapse from their crosstown rivals, after Ben Dunk and Marcus Stoinis had appeared to have taken their side to the outskirts of victory.

Needing 53 from 43 balls with all 10 wickets in hand, the Stars lost a shuddering 7 for 39 from those remaining deliveries, turning a momentarily moribund spectacle into that familiar but always entertaining scenario, the rush of late wickets in the face of a mounting required run rate.

Having previously monstered a pair of chases against the Renegades, the Stars fell in a heap, unable to be pulled out of their dive by the captain Glenn Maxwell.

Credit was due to the doughty bowling of Cameron Boyce, Harry Gurney, Chris Tremain, and Daniel Christian, as they aptly exploited the vagaries of a slow surface to prevent the Stars from scoring any boundaries between the end of the 12th over and midway through the last.

Christian and Tom Cooper had earlier shrugged off the loss of early wickets after the Renegades were sent in to bat by Maxwell, forging a vital stand to mount a defensible total in the face of excellent work by the Stars spin bowlers in particular.

Adam Zampa and Sandeep Lamichhane returned combined figures of 2 for 37 from eight overs, but they were to finish on the losing side.

Given two qualifying matches that both followed remarkably similar scripts - Stars bowling first, Renegades being restricted, Stars powering to a successful chase - it was not surprising to see the visiting captain Maxwell choose to attempt a similar path.

He was to be well served by his bowlers seeking out well-defined weaknesses in the Renegades' top order: Marcus Harris coaxed into a pull shot he seldom controls, Sam Harper deprived of room to free his arms, and Cameron White pinned on the crease by Zampa's skidding leg spin.

These moments were added to another of pure unfortunate happenstance for the Renegades captain Aaron Finch, who was run out backing up when a straight drive deflected off Jackson Bird's boot into the stumps.

At the end of a summer in which he gained and then lost a Test team place, and also battled as captain of the Australian ODI team, Finch was full of pent up frustration. A plastic chair halfway down the players' race duly copped the wrath of his bat, a moment captured on camera.

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Athletes from different clubs from across Tanzania compete in the National Cross-Country Championships held in Moshi, Kilimanjaro last weekend. The race, which was supported by DStv Company and Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority (NCAA), produced the national team, which will participate in the World Cross-Country Championships to be held in Denmark later in March. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

AT unveils athletes for World Cross Country Championships

By Guardian Reporter

THE National Cross-Country Championships, held in Moshi, Kilimanjaro last weekend, has produced a national team that will represent Tanzania in the upcoming World Cross Country Championships to be held in Denmark at the end of March.

Announcing the team moments after the Kilimanjaro race, Athletics Tanzania (AT) Secretary General, Wilhelm Gidabuday, said the body's technical committee has finalized the selection of the team based on the performance of the athletes during the national championships.

Gidabuday said this year's championships, supported by DStv Company and Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority (NCAA), have recorded the largest number of athletes as compared to previous years' events, thanks to the sponsors.

"We have seen a fierce competition this time and we are delighted to note that the overall performance is way high," the AT official said.

"This gives us confidence that the national team will be very strong and competitive, hence it give us large possibility of performing well in this year's World Cross-Country Championships in Denmark next month."

The national team comprises of five categories, namely senior (men), senior (women), junior (boys), junior (girls) and relay team.

Seniors (men) category's athletes are Faraja Damas, Joseph Panga, Sylvester Marco, Stephano Huche (Arusha), Deogratius Nade (Manyara), Yohane Elisante (Arusha) and Bazil Sule (Polisi).

Seniors (ladies)'s category is made up of Failuna Abdi (Arusha), Magdalena Shauri (JKT) Anjelina Daniel (Arusha), Amina Mohamed (Arusha), Marselina Issa (Arusha) and Neema Msuad (Arusha).

The junior (boys) athletes are Michael Kishimba, Daniel Sinda (Arusha), Emmanuel Joseph (Manyara), Francis Damiano (Mbulu), Simon Francis (Arusha) and Nicodemus Joseph (Mbulu).

Girls are Agnes Protus (Arusha), Anastazia Ndoromongo, Aisha Luguna (Arusha), Sara Hiti, Grace Jackson (JKT), Noela Lemmy (Arusha) and Catherine Philipo (Manyara).

The team will camp in Arusha from next week for final preparations for the World Cross-Country Championships, which will take place in Denmark on March 30.

The team will be under head coach Meta Petro from Rift Valley Athletics Club), assisted by Anthony Mwingereza from Tanzania People's Defense Forces (TPDF), Andrea Panga (JKT), Thomas Tlanka (Arusha) and Juma Jambau (Singida).

Former athlete, Marcelina Gwandu, has been appointed as matron of the camp while Hamad Ndee from the University of Dar es Salaam has been selected as the team manager.

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Yanga defender, Andrew Vincent (R), challenges Simba SC forward, Meddie Kagere, during the 2018/19 Mainland Premier League match that took place at the National Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Saturday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TFF

Simba SC delighted by win

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE 2018/19 Mainland Premier League defending champions, Simba, have said they are content with a 1-0 win they recorded against their rivals Yanga, in the league's match that was played at the National Stadium in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

Simba beat Yanga by the lone goal courtesy of forward, Meddie Kagere, who found Yanga's back of the net on the 71st minute of the game.

Patrick Aussems, Simba SC head coach, said the 1-0 win is enough considering that his side was playing against one of the best teams in the country.

He said the maximum points collected after the game was all that matter.

"It was not an easy game, we played well and collected three points, of course it's the wish of every coach to score more goals, but, I am happy with the maximum points collected," he said.

The coach also saluted his players for playing well and heeding to his instructions.

He said the focus is on tomorrow's game against African Lyon, which will take place in Arusha, insisting the aim is to collect maximum points.

Kagere echoed Aussems' remarks, saying points collected in the last weekend match are all that matter.

He said a team can score many goals but end up collecting three points.

"I am happy that we have managed to collect maximum points, that is what is important to us," he said.

Yanga head coach Mwinyi Zahera, like any other coach, was not happy with the results as his aim was to consolidate his club's position on the league table. Yanga are leading the rest of the pack in the league with 58 points.

He, however, said his team played well only that they did not get the desired results and promised that he will work on the

shortfalls observed during the match.

In the game, Simba had an upper hand as they played open football, replicating the form that saw them beat Egypt soccer giants, Al Ahly, in the 2018/19 CAF Champions League match last week.

Yanga, through Ibrahim Ajibu, Heritier Makambo and Feisal Salum, tried to put things together but the trio's efforts ended in vain.

The Saturday game was beyond the three points collected, given pride is the overriding stimulant that triggers the adrenaline.

After the final whistle, Simba supporters raptured into celebration while others, believed to be Yanga fans, were seen weeping while a section of fans fainted and were provided with first aid treatment.

Simba have moved to the third position in the league standing with 39 points from 16 matches, while Yanga have played 25 games and are still clinging on to the top position.

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