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By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has said the government is well mobilised to

complete all its priorities not completed during the past five years.

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Opposition 'camp' legislators attend a session of the ongoing meeting of the National Assembly in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

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Ethiopia: Joint ventures best for livestock sector growth

By Henry Mwangonde

ETHIOPIA has called on Tanzanian livestock keepers to form joint ventures to share knowledge and expertise on how they could benefit from untapped potential in the sector.

Yonas Yosef Sanbe, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary for the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, handed this advice in Dar es Salaam yesterday in an exclusive interview.

Ethiopia is one among countries benefiting from a large livestock sector, with official data showing that the sector contributes 12 percent of total Gross Domestic Product (GDP), and 33 percent of its agricultural component, providing livelihoods for 65 percent of the population.

The sector also accounts for 12 to 15 percent of total export earnings, the



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second in order of importance, he stated, elaborating that first there must be industries in place to take livestock end products for processing and subsequently to global markets. "But it takes the quality product to compete at global markets," he declared.

The envoy said there is need for Tanzania and Ethiopia to share experience and show each other the way through joint ventures and visits on what should be done to realise the sector's potential.

"Tanzania needs to do this through empowerment of livestock keepers and establishment of processing industries," he asserted.

During a recent visit at the Chato hometown residence of President Dr John Magufuli by Ethiopian President Sahle-Work Zewde, the two countries agreed to strengthen their long

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Govt: Geothermal power capacity nears 5,000MW

By Guardian Reporter

ENERGY minister Dr Medard Kalemami has said Tanzania has the capacity to produce 5,000MW geothermal electricity from various sources.

Dr Kalemami (pictured) made the remarks at the weekend when visiting Majimoto area in Mbozi district, Songwe Region.

He said the country has resources, the capability and sources for geothermal power production, in which case the ministry has begun observing them closely for project identification.

He said in Mbeya and Songwe regions alone there are several hot water sources that could produce up to 165MW of geothermal power. Other



sources include Lake Natron in Arusha Region, Luhoi (Coast Region) as well as Kiejo Mbaka and Ngozi (Mbeya Region).

"In general, the country's geothermal power capacity can be estimated at

5,000MW of electricity added within the next ten years if we are well mobilized," the minister noted.

The ministry expects to begin with 200MW to be obtained from

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KAIZEN unit targets 700 firms by 2025

By Getrude Mbugo

OVER 700 small, medium-sized and large-scale industries in the country are set to benefit from the project on strengthening manufacturing enterprises through quality and productivity improvement known by its Japanese acronym of KAIZEN, in the next five years.

The project aimed at enhancing the quality of products and competitiveness is implemented by the Ministry of Industry and Trade in collaboration with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and has so far reached 132 enterprises.

KAIZEN experts impart essential skills and thus helping to transform the way enterprises do business, in order to enhance the margins of benefit.

Jane Lyatuu, head of the Tanzania KAIZEN Unit (TKU) at the ministry made this observation to journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday, ahead of commemoration of Kaizen Day on Friday.

The expert said that KAIZEN is a human resources tool directed at fostering teamwork, mindset change, self-reliance, creativity and ingenuity to come up with ideas for solutions to problems that people face regularly, depending on the specific country or situation.

"Under the 10-year KAIZEN strategy for 2020-2030 developed by the ministry in collaboration with other project partners, we aim to reach 700 enterprises by 2025 and 1,475 enterprises by 2030. The framework is intended among others, to transform people's mindsets to be directed at hard work, teamwork and creativity in the manufacturing sector. This will increase the production of quality products to obtain greater access in local and international markets," she said.

As the Tanzania Development Vision 2025 aims to change the country's economy from an agricultural to a semi-

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industrialised economy, one of the major challenges for many manufacturing companies has been high costs of production.

This results in small profit margins and poor growth, in which case adopting the Kaizen philosophy has proved to be a dynamic tool for lowering production costs in such industries, she stated.

This year, the programme is expected to be spread to Tanga, Coast and Kagera, Mtwara to help transform normal and costly working schedules of manufacturing industries, to make them smarter, save costs and attain greater profitability.

So far eight regions have been reached in the KAIZEN project since it was introduced in 2013, namely Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Morogoro, Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Mbeya, Mwanza and Singida. "We expect that by June 2025 all regions will have been covered," the coordinator affirmed.

Implementation of the strategy from 2020/21 to fiscal 2025/26 is estimated to take up 3.8bn/- so as to achieve all objectives highlighted in the plan, she said.

On the KAIZEN commemorative day, enterprises benefiting from the KAIZEN project shall be awarded at various levels for achievements in implementing the KAIZEN philosophy, she said.

Sileja Lushibika, an expert in KAIZEN training, said that the best thing about KAIZEN and the biggest reason that every company should adopt it is that it doesn't rely on expensive equipment.

"The core principle of the philosophy is to make small, immediate improvements in the processes and standards of the workplace.

"Tanzania business ventures are primarily characterized by high production costs, inefficiency and lack of motivation by the working staff. This makes most businesses poorly operating with little profit. However, after adopting the Kaizen philology, things have started to change," he added.



President John Magufuli swears in Judge Zepharine Nyalugenda Galeba (R) as Tanzania Court of Appeal Judge. The event was held at Chamwino State House in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: State House

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in Dodoma yesterday that deliberated President John Magufuli's speech when inaugurating the 12th Parliament mid-November last year, the premier said the government plans to supervise new areas contained in the CCM 2020 Election Manifesto.

"I would like to use this opportunity to inform the House that after President Magufuli's speech, implementation of his directives immediately begun in various areas.

"This reflects the fact that all government ministries and institutions thereof took deliberate steps to analyse the speech, to identify various areas for implementation and come up with short term, medium term and long term implementing plans," he declared.

He appealed to MPs to live by President Magufuli's dreams, as he wants to see Tanzania build a robust and competitive economy creating job opportunities for more people.

He reminded MPs of major priority areas to be implemented in the coming five years, as the president clearly stated that all essential business to be implemented is identified in the CCM 2020/25 Election Manifesto.

The government will continue implementing and supervising important issues listed in his earlier speech inaugurating the 11th Parliament in November 2015, he elaborated.

Implementation of various quests has

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already begun at high speed, and MPs' contributions were essential in assisting the government to implement priority areas stressed in the president's speech in Parliament, in contributing to discussing the speech in four days of parliamentary business, he emphasised.

He assured MPs that their contributions will be respected, valued and worked in handling complaints from different quarters of the population.

Debating the motion, Chalinze MP Ridhiwani Kikwete said that the president's speech was an orientation seminar, as it touched every area.

"At the moment the country's song is industrialization, but they can't continue without electricity. The president is implementing the Rufiji power project which will completely end the country's electricity crisis. I urge the relevant minister to fully supervise this project to address power woes," he said.

On ending civil strife in protected areas, citing the case of the Saadani National Park (Tanga Region) and surrounding villages, the MP called on the Natural Resources and Tourism minister to put to an end the end the conflict for the benefit of both parties.

Same East MP Anne Kilango commended President Magufuli for his efforts which

facilitated the success of the 2020 General Elections using internal funds.

She said that the president has brought a lot of positive changes in various sectors including health, industries, construction and others stressing that he should be supported to enable implementation of more transformative projects.

She however called for immediate action by the government to increase funding for the Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) to enable it to properly fulfill its role of improving rural road infrastructures.

"The agency is still facing financial challenges, thwarting its ability to attain results. So we have to ensure that rural roads are given special treatment as they are the ones propelling the country's economy," she stated, pointing out that currently the distribution of road construction funds stands at 30 percent for TARURA and 70 per cent for the Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS).

Mwibara MP Charles Mwibara hailed the president's decision of shifting the Investment Ministry to his office, saying that the move will bring a number of changes, including removing unnecessary bottlenecks in processing investors' projects.

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standing bilateral relations, boosting trade and investment.

The envoy said livestock was an important sector if more focus and investment is put in its being made more dynamic. Ethiopia is a world leader in traditional livestock numbers, with an overwhelming 60.39m head of cattle by current estimates, while Tanzania in second position with 33.4m head of cattle.

Tanzania and Ethiopia have close relations dating back to the early 1960s, led respectively by President Julius Nyerere and Emperor Haile Selassie.

In 1963 Tanganyika opened its embassy in Addis Ababa at the time of the formation of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), which became the African Union in the early 1990s.

Ethiopia has more recently reopened its embassy in Tanzania in 2018 after decades of domestic tumult and civil war. It is working to cement commercial and cultural relations between the two countries, mapping out cooperation areas in tourism, works, security, industries and culture.



Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan, who is also a CCM Central Committee member and the party's Dar es Salaam regional matron, has an audience with members of the party's political committee in the region yesterday. The thrust of the meeting was on the party's activities and the schedule of the party's 44th anniversary celebrations, whose climax is on Friday (February 5). Photo: VPO

By Special Correspondent

AfDB to deploy funding to help youths build digitally driven agriculture model

THE African Development Bank plans to deploy billions of dollars to help young people build a new digitally-driven model of agriculture that can feed the continent's people and boost prosperity even as the planet heats up, its president said.

At a global summit last week, the bank and the Global Center on Adaptation announced an initiative to strengthen African efforts to become more resilient to extreme weather and rising seas, threats

worsened by fast-accelerating climate change.

The African Development Bank plans to put half of its climate finance towards the initiative – \$12.5 billion between now and 2025 – and raise an equal amount from donor governments, the private sector, and international climate

funds.

Akinwumi Adesina, a former Nigerian agriculture minister who leads the bank, said that Africa is struggling on two fronts – with the economic and health fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as climate shocks.

Drought, floods, creeping deserts,

and climate-fuelled locust attacks are forcing down crop yields and driving up hunger and migration on the continent, he said.

"It's a double disaster," the official said in a video interview. "We've got to change this and give Africa what it needs to be able to adapt well to climate change."

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Majimoto area in Songwe Region, starting with 38MW at the start, he said.

"Even though the country's power production now stands at 1,602MW, none of that is geothermal, and that is why we now want to speed up its generation," he said, urging the Tanzania Geothermal Development Corporation (TGDC) to speed up the construction of infrastructure to enable geothermal electricity generation in two years.

"Already, the government last year disbursed 20bn/- for the project, with so far 1.029bn/- having been spent on the Songwe project," he said.

With geothermal power generation likely to be amplified, TGDC is making efforts for geothermal power connection in small industries like chicken production, fish farming, tourist attractions, crop drying and other activities.

TGDC is doing well in developing geothermal power production for use in various activities, the minister noted, elaborating that water temperature of 100 to 140 degrees Celsius is needed to produce geothermal electricity, but the heat currently obtained is 70 to 80 degrees that is propitious for other uses.

TGDC general manager Kato Kabaka said that the corporation is involved in geothermal power generation and innovative technologies to lend support to various economic activities.

"So far we have invented the chicks hatching technology using geothermal power, a device for regulating water temperature and others," he specified.



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Govt gives GST six vehicles valued at 950m/- to enhance performance

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

MINERALS Minister Doto Biteko has handed out six vehicles

valued at 950m/- to the Geological Survey of Tanzania (GST) being one among government steps to strengthen the institution.

Speaking here on Monday at a function to hand over the vehicles Biteko said the aim of the government was to see changes

in the institution's activities following the provision of the vehicles and other laboratory equipment that were in final stages of procurement.

"I direct you GST Chief Executive Officer (CEO) after six months I must get feedback on how these vehicles contributed in bringing about benefits, increase in government revenue and serve the people so far as the mineral sector is concerned," he stressed.

He also explained that GST has a big contribution in developing the minerals sector, to increase it from the present five per cent to 10 per cent that would enable Tanzanians benefit from their own resources.

Deputy Minerals Minister Prof. Shukran Manya said the government expects the vehicles to be used for the intended aims for positive results.

"I beseech all those who will

use the vehicles to abide by the fact that their provision should enhance the institution's performance, and not for anything else, and we shall be following them up," he cautioned.

GST CEO Dr Mussa Budeba said the six vehicles and laboratory equipment will spur changes in GST work performance and pledged they will be used only for the purposes intended.



Albino Awareness Foundation director Suleiman Magoma (C) presents a National Health Insurance Fund card to Japheth Manyika of Nkhungu suburb in Dodoma city yesterday. Looking on is Manyika's wife, Mwajuma Hassani. Photo: Polycarp Machira

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE Albino Awareness Foundation (AAF), a local non-governmental organisation in Dodoma has appealed to other stakeholders to provide health insurance to people with albinism, saying most of them are very poor but in dire need of treatment.

The call was made by AAF Director, Suleiman Magoma here yesterday when he handed a one-year health insurance cover to one, Japheth Manyika who has lost one eye to skin cancer related complications.

"As you are aware most people with albinism are poor and cannot afford the seriously needed health services, thus the need for other stakeholders to come forward to support them," he said.

Manyika's wife Mwajuma Hassani who also lives with albinism had one of her eyes removed as a result of skin cancer. Unlike her husband, her eye healed after surgery but Manyika's has developed a wound, forcing him to seek regular medical check-up.

Speaking after receiving the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) card, he joyfully said he is happy that he would therefore get

NGO appeals to stakeholders to provide health insurance to PWA

medical attentions. The father of eight-year-old boy said he could not afford money for treatment.

The 57 years old father said he rely on menial jobs for livelihood but life has been extremely difficult since he incurred the injury, noting that he no longer works as it was in the past. "I thank AAF for the gesture that will help me get treatment and drugs," he said, calling on other well-wishers to come to their rescue too.

Speaking after the brief event, Magoma said there are many of such families that need support from well-wishers since they cannot afford the basic needs.

He said Japheth was one of the beneficiaries of AAF's programme to economically empower people with albinism in Dodoma Region but he dropped out as his condition worsened.

The AAF boss explained that in December, 2020 campaign to raise money to enable him get MHIF card and allow his access meaningful treatment was launched.

"I am happy that our efforts have yield fruits as we today hand over

the insurance card that will allow him get treatment in any hospital in the country for a period of one year," said Magoma.

He expressed gratitude to those touched by Japheth's situation and contributed towards enabling him get health insurance, saying they have restored smile on his face and on his family members.

In addition to the NHIF card, the organization also gave the family other things including sunglasses, sunscreen oil, hats and food stuff as well as exercise books for their son, Vincent Manyika who studies at Nkhungu primary school in the city.

Magoma expressed appreciation to members of the public for the trust they have in his organization, constantly supporting whenever called upon to help support the programme to help people with albinism.

He said despite the big role AAF plays to provide public education to create more awareness about people with albinism, there is dire need for other organizations to join forces towards the same course.

44 schools involved in fire tragedies last year - police

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

DURING the period of January to December 2020, a total of 44 schools were involved in fire disasters, killing 19 students, from 1,921 fire accidents that happened.

Addressing reporters here yesterday, the Police Force Inspector Joseph Mwasabeja said many fire incidents happened in schools last year compared to past years.

He said the fire incidents happened due to various causes and the police were still looking for ways to reduce or completely eradicate such incidents in the country.

"Many fire accidents in schools are caused by many factors, including negligence, which is cited as the main cause," Mwasabeja said.

He said other reasons include stem from students using mobile phones secretly as they are forced to break the ceilings, scrap insulators from the power cables in order to charge their phones.

He said another cause is the use of irons as many students iron their clothes in dormitories without taking precautions.

Mwasabeja said another cause is the state of conflict pitting students and school's leadership. But sometimes between the school and other residents near the school.

"In about 21 schools we had investigated that were involved in fire accidents, six were burned through sabotage, six from electrical faults, one from power generator, two from the use of irons, two from gas cookers while the causes in respect of the rest could not be ascertained," he said.

He said they have been advising schools to ensure they set aside special areas for ironing as well as solving their conflicts with their neighbours.

He also called on the society to abide by regulations, guidelines and other directives issued by the government in order to avoid fire disasters that can be prevented.

He also called on all the people to ensure that building plans are inspected by the police force before building for them to offer advice that can help during fire disasters.

He also said 62 people died from the 1,921 fire disasters that

happened last year others were injured of countrywide - 45 men whom 52 were men and and 17 women while 74 and 22 women.



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Build bigger depots for storing farm inputs, Bashe tells traders

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has called on farm inputs traders to build bigger warehouses for storing inputs especially in areas of high demand to ensure farmers have access to inputs at all times.

Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Hussein Bashe said this yesterday in the National Assembly when responding to a question by Nkasi North MP, Aida Khenan (Chadema), who had wanted to know the government's strategy to supply fertiliser to farmers on time.

Responding, Bashe said the government coordinates the demand, supply, distribution, utilization and quality assurance of agricultural inputs to deliver them to farmers in a timely manner, hence "we've put in place various strategies to ensure inputs reach farmers on time."

According to him, among the strategies include getting the exact needs of agricultural inputs from each region before the start of the agricultural season, contacting input companies and encouraging them to distribute those inputs early according to the needs of each region before the agricultural season.

He said farmers through their cooperatives are encouraged to identify and submit input requirements in advance to the Tanzania Fertiliser Regulatory Authority (TFRA) to purchase the fertilizer they need on time through the Bulk Procurement System. He noted that in 2020, farmers in Iringa through, Iringa Farmers Cooperative Union (IFCU) and Mbeya through Madibira Agricultural and Marketing Cooperative Society (MAMCOS) imported fertilizers directly from factories in Morocco (DAP) and China (Urea).

He further said that the government continues to improve the production, import, and

control systems of quality seeds and pesticides in the country including encouraging the production of such inputs locally to meet demand and timely availability.

In her supplementary question from the Special Seats MP, Sophia Mwakagenda (Chadema), said that potato growers in Rungwe District, Mbeya Region fail to get the maximum productivity due to delay of fertiliser and some of the farm inputs are substandard.

The MP had also wanted to know the government's plan to ensure that farm inputs arrive on time to farmers and what were the government's actions to suppliers who supply substandard farm inputs to farmers.

In his response, Bashe said the Ministry of Agriculture is in the final stages of establishing a customer service center where the farmer will call for free where they can be reporting whenever they find any fake inputs and disease outbreaks.

Bashe said the ministry is also conducting inspections at all outlets that sell inputs and where they come across counterfeit inputs they have been taking steps to take them to court.

"To solve this problem now the input business is done at the district level, the idea is to ensure farmers are served on time when you buy inputs anywhere make sure you get an electronic receipt of the seller so that when we identify the problem action can be taken," he said.

However, he said this year the demand for fertiliser in the country is 700,000 tonnes and were supposed to have been distributed to the market outlets since last November.

"So far we have not received any incident of lack of fertiliser and if there is a problem in Rungwe District, then the MP should contact us and find a solution," the deputy minister said.



CCM members donate blood at a Kaloleni hospital in Arusha city yesterday as part of the commemoration of the party's 44th anniversary. The party was born on February 5, 1977. Standing (in jacket) is the city's mayor, Maximilian Iranghe. Photo: Correspondent Getrude Mpezya

By Guardian Reporter, Mwanza

Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) has begun visiting its beneficiaries to assess their activities for their own economic wellbeing.

Some TASAF officials, through village government leaders have visited the Fund's beneficiaries to evaluate how they have fared after receiving the funds.

Speaking to reporters in Mwanza City yesterday, one of TASAF beneficiaries Magreth Kaberege, a resident of Kitangiri area said she began receiving the subsidies since 2015.

TASAF in Mwanza evaluating its beneficiaries' economic welfare

She said in 2014 her husband ran away following a period of hard living and she received 32,000/- from TASAF, she was able to build a three-room house and installed water and electricity.

She said she also started the business of frying buns from which she was able to save and managed to maintain her five children.

The chairman of Uhuru, a group

of 24 women in Kitangiri area who receive TASAF subsidies, Mariam Swahiba said since 2015, they have established poultry keeping, selling dry sardines, roadside food vending as well as lending money to one another.

She said they meet twice a month to collect money they loaned to one another and added that each family was certain in having three meals a day as well as educating their children up to

university level.

Another TASAF beneficiary, Stela David said the money helped her to educate her child up to university level.

Ilemela District TASAF Coordinator Frank Ngitaoh said they have started verifying their beneficiaries in the district, and added that so far they have 3,309 households that receive between 170m/- to 180m/- during the current phase.

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CLOSING DATE: February 15, 2021



Association of Tanzania Employers executive director Dr Aggrey Mlimuka addresses a news conference in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the launch of the third annual general conference of women in leadership, scheduled to be held in the city on March 4. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Over 200 leaders to have role in this year's Annual Leadership Conference

By Getrude Mbago

OVER 200 top leaders from businesses, government, development partners and think tanks in the country are expected to take part at the Annual Leadership Conference 2021 scheduled for March 4, this year in Dar es Salaam.

Organised by the Association of Tanzania Employers (ATE) and the Confederation of Norwegian Enterprises (NHO), the meeting is meant to discuss and share expertise and diverse approaches in mainstreaming gender at work places.

Addressing journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday, ATE's executive director Dr Aggrey Mlimuka said the conference will be held in line with International Women's Day 2021.

He said that the conference will guide the work of stakeholders who are involved in the promotion of women in senior management positions and on boards.

Dr Mlimuka noted that within the context of the conference theme; "Women in leadership: Harnessing Female Talent to Create Sustainable Organisations", the conference will come up with strategies on how to enhance the inclusion of women in leadership positions in the corporate world, putting in place a knowledge base for best practices, and how to increase participation in women leadership in Tanzania.

"By hosting the Annual Leadership Conference 2021 in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, ATE and NHO are presented with a huge opportunity to enable companies and businesses to grow by strengthening women's participation in the private sector by creating a conducive environment that unlocks gender

participation in the world of work."

According to him, the conference is also aligned with the priority theme of the 65th session of the Commission on the Status of Women which demonstrates about women's full and effective participation and decision-making in public life, as well as the elimination of violence, for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls.

Dr Mlimuka said that ATE collaboration with the Confederation of Norwegian Enterprises (NHO) has been implementing various programmes including the 'Female Future Alumni Tanzania' so as to ensure there is an increase of numbers of women in senior leadership positions in the country, which at the time stands at only 35 percent through the Female Future Programme.

With the support from our various stakeholders, Annual Leadership Conference 2021 will bring together both private sector, development partners, institutions of higher learning and the government and develop new and innovative approaches for mainstreaming gender at the workplace.

He also said that during the conference, there will also be an awarding ceremony of the 4th, 5th & 6th cohort graduates of the Female Future Programme.

"The Female Future programme, an initiative by ATE in partnership with NHO which was launched by the Vice President in 2016 is still the most relevant and successful programme which has been shaping women from different industries within middle management to be able to take up top positions as well as take their seats on various boards," he said.

Use traditional medicines to treat Covid-19, urges Sumaye

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

FORMER Prime Minister Frederick Sumaye has advised Tanzanians to use traditional and alternative medicine, saying these have shown big capability in fighting various diseases including Covid-19 in the country.

Sumaye gave the advice at the weekend as he was addressing reporters during his visit to traditional and alternative medicines stakeholders exhibition in Morogoro.

The exhibition was organised

by the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) through its Green Resource Innovations for Livelihood Improvement (GRILI).

Sumaye said in regard to Covid-19 in the country, traditional medicines have helped significantly as compared to other countries that have been fighting the pandemic.

"When people were told to steam-inhale they were doing it in every home, you have to drink these medicines and ginger, even in hotels you find tea with ginger," he said.

"Our ancestors down the

ages lived longer lives by using traditional herbs - roots and tree barks, so we should not ignore these simply because of modern medicine," he said.

He said what was needed was to improve these medicines by adding a bit of modern technology, and advised the government to empower its various research institutions, including SUA to empower traditional healers to improve their products.


Meanwhile, traditional and alternate healers have been called upon to register their activities with the traditional medicine board to be officially

identified.


The call was made at the weekend by the Coordinator for Traditional Medicine and Alternate Cure Dr Ngalula Wille Anne during his speech to launch the exhibition in Morogoro.

He also praised exhibition participants who displayed their products in high quality packaging, as well as for writing up prescriptions thereon for users.

He also called on them to use various experts and researchers including those from SUA to enable them to come up with high quality products.



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1,602 Misenyi villagers trained on social accountability monitoring

By Correspondent Mutayoba Arbogast,

Bukoba

A TOTAL of 1602 villagers in five wards in Misenyi District, Kagera Region, have benefited from training on Social Accountability Monitoring (SAM), which resulted in a swift completion of various projects—dispensaries and health centres. This has been a result of the initiatives made by an NGO called 'Shirika la Matumaini na Maendeleo Kanyigo' (SMMK).

Bashweka revealed this over the weekend when speaking at a health stakeholders' reflection meeting, which was meant to extensively discuss success and challenges encountered during the implementation of SAM project, for the period of July 2020 to January 2021.

Organised by SMMK, the meeting brought onboard health stakeholders,

heads of dispensaries and health centres, village and ward leaders.

According to SMMK chairman, Samwel Bashweka, the projects were executed in five wards of Kashenye, Kanyigo, Bwanjai, Kitobo, and Buyango with the aim of tracking the use of resources in health facilities.

"This has increased people participation in development projects in their localities, something that improved healthcare infrastructure," he said.

According to him, through the project people are able to see everything at the health facility as everything such as income and expenditure, and availability of medicines are displayed at the health centre and dispensary notice boards.

But, Fransisca Fransis, a SAM committee chairperson in Bwanjai ward cited the lack of friendly toilet facilities for people with disabilities at

Kashanga dispensary as a challenge that needs to be addressed.

"I think, there is a need for the government to reconsider people with disabilities when putting up health facilities," he suggested.

For his part, Kitobo village chairman, George Kassano, cited lack of national grid power as a challenge facing the village dispensary.

"But, we're working on this challenge and very soon power will be installed at the dispensary."

Buyango Ward Executive Officer, Pius Muiyoya commended the role played by SMMK, particularly in empowering villagers on SAM, which in turn has transformed the health sector in the district. He urged other NGOs to emulate the SMMK spirit by bringing a project of tangible results to local communities.

SMMK was funded by Foundation for Civil Society to implement SAM project.

TOSCI cautions dealers against 'conning' farmers through seeds

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE Tanzania Official Seed Certification Institute (TOSCI), has cautioned seeds dealers in the country to stop selling counterfeit seeds to farmers as the practice makes them incur losses.

Seed inspector from TOSCI headquarters in Dodoma, Dr Mngotosha Ngomuo gave the caution in Mbeya mid this week during an inspection visit on various shops selling farming inputs by TOSCI officials from its headquarters and those from the Southern Highlands Zone.

Ngomuo said a trader who will be found to be selling counterfeit seeds legal steps will be taken against him/her including court action, as the acts hinder government efforts to strengthen agriculture.

He mentioned counterfeit seeds as those that have not been approved by the institute and provided with a label, those that have expired and those being smuggled into the country.

"There are seeds that have been



smuggled from neighbouring Zambia, it is said the seeds are obtained in Songwe Region, Mbozi District in particular, hence I call on all people to be alert by examining the seeds before planting," he said.

He also said that their inspection discovered that many seeds have expired, hence they removed them from the shops.

TOSCI inspector from Southern Highlands Zone Mary Kilawe called upon various stakeholders to work together in preventing the distribution of counterfeit seeds, as the task should not be left to TOSCI alone.

He said distribution of counterfeit seeds was ruinous to farmers including losses as they cannot obtain the harvests as intended.

"We endeavor to educate these people not to break the law, but now if we find a person whom we are certain is educated enough, but sells counterfeit seeds, meaning he is doing so deliberately, we must take legal steps against such person," Kilawe said.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Senior Scientific Officer - Natural Resource Management

IITA-TZ-2021 - R4D-002 -NRS/ICRISAT-Dodoma

The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) on behalf of the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi – Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) invites applications for the position of **Senior Scientific Officer - Natural Resource Management**.

Background: ICRISAT is a non-profit, non-political organization that conducts agricultural research for development in Asia and sub-Saharan Africa with a wide array of partners throughout the world. ICRISAT and its partners help empower those living in the semi-arid tropics, especially smallholder farmers, to overcome poverty, hunger, malnutrition, and a degraded environment through more efficient and profitable agriculture. ICRISAT is headquartered in Patancheru near Hyderabad, India, with two regional hubs and several country offices in sub-Saharan Africa. For more details, see www.icrisat.org. AICCRA is a 3-year World Bank-funded project with ICRISAT leading the Senegal node and participating in project activities in Zambia and Kenya. ICRISAT envisions increasing access for agriculture research and extension service providers in Africa to knowledge, technologies, and decision-making tools relevant to enhancing the resilience of agriculture and food systems in the face of climate change. The project aims to implement the sub-regional component of AICCRA through building multi-actor partnerships of existing scientific and educational networks and centers to achieve outcomes by engaging with individual partners at the country level. Specifically, this project will enhance the capacity of national regional public institutions and private firms (e.g., input providers, ICT companies, media) to develop delivery models for climate services and CSA knowledge, approaches, and tools to support effective intra-regional and south-south adoption in various value chains.

Duty Station: The position will be based in **Dodoma** with regular travel regionally or to **Dar es Salaam**

Essential Criteria

- MSC degree in agriculture or related field with at least 8 to 10 years experience in national and international organizations.
- Proven expertise in implementing field programs related to research in development.
- Strong analytical and communication skills
- Fluency in English and Swahili, written and oral
- Demonstrated ability of handling multi-tasked project activities
- Willingness and physical ability to handle frequent travel to remote field sites
- Prepare clear, accurate and concise reports, records and other materials
- Ability to operate a computer using word processing, database and spreadsheet software
- Ability to collect, evaluate and interpret varied information and data

Responsibilities

- Provide skilled technical inputs into the planning, implementation and monitoring of demand driven agronomic and agroecological practices at on-farm study sites.
- Handle and assist the project manager in timely delivery and monitoring of field implementation and complying with reporting deadlines with partner institutes.
- Assist in organizing, facilitating meetings especially with local communities and handle the necessary logistics of training, seminars and workshops and visits of the supervisory team.
- Manage relationships with partners ensuring that field interventions are co-designed with stakeholders and interactions with communities and project partners are fair and transparent.
- Manage fund requests and disbursements of project activities, funds/grants and provide all necessary supporting documents for accounting and reporting purposes.
- Provide administrative and logistical support to project manager as well as any other project internal and external team member in the project implementation course.

General information:
The duration of contract for the position is one year with possible extension. This is a nationally recruited position and IITA offers a competitive remuneration package.

Applications: Applications including curriculum vitae, copies of certificates, telephone number, email address, and names and addresses of two referees should be sent to the Country Representative, IITA-Tanzania, Plot No. 25, Mwenge – Coca-Cola Road, Mikocheni Industrial Area P.O. Box 34441, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania or by email to IITA-Tanzania@cgiar.org

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Closing date: Two weeks from the date of advertisement appearing in the newspaper.
Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.




POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Scientific Officer (Agrometeorology)

IITA-TZ-2021 - R4D-001 -NRS/ICRISAT-DSM

The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) on behalf of the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi – Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) invites applications for the position of **Scientific Officer (Agrometeorology)** to serve the Accelerating Impacts of CGIAR Climate Research in Africa (AICCRA) project funded by the World Bank through the CCAFS program.

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Duty Station: The position will be based **Dar es Salaam**, Tanzania.

Essential Criteria

- M.Sc. degree in Agrometeorology, mathematical or statistical sciences or a related discipline.
- Experience in climate analysis and applying crop-modelling frameworks to understanding climate risk management in agriculture.
- A deep understanding of dryland cropping systems and the application of climate services in agriculture
- Knowledge on how the application of digital agriculture and ICT may enhance productivity, logistics, or market access for smallholder farmers and value chain actors
- Experience in working with a wide range of stakeholders and interest to work in an interdisciplinary team.
- Ability and willingness to participate in fieldwork extensively

Desirable Criteria

- GIS and spatial analysis skills
- Experience with data visualization and design
- Experience in organizing capacity-building programs especially digitization related in agriculture
- Passionate about climate science, climate adaptation, and climate service provision.
- Basic knowledge of French

Responsibilities

- Provide expertise in collecting climate and agricultural systems information and applying climate analytics to understanding temporal and spatial dynamics of climate data.
- Collection of parameterization information on climate, soils, crop and management which underpin crop modelling frameworks and convert these data into useful parameter files.
- Independently apply crop models to developing decision tree approaches used in climate-informed agro-advisories or for the testing of scenarios related to cropping systems management.
- Collate and process weather forecast information and develop a deep understanding of how to apply forecast information in managing agricultural decision making.
- Lead and assist in field data collection, organizing workshops or surveys for understanding the use of ICT in communicating climate information.
- Co-ordination with partners such as the NARES, government agencies and the private sector as required for the project execution.

General information:
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Keep cap on public utility charges to check inflation

A SIGH of relief has lately been registered when the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) rescinded a tariff revision demanded by 117 water authorities all over the country that had already been granted.

The authorities expected a review being granted as current tariffs were set for 2018/2019 to apply to 2020/21 and ought to have been revised. EWURA complied but it had to reverse gear after the Water minister said he would have none of it.

EWURA then said it will have to conduct an in-depth appraisal following numerous complaints from consumers.

Much like other utility regulatory agencies is there to provide arbitration, under ministerial guidance, as to what ought to be done in the circumstances.

Depending on the specifics of cost analysis in water authorities' services, it can't be denied that a prima facie case for revising tariffs existed, though again it can't be said that it was sufficiently cogent.

There is likely an aspect of misunderstanding between water authorities and consumers when it comes to the case for raising tariffs, and that is quality of services.

Often there are breakdowns in water supply due to leakages occasioned by disruption of pipes if there is road building going on, or some other reason, and the water authorities are lamentably slow in responding. When they fail to obtain revenue, they are believed to opt to hike tariffs.

Similarly, the various water authorities will submit that they work with creaky and leaking infrastructure, and thus need periodic reviews so as to obtain an improved revenue base to revamp the structures stage by stage.

That argument can't be thrown out merely by arguing that optimal revenue collection with current tariffs suffices to sort out the problem - though, as consumers and the government may affirm, it would go a long way to improve things.

And the government constantly builds systems which it then hands over to water agencies other than those raising bonds to put up such infrastructure.

As the Water minister pointed out, there is more to be done to improve service rendering to consumers by water authorities, for instance involving consumers in reading their meters instead of just dispatching bills.

There is also the issue of response to disruptions, as lack of competitiveness in the water sector makes officials less mindful of inadequacies in how the services are provided. As is well known, supplying services without competition brings about bureaucratic laxity, layers of soft job descriptions and overtime costs.

On top of this increasingly noticeable bureaucracy while needing to purchase equipment to improve services to the extent that water authorities can, an ominous situation has arisen for them during the past year.

It is the compulsory delivery of dividends to the government to show cause for the continued public sector bodies, where a series of service providers may ardently seek reviews of their tariffs so as to put aside sufficient monies for dividends at times without disturbing their own expenditure.

No one has so far said this is the case, but public watchdogs had better be on their guard to stem an avalanche of such reviews, as it amounts to tax avoidance and the fuelling of inflation.

High Court could surely do with language pluralism - on demand

ANOTHER level has been reached in our country's interminable debate on how far it can formalise Kiswahili as indeed the official language in public administration, not to speak of academics.

President John Magufuli has lately promoted a High Court judge to the Court of Appeal for fighting for the supremacy of Kiswahili, the judge having recently issued a ruling in Kiswahili.

The president took that step to emphasize a feeling long since imprinted in the sentiments of the guardians of the country's culture and sensitivity of its position in the world, which has overwhelmingly shifted in recent years.

Public debate once used to see things in a 'bicameral' manner - for instance when Founder President Mwalimu Julius Nyerere said in 1984 that Kiswahili is the unifying language in the country, while English unified us with the outside world. The tone has gradually shifted to emphasize Kiswahili's primacy.

One reason is advancement in technology, which permits alteration from expression in one language to another more or less rapidly, as well as the gradual if somewhat hesitant admission of Kiswahili as a working language in regional bodies.

Evidently, this looks a huge success on our part, but critics see such innovation as adding up to bureaucratic costs that hamper the functioning of those institutions.

The South African Parliament has 11 supposed national languages into which documents are translated, and public authorities here were

happy that Kiswahili has been added to semi-official use in that country.

The president's other remarks in his Law Day presentation help to show how the two concerns can be synthesized - that is, that of a further elevation of Kiswahili and the continued prominence of English.

This is especially as we shall be having many more, not much fewer, individuals from outside who will do better if each of us knows a sputtering of English.

That is essential if we are to adequately impress tourists to ensure that they come back after visiting for the first time if they can strike some friendships.

So the debate is likely to continue, as the idea that the use of English systematically denied a section of the population access to justice doesn't take sufficient note of the balance of language use in the courts.

Chief Justice Prof Ibrahim Hamis Juma aptly pointed out that more than two-thirds of court in Tanzania proceedings are conducted in Kiswahili, which means that the language is dominant in primary courts, where those who have no idea of English or don't use paid advocates are found.

Cases going to the High Court commonly demand scrupulous attachment to provisions both of substantive law and of procedure. These matters will remain complicated and obscure to the majority, translation notwithstanding.

The CJ said that our Judiciary has achieved a lot in the 100 years of its existence but there was a lot to improve to catch up with ever-changing technology.

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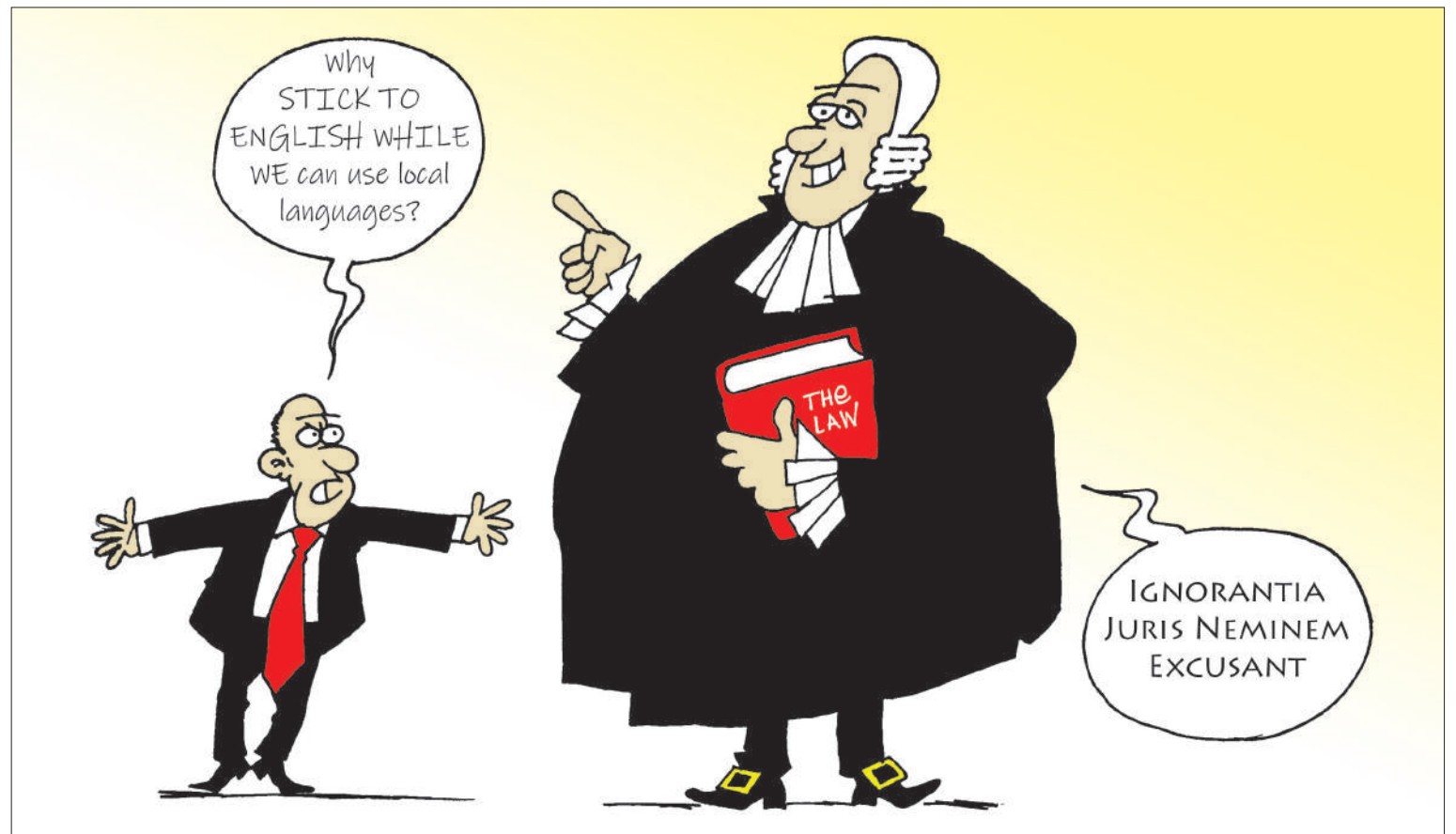
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Seven questions about Sputnik V, the first Russian Covid-19 vaccine

ONE: How is the vaccination campaign being conducted in Russia?

Vaccination in Russia is free and is being conducted with the Gamaleya's 'Sputnik V' vaccine. People in each Russian region can register for a vaccination via the Gosuslugi (aka "government services") website or by phone.

In Moscow, you can also get a shot not just in clinics but also in shopping malls, on a first come first served basis - with only a passport required.

Interestingly, at the end of December 2020, the 'Sputnik V' manufacturer launched a video advertisement in English on social media with the slogan "V is for Victory".

According to Anna Popova, head of Russia's consumer rights watchdog Rospotrebnadzor, by the autumn of this year 60 per cent of the country's population will be vaccinated - out of Russia's 146 million population.

Experts say these estimates are real if people would be ready to take the shot. "The main thing is that people should understand the need to get vaccinated," said Larisa Popovich, director of the HSE Institute of Health Economics.

TWO: Are there enough doses?

Russia has already produced 6.5 million doses of 'Sputnik V' and will have made about 33 million more by the end of March 2021, according to Industry and Trade ministry head Denis Manturov. "We will send 2.1 million doses to the Russian regions by the end of January, another 5.7 million doses in February and almost 9 million doses in March," he said.

Some regions, including Perm, Leningrad and Volgograd have meanwhile reported shortages.

Authorities say the deficit is due to Russia's enormous territory and the fact that the production of the drug hasn't reached full capacity yet. Experts also note that there is not enough medical staff in the regions.

The highest availability of the vaccine is in Moscow, Moscow Region, Sakhalin, the Nenets autonomous district and Chukotka. Interestingly, the last three are among the most remote regions in Russia and are far away from Moscow.

THREE: How many Russians want to get vaccinated?

According to the TASS news agency, two million people had already received the vaccine



President Vladimir Putin

as of this January 29, but exact numbers of people by region have not yet been disclosed. Also, it's unclear whether this figure includes foreign citizens.

Regional officials shared the following numbers: 300,000 vaccinations in Moscow out of 12 million residents by January 31, 50,000 vaccinations in Moscow Region out of 7.6 million people by January 25, and 62,000 vaccinations in St. Petersburg out of 5 million people by January 30.

Meanwhile, according to polls by VTSIOM and Levada Centre, only 38 per cent of Russians wanted to get the vaccine - and most of them with the Russian-made vaccine. Vaccination is mostly expected by citizens aged 55 and older, while most Russians under the age of 34 do not want to get the vaccine.

The reasons for refusal include the desire to wait until the end of trials, fear of side-effects or simply a denial of the efficacy of any vaccines. Experts also believe that people lack motivation because they still are being told to wear masks and abide by other restrictions even after receiving the vaccine.

FOUR: Has President Vladimir Putin got vaccinated?

Not yet, but he has said he plans to do so. Back in the mid-December, 2020, the Russian president said that he hadn't received the vaccine

"because of my age".

At the time, only people aged between 18 and 60 were allowed to be vaccinated, while Putin is 68. However, 'Sputnik V' has since been approved for people older than 60 as well. According to Putin's press secretary, Dmitry Peskov, the president will inform everyone about his vaccination - himself.

FIVE: Where exactly is 'Sputnik V' produced?

Currently, the 'Sputnik V' vaccine is produced at six plants in Russia that are located in Moscow, Vladimir Region and St. Petersburg. The opening of a seventh plant - in Yaroslavl - is planned soon.

Meanwhile, in December 2020, it was announced that 'Sputnik V' was also being produced in India (five plants), South Korea (one plant), Brazil (one plant) and China (three plants) for export demand. At the end of January 2021, the production of the Russian vaccine also began in Kazakhstan - but for local use only.

SIX: Which other countries are using 'Sputnik V'?

More than 40 countries have shown interest in the Russian vaccine and have already ordered 1.2 billion doses. The export price is less than US\$10 per dose, which is half the price of Pfizer's and Sinopharm's vaccines and is 2.5 times cheaper than Moderna's medicine. 'Sputnik V' has meanwhile

been officially registered in 16 countries besides Russia: Belarus, Argentina, Bolivia, Serbia, Algeria, Palestine, Venezuela, Paraguay, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Hungary, Pakistan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Tunisia and Guinea.

The first foreign state to start using the 'Sputnik V' vaccination was Belarus: its authorities signed a contract for 170,000 doses. The vaccination there is currently conducted only among medical workers.

The second country was Argentina - which, at the end of December 2020, agreed to purchasing 10 million doses. President Alberto Fernandez and Vice President Cristina Kirchner report having already been vaccinated.

The third will be Bolivia: the country should receive 5.2 million doses of the vaccine by the end of May, with its leadership having also announced its readiness to be vaccinated by 'Sputnik V'.

Serbia has meanwhile ordered 6.5 million doses from different manufacturers, including 2 million doses of 'Sputnik V'. According to the Serbian Health ministry, 40 per cent of citizens would prefer to be vaccinated with the Russian vaccine and 28 per cent with Pfizer's, with others saying they don't have any preferences.

On February 1, 2020, mass vaccination also began in Kazakhstan.

SEVEN: What side-effects does 'Sputnik V' have?

No serious side-effects have been registered, so far. Most often, people feel symptoms similar to a cold: fever, weakness, a headache for a couple of days. According to the Argentinian Health ministry, only 1 per cent of vaccinated showed any side-effects: fever, headache, skin reactions around the area of the injection.

Among the official contraindications for the vaccination are strokes, tuberculosis, hepatitis B and C, syphilis as well as HIV.

A contraindication is a condition or factor that serves as a reason to withhold a certain medical treatment owing to the harm that it would cause the patient.

The Russian Health ministry says that 'Sputnik V' may be risky for persons with cancer - because there have not been enough trials.

• *A Russia Beyond dispatch the Dar es Salaam-based Russian-Tanzanian Cultural Centre e-mailed to The Guardian for publication.*

My life has been ruined by an anti-baldness drug

By Maria Aoun

•Story of a man who has endured depression, anxiety, headaches, memory loss, insomnia, blurred vision, and impotence since age 19 - and blames prescription said to arrest hair loss...

By Dana Smith

IT sucks to be a teenager losing your hair. You start to notice your friends' eyes darting up to your hairline. You become the butt of jokes. You feel marked out, as if the gene gods have tagged you as defective and old before your time.

I was 17 when I noticed that the hair on my temples was receding. It was disconcerting but felt okay - until it didn't feel okay. There came a point when there was just too much of my head showing, when my faithful hairstyle became tenuous. I felt that everyone, much to my unending embarrassment, must have noticed it.

A girlfriend commented on it when I was 19. A friend told me that my once full and floppy fringe had started looking wispy at 22.

A girl who liked me was teased by a friend on Facebook because of my receding hairline and either didn't know or didn't care that I would read it. Six months later, it looked worse, and six months after that, worse still.

Like most young men dealing with baldness, I was confronting a future image of myself that I really didn't like.

By 2016, the World Health Organisation had recorded that 59 men had killed themselves because of the side-effects of finasteride, an anti-baldness drug. The drug doesn't kill directly, but the profound physical and psychological damage it can cause makes it difficult for people to lead a normal life. I know this because I am one of them.

In 2012, when I was 19, I took finasteride in the form of Propecia tablets: one a day for just 21 days. I got them from a London-based hair-loss clinic that advertises its services vociferously across the city's public transport.

I remember feeling uneasy and a little skeptical about relying on a drug, possibly for the rest of my life, for a non-medical issue. But I thought that I could stop my hair from falling out, even perhaps regrow some that I had lost, and have a good head of hair in adulthood.

The symptoms started almost as soon as I started taking Propecia. I noticed a dull, persistent headache. I became anxious, depressive, and my sleep was nonexistent. I felt sexual dysfunction surely creeping in.

I quit the drug three weeks later when I realised that the symptoms weren't shifting. But even after I stopped taking the pills, I still had the arsenal of debilitating cognitive, mental, physical and sexual side-effects, most of which weren't on the label and nearly all of which weren't thought to be permanent - and of all of which were. Needless to say, I hadn't been taking it long enough to notice any difference in my hair.

When I was buying the drug in 2012, I remember my clinician reassuring me about the side-effects and dismissing



stories of lasting adverse reactions. I was left with the impression that claims of long-term sexual issues stemming from Propecia were a myth.

Six years later, I still have all the same symptoms. Every day when I wake up, I feel like my head's been filled with noxious gas. It's like my brain - not to be confused with my mind or my soul, though both have suffered too - is dehydrated or lacking some essential element.

You can't ignore an aching brain; the pain sits among your thoughts and emotions, tucked behind your eyes, decolouring your life.

The brain is the fragile colliery where your conception of yourself and the world are furrowed, and mine aches all the time. Another sufferer once described this kind of "brain fog" as having your brain

wrapped in plastic wrap, slightly apart from yourself and insulated from the world, making everything delayed, confused, abstract.

I have lost fluency in my speech and find it difficult to maintain my train of thought while speaking, which is either related to my poor memory or a result of it. And I often find it hard to recall words and names.

Then there are, still, the sexual issues. I have the libido (and mind) of a person in extreme decline, which makes sex difficult to impossible. Women my age aren't as receptive to this as you'd hope.

I also have an intrusively enlarged prostate. Finasteride's primary function was to battle enlarged prostates, but it had the inverse effect on me. And recent research has also raised concerns that it can

mask the symptoms of prostate cancer.

In February 2012, soon after experiencing what's termed the "crash" - when all or most of the symptoms come on suddenly during or after quitting the medication - I stumbled across propeciainhelp.com, a site dedicated to men with my condition that was set up back in 2003.

The more I read, the more my hope faded. Some guys were describing how they had suffered this for ten years or longer.

The thud-thud-silence of my heart's contractions reverberated in my ears as I sat up in bed alone that night feeling nothing but dread and the memories of myself as I was, locked away somewhere in the interstices of my mind, unreachable and apparently now set to self-

destruct.

I set up a profile under the username "pursuit_of_happiness" and stalked the forum year after year; it became the only real point of information and community for me. There was all the information I could want, every type of person from every sort of job across the world all describing the same problems I had.

When I was trying to feel positive, I read the "Recoveries" section about the handful of guys who felt they had cured themselves through a diverse range of regimes including intense exercise, restrictive diets and combinations of supplements and exotic hormonal or medical-grade drugs.

But there was only a handful of these recovered men among 4,000 members on the site, and many said the regimens weren't working for them.

Because there seemed to be limited research, many sufferers like me leaned heavily on pseudoscience or the findings of other scientifically minded sufferers.

I once went without food for a whole week - something known as "water fasting", which over a stretch of years, I became obsessed with as my panacea - but it didn't help.

I was at university while this was going on and read page after page posted by miserable men bemoaning their decision to use the drug.

Some had lost jobs, credibility; they'd become shadows of themselves. There were suicide threats from desperate souls and consoling messages urging them to see out the year.

Previously vocal forum members would stop posting and others would wonder what happened to them. At college, I kept my contributions in seminars down to a few lines as I knew my brain would stop sketching a path for me after a few seconds. What should have been my "best years" were my worst.

Post-finasteride syndrome (PFS) is the name given to my condition. It covers a range of sexual, physical and mental side-effects that afflict people like me after they've discontinued 5-alpha reductase inhibitors - drugs specifically used to treat enlarged prostates and male pattern baldness - such as finasteride.

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Coalition dedicated to agro-ecology in Africa launched

PARIS

MORE than 100 European and African actors have signed a charter of commitment to the development of the agro-pastoral sectors in Africa, particularly in the Sahel.

The original initiative is meant to resize and strengthen agricultural cooperation between Europe and Africa while ensuring the protection of biodiversity as a global common good.

The recent health crisis, particularly with respect to the coronavirus epidemic, has revealed the resilient capacities of African agriculture.

Challenges witnessed include the closing of borders, the drop in the purchasing power in urban areas, major disruptions in the international market of raw materials and the availability of agricultural labour generally unaffected both by the virus and the traffic restrictions.

By extension, high demand for food products in cities has been a powerful incentive to the increase in - and flow of - local productions.

Under these conditions, more than ever, agriculture should be one of the main levers of development on the continent. In this respect, a paradigm shift appears indispensable.

Thus, the modernisation of this sector, particularly through agro-ecology, digital agriculture and social business, must once again become a priority. It is an economic, social, environmental, security and democratic issue.

To meet these multidimensional challenges, more than a hundred operators from all parts of the agricultural value chain, launched the International Agro-ecological Movement for Africa - IAM Africa, for short - on the sidelines of the One Planet Summit 2021.

A coalition of private and public actors has committed to the sanctuarisation of biodiversity, a global common good, and to the development of more sustainable agriculture.

The multilateral initiative was formalised in the presence of French President Emmanuel Macron, Mauritanian President Mohamed Ould Cheikh El-Ghazaouani, and Britain's Prince of Wales.

Knowing that Africa represents an exceptional lever of growth, companies, employers' organisations, African and European institutions in the agricultural and livestock sectors have decided to join forces to form a team with a multiplicity of expertise driven by the common desire to provide an appropriate response to the issue.

With this shared ambition, the signatories of the present charter intend to jointly prospect and develop value chains that meet precisely to African issues.

Since co-development is at the heart of the ethics shared by all the signatories, most of these activities will be the responsibility of local actors.

This includes promoting technology transfers and the



appropriation of the know-how necessary in the sustainable implementation of the agricultural and livestock production sectors envisaged by IAM Africa.

"The objective of the signatories, through their commitment to deploying this approach in most Africa, is to participate in the promotion of a strategy combining social, environmental and economic development in the service of prosperity but also the preservation of biodiversity and more generally the stability of the continent," says Karim Ait Talb, co-founder of the initiative and Deputy Managing Director of the Advens/Géocoton Group.

The signatory partners of this coalition specifically commit themselves to participating in the achievement of the 2030 objectives of "the Great Green Wall".

The Sahelian strip is identified as one of the global "hotspots" of climate change. In this region, it is essential to provide answers to the tensions on natural resources to meet the objectives of sustainable development and preserve biodiversity.

The structuring of agro-livestock value chains encouraging the deployment of agro-ecological practices and the creation of decent and sustainable jobs will be an important response to the adaptation of the region's populations and to the mitigation of the effects of climate change, particularly in terms of migration flows and security challenges.

"The Presidential Council for Africa has been mobilised since 2018 for the structuring of the agricultural

value chains in the Sahel and has conducted several missions to meet field actors in order to work on concrete solutions that have an impact on nutrition, on the creation of decent jobs and on the inclusion of vulnerable populations," notes Wilfrid Lauriano Do Rego, partner of the initiative and Coordinator of the Council for Africa (CPA).

Do Rego says IAM Africa is a new scheme where French, African and international companies commit and are ready to invest in the agro-ecological sectors of the future.

•Agencies

Expanded enrolment, classrooms good but what about teachers?

By Beatrice Philemon

RECENT efforts by the government to introduce free basic education which goes hand in hand with expansion of learning infrastructures such as classrooms and laboratories have undoubtedly expanded education opportunities for young Tanzanians.

However, experts observe that there is a missing link that if not plugged, may jeopardize the anticipated end result of this noble initiative, namely quality education.

Dr Donath Olomi, Chief Executive Officer at the Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship Development (IMED) told The Guardian in an interview recently that more investment needs to be made in human resources in education for Tanzania to produce truly competent skilled labour force.

Since the introduction of fee-free basic education, the government has been releasing 18bn/- to public schools every month since 2016 to pay costs that were previously being borne in part by parents through fees and other contributions.

The fee-free education policy saw classes flooded with pupils. In some primary schools, classrooms recorded upwards of 100 learners to be handled by one teacher.

In secondary schools for instance, Dr Olomi argues that there are not enough and competent teachers for key subjects such as Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Book keeping and English.

"You can't build a strong economy if you don't have skilled labour force; our workforce needs to have better education to be prepared for the future of Tanzanian economy and that cannot be achieved without good quality and quantity of teachers," he said.

According to Annual Education Sector Performance Report (AESPR) 2019 issued by Minister for Education, Science and Technology Prof Joyce Ndalichako, enrolment in primary schools increased by 4.9 per cent from 10,111,255 pupils in 2018 to 10,601,616 pupils in 2019 in both government and non-government schools.

The data indicate that males make up 49.98 per cent of the school going population at this level, while females make up 50.02 per cent.

The proportion of children in non-government primary schools has increased slightly from 4.07 per cent to 4.24 per cent.

Enrolment in secondary schools (form I to VI) increased by 8.8 per cent from 2,148,466 students in 2018 to 2,338,457 in 2019, this includes enrolment in government secondary schools (2,023,205) and non-government secondary schools (315,252).

The enrolment in government secondary schools in-



creased by 11.5 per cent while there was a decrease of 5.6 per cent in non-government secondary schools.

The drop in non-government schools can be attributed to fee-free basic education in public schools, which could be attracting students to Government schools.

According to Olomi, investment in skilled human resource should begin at primary and secondary levels so as to produce strong students for tertiary and university levels.

As a short term solution, Olomi suggests that Tanzania can build a strong economy importing highly

qualified teachers from countries such as Germany, India and USA to teach Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Accounts and English in ordinary and advance levels.

"If we don't have enough teachers who can effectively teach these subjects, let us import teachers from these countries because they have surplus competent teachers," he said.

He argued that in 1970s for instance, academic performance for students in secondary schools was fantastic in Tanzania because teachers from India, Germany and USA were working in Tanzania.

"We must understand that edu-

cation and development go hand in hand. We have to ensure that school education equips children with necessary problem-solving and life skills," he said

"If we don't give our children quality education, we are a big problem for the future generation."

Commenting on the situation of teachers in Tanzania, Financial and Investment Analyst Rodrick Lwakatare noted that the issue is not availability but employability and competence.

For, he said there are so many education graduates who walk out of universities every year but what is not certain is if they are compe-

tent enough to teach the subjects that need good teachers.

"We need to be careful in this area because graduates who are very competent in those subjects don't want to teach because of poor perks, challenging working environment and lack of decent accommodation," he said.

According to Lwakatare, the role of a teacher is the most vital in creating vibrant education system in a country.

"Basically, development of education sets a strong foundation for the economic development of a country. Research shows that students learn better when there is a competent teacher to introduce them to what they want to learn," he said.

Chinese COVID-19 vaccines are becoming global public good

By Wang Meihua

AS it promised last year, China is turning its COVID-19 vaccines into a global public good, contributing to ensuring vaccine accessibility and affordability in developing countries.

The country has granted conditional marketing authorization for its first self-developed COVID-19 vaccine. Its several other vaccines for COVID-19 are currently undergoing phase-3 clinical trials in many foreign countries. At present, Chinese vaccines are winning recognition, orders, and users from more and more countries.

On Jan. 2, Egypt granted official permission for emergency use of inactivated COVID-19 vaccine developed by China National Pharmaceutical Group (Sinopharm), and decided to purchase 40 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine from China.

Thailand announced on Jan. 3 that it had signed an agreement for purchasing two million doses of COVID-19 vaccine from Chinese pharmaceutical company Sinovac Biotech Ltd. (Sinovac).

On Jan. 6, Peru said that it had reached a purchase agreement with Sinopharm, and that the first one million doses of COVID-19 vaccine would arrive in the country this month.

On the same day, Indonesian President Joko Widodo announced that the country had received three million doses of COVID-19 vaccine it purchased from Sinovac and had started to distribute the vaccine across the country.

Seychelles President Wavel Ramkalawan received his first shot of COVID-19 vaccine from Sinopharm on Jan. 10, and urged all people in the country to get the injection.

As the COVID-19 pandemic is still causing havoc throughout the world, vaccines play a critical role in humanity's efforts to secure a complete victory against the virus.

The World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus warned at a WHO press briefing on Monday that the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases was going to reach 100 million this week.

Quoting two latest reports, the WHO chief pointed out that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused global losses equivalent to several trillion U.S. dollars, and that the world would have to face not only a catastrophic moral failure, but also an economic failure if equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines could not be ensured.

China signed an agreement with the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation (GAVI) on Oct. 8, 2020, officially joining the COVID-19 Vaccines Global Access (COVAX), an initiative that aims to accelerate the development and manufacturing of vaccines for the COVID-19 and ensure that every country enjoys equitable access to the vaccines.

The initiative intends to provide two billion doses of COVID-19 vaccines for higher-income self-financing countries and lower-income funded nations by the



Indonesian President Joko Widodo (left) receiving a COVID-19 vaccine shot developed by Chinese pharmaceutical company Sinovac Biotech Ltd. at Presidential Palace in Jakarta, Indonesia. File photo

end of 2021.

"Even though China is leading the world with several vaccines in advanced stages of R&D and with ample production capacity, it still decided to join COVAX. We are taking this concrete step to ensure equitable distribution of vaccines, especially to developing countries, and hope more capable countries will also join and support COVAX," said Chinese Foreign Ministry's spokesperson Hua Chunying at a press conference.

Joining COVAX represents an important step China has taken to uphold the concept of a shared community of health for all and to honor its commitment to turn COVID-19 vaccines into a global public good, Hua noted. "Once the Chinese COVID-19 vaccines are developed and put into use, China will fulfill its commitment to make the vaccines global public goods and provide them to the world at a fair and reasonable price," said Shen Bo, deputy director-general of the Department of International Organizations and Conferences of the Foreign Ministry, at a press conference held on Dec. 31, 2020.

China has always attached importance to the accessibility and affordability of COVID-19 vaccines in developing countries, Shen said, adding that China has considered providing vaccines to developing countries in various ways, including donations and free aid.

China National Biotech Group (CNBG) affiliated with Sinopharm has

established two high-grade biosafety workshops for producing inactivated COVID-19 vaccine in central China's Wuhan and China's capital city Beijing. Both workshops have started large-scale production of the vaccine.

Sinopharm would be able to produce nearly 100 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine by the end of 2020, according to Liu Jingzhen, chairman of Sinopharm, noting that the group's production capacity would probably surpass 1 billion doses in 2021.

Sinovac's first inactivated COVID-19 vaccine production line completed and put into use last August has an annual production capacity of around 500 million doses, and the company's second production line for the vaccine is ready to be put into service soon, said Yin Weidong, chairman and CEO of the company.

Sinovac is capable of producing one billion doses of COVID-19 vaccine per year, thus guaranteeing supplies of vaccine for 500 million people (two doses per person), Yin said, adding that production of relevant products in the company is in full swing 24 hours a day.

At present, 18 enterprises in China have started to build up their production capacity of COVID-19 vaccine, according to Mao Junfeng, an official from China's Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT).

It's believed that with further improving production capacity of the vaccine, China will be able to meet the domestic demand for large-scale vaccination while contributing to the global fight against the pandemic by making its vaccines a global public good, Mao noted.

New bank's board chairman Dr Weggoro starts his mission

By Guardian Reporter

THE new chairman of the board of directors for Bank of Africa Tanzania, Dr Nyamajeje Weggoro, yesterday started implementing his strategies of developing the bank, by visiting two branches of the financial institution.

Dr Weggoro visited the Business Center located in Oys-

terbay—the bank's enterprise branch—a one stop center for all the corporate sales and a large retail branch at Victoria Dar es Salaam. Weggoro's visit came after his meeting with the staff and management of the bank at its head office where various bank operations were discussed. The visit was meant to understand the bank's operations in supporting the

development of the country and contribution in promoting financial inclusion.

The bank has proven to be stable in the investment made in Tanzania as it participates in various development projects since 2007.

Apart from participation in the various development projects, the bank has shown its determination in support-

ing the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) by providing tailor-made products and services together with streamlined services which have been the major attraction of customers to the bank. As a commercial bank, the bank client segment involves Retail customers, Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), and corporate customers.

Dr Weggoro was appointed as the Executive Director of the African Development Bank from 2016 to 2019 working diligently in representing the interest of eight countries: Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Eritrea, Seychelles, and South Sudan.

Dr. Weggoro was also appointed as the Personal Assis-

tant and Advisor to the President of the United Republic of Tanzania (Regional Integration and Economic Affairs), 2013-2016.

He joins the team to support its development plans and strategies so as to lead the bank to higher levels. He brings to the bank invaluable experience, knowledge, and a unique skill set. His core areas of compe-

tence are in leadership development, economics, finance, planning and general management, industrial engineering, project planning, and capacity building. In many ways, Dr. Weggoro has been responsible for the transformation of various African countries through the development plans in the countries he represented.

New sanitation, wastewater management benchmark tool highlights opportunities to boost health, economic growth

By Special Correspondent, Abidjan

THE African Development Bank, the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and GRID-Arendal have released the inaugural Sanitation and Wastewater Atlas of Africa, a tool to benchmark and propel Africa's progress towards Sustainable Development Goal targets on safe sanitation and wastewater management.

The Atlas aims to help policymakers accelerate change and investment in the sector.

The result of four years of collaboration, the Atlas assesses progress and highlights opportunities where investment in sanitation and wastewater management can improve health and spur economic growth. It incorporates maps, graphics and profiles of all African countries, including analyses of their water resources and provision of basic services. The publication also explores the links between sanitation and wastewater and ecosystem health and human health, and discusses frameworks and circular economy approaches that can lead to better infrastructure and systems.

"Africa cannot have a healthy society without adequate access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene," said Wambui Gichuri, the African Development Bank's Acting Vice President for Agriculture, Human and Social Development.

"In the past 10 years, the African Development Bank has invested more than \$6 billion in sanitation and hygiene improvements, but much more financing is needed from the private sector, development finance institutions, governments and other sources. The new Sanitation and Wastewater Atlas of Africa can inform strategic investment going forward."

According to the report, more than half of the population in 34 out of 38 sub-Saharan African na-

tions lacks access to basic handwashing facilities. It recommends investment in the necessary policies, infrastructure and human skills capacities to operationalize actions towards the achievement of goals and targets in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including those for sustainable sanitation and wastewater management.

The COVID-19 pandemic has sharpened an already existing need to upgrade Africa's water and sanitation infrastructure. The report's authors urge African governments to incorporate sanitation and wastewater programs into their post-COVID-19 strategic planning.

"As the world seeks to recover better after COVID-19, prioritizing wastewater and sanitation infrastructure in Africa is critical. Sustainable Development Goal 6, which calls for making water and sanitation available to everyone, is within reach by 2030 if we commit the needed resources. The Sanitation and Wastewater Atlas of Africa provides the tools for policymakers to focus on this important challenge," said Leticia Carvalho, Head of UNEP's Marine and Freshwater Branch.

In addition to advancing SDG Goal 6, the Atlas is expected to promote the African Union's Agenda 2063 as well as the Africa Water Vision for 2025, an initiative of the UN Economic Commission for Africa, the Bank and the AU.

"We have gathered a wealth of information on practical and transformative solutions for wastewater management and the provision of sanitation services, which can help to boost public health and secure the sustainability of Africa's natural resources," said Clever Mafuta, Head of the Waste Programme at GRID-Arendal, a Norwegian non-profit organization established to support the work of UNEP.



Dr Nyamajeje Caleb Weggoro (L), recently named Bank of Africa chairman and non-executive director, has a word with acting managing director Wasia Mushi (C), as head of retail banking Lomnyaki Saitabau looks on. Dr Weggoro, an economics, planning, finance management and industrial engineering guru, was on a familiarisation tour of the bank's Victoria branch in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

72 pct of Tanzanians spend more money online since the start of pandemic, study says

By Guardian Reporter

A Mastercard study on consumer spending has revealed that an overwhelming 72 percent of consumers surveyed in Tanzania are shopping more online since the onset of the COVID 19 pandemic.

Data top ups, apparel and computer equipment have seen the highest surge of online activity. Over 76 percent said they had paid for data top-ups online, 59 percent for clothing while 49 percent of respondents said they bought computers and other equipment.

And, with fewer opportunities to browse in the mall or on the high-street, social media has emerged as the main platform for finding the most attractive products and offers, with 52 percent and 83 percent of respondents saying they had discovered new sellers through Facebook and Instagram respectively.

In fact, 74 percent of typical in-store bargain hunters said they spend hours searching different sites to find the best deals.

When it comes to paying for goods or services online, speed is a key factor for Tan-

zanian shoppers, with 76 percent quoting this a major consideration when choosing a business to buy from.

While adapting to the 'next normal', people have been changing the way they consume entertainment and learn new skills.

In fact, 76 percent of Tanzanian consumers said they were using the downtime as a positive learning experience. More than half of the respondents (58 percent) said they had taken a virtual cooking class, 46 percent have been mastering a new language and 45 percent have been learning

to dance online.

36 percent of respondents have been educating themselves on Do-It-Yourself (DIY) projects, and 43 percent said they have been learning how to film online.

It is clear from the research that shoppers are rapidly moving away from more traditional forms of retail and opting for contact-free and digital transactions. This, in turn, is presenting e-tailers and businesses in Tanzania, and across the region, with new challenges on how to best leverage the shift towards online shopping and deliver fast, convenient

and secure transactions.

"In this post-COVID world, we are seeing an undisputable transformation in the way everyday transactions are being conducted. As people increasingly lean on e-commerce for their shopping, businesses who will remain relevant must ensure their customers continue to enjoy a safe, convenient and secure experience when shopping with them. At Mastercard, we are leveraging our network, insights, technology and partnerships with fintechs, banks and other key players across Kenya to support businesses

as they make the most of this new reality and optimize to thrive," said Kari Tukur, Vice President, Products, Sub-Saharan Africa, Mastercard.

With the rapid rise in online shopping, consumers are also becoming increasingly aware of the associated risks. And, with 57 percent of consumers now managing their banking needs online, more than half (51 percent) have said that a secure checkout was fundamental for a good shopping experience.

This is a key priority for Mastercard, as it is working to reduce online fraud and

protect retailers from data breaches, while ensuring that consumers still enjoy a convenient and hassle-free payment experience.

To advance these efforts, Mastercard recently rolled out its patented tokenization technology across the region. Tokenization encrypts consumer data by replacing card numbers with digital tokens. This prevents improper usage at any other location and provides additional security and peace of mind for consumers and merchants alike, resulting in higher approval rates while minimizing online fraud.



Contractors Registration Board registrar Rhoben Nkori addresses Tanzanian contractors in Dar es Salaam when closing a recent three-day CRB seminar on contract management. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Hospital organises free health screening camp in Dar

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

DAR ES SALAAM-based Kairuki Hospital has organized a free health screening camp in the honor of the facility's founder, the late Prof Hubert Kairuki.

The hospital will conduct the camp at Mbezi Luis new bus terminal from today to Saturday this week in collaboration with Ubungu Municipal Council, whereby Ubungu District Commissioner, Kisare Makori is expected to be the chief guest at the launch of the camp.

According to the hospital acting head of Publicity and Marketing, Arafa Juba, different activities will be done as a way to commemorate its founder who is also the founder of Kairuki Health and Education Network (KHEN), who died on February 6, 1999.

Arafa said different services will be provided to commemorate the founder from today Wednesday until Saturday and mentioned some of the services to screen people who can't see properly.

Arafa mentioned other services to be offered for free as diabetes, height, blood pressure, education on proper feeding, and early screening of breast cancer for women.

She said doctors from Kairuki hospital will be there to provide advice for people who will attend the screening camp on how they can get treatment if they are found with bigger problems during the camp.

According to Arafa, because of the need for

blood, they also expect to collect blood voluntarily from the people who are expected to attend so that they can help the need so she called upon people to come and donate blood.

"We will also sensitize people to join (CHF) insurance at Mbezi Luis new terminal so we encourage many people to attend because there will be many services and also will be for free," she said

Arafa said apart from being the founder of the hospital, Professor Kairuki also is the founder of Hubert Kairuki Memorial University (HKMU) and Kairuk School of Nursing.

She said that also Professor Kairuki is the founder of Kairuki Health and Education Network (KHEN), the network which facilitated the introduction of Kairuki Pharmaceuticals Industry Ltd located in Zegereni Industrial area Kibaha Coast Region.

"This industry is on the final stage to start its production and will be launched any time after the final decoration and this also is the fruits of our founder Prof Kairuki that is why we have also the reason to commemorate his life," said Arafa

She said there will be academic competition of HKMU University students and this Saturday during the climax, they will conduct the 11th Kairuki Memorial Public Lecture whereby Professor Esther Mwaikambo will present about Epidemiology of Anaemia in Africa.

A counter-narrative? Ruminations around Holocaust Memorial Day

NEW YORK

FOR more than two decades, the mantra was “PVE” (preventing violent extremism) and/or “CVE” (countering violent extremism).

Millions of dollars were spent, new NGOs and think tanks emerged, government policy papers were drafted, countless books and articles were published, large and small scale initiatives developed - indeed almost an entire industry in development and foreign policy spaces thrived.

Complete with UN resolutions and entire units inside the UN system and intergovernmental entities were created to focus on this (thinly veiled religious) violent extremism.

It would seem that PVE/CVE also delineated political positions in certain countries. Were you of the PVE or the CVE inclination? The difference between these two positions was not whether one considered violent extremism to be a - largely - religious (and let's face it, Islamic-focused) set of features, but whether you were seeking to be politically correct about the endeavor, or just 'call it like it is'.

Of course, all this generated multitudes of arguments, analysis and 'alternative views'. By and large, the consensus - and certainly where multi million dollars of investment were going - appeared to be, that 'developing a counter narrative' was the way to go.

Horrible gang violence, atrocious drug-related violence, spiking gender-based violence, sexual violence in conflict and non-conflict settings, even domestic violence, school shootings, policy brutality, all soared. But none of that of course, is violent extremism.

In the US, throughout the 1990s, several incidents took place - Ruby Ridge, Idaho, in 1992; Waco, Texas, in 1993; and the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995. The sight of men carrying torches in Charlottesville and braying anti-semitic and anti-everything decent slogans, apparently was ... well, clearly, freedom



A mother holds her child in the Al Dhale'e Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) Camp in Yemen. The war in Yemen continues to ravage the country and its people, senior UN-appointed rights investigators said, in a call for an international probe into suspected war crimes, and sanctions against the perpetrators. (File photo)

of speech.

While on the other hand, peaceful demonstrations against the oldest and most vile of prejudices which intersects with and informs so many other prejudices - I mean racism by the way - those we did see as worthy of brutality and force. And that brutality and force was also not violent extremism.

With all that, to many of the pundits ('experts', intellectuals, intelligence communities) in the 'developed' part of the world, none of all this qualified as violent extremism. No, violent extremism, and its kin, terrorism, were what, by and large, Muslims did.

And the Muslims, by the way, were not really a religion. In fact, maybe they were not even human. Our kind of humans, you see, don't do violent extremism. 'Our' kind of humans do good, old fashioned pro-Life kind of reli-

gion, informed by wholesome [western] values which are worthy of export as part of an ongoing mission to bring light to the world.

And when some of those things turn ugly and even contravene international standards of human rights (as if those are even relevant), it does not get labelled what it is, because 'there are good people on all sides'.

When nations turn away or intern those seeking refuge and those displaced by their own duty bearers, and when these people end up cold and without clothes in the coldest of times, or separated from their loved ones in manners reminiscent of the stories of earlier Jewish internment camps, that is not violent extremism.

When there are over two million Muslims in "reeducation camps" (because of their propensity to 'Islamic extrem-

ism' of course) - no, not in Nazi times back then, but right here, happening right now - that 'reeducation' is not called violent extremism.

Even genocide - when we dare to name it - is not violent extremism either, apparently. You see, if a powerful government commits it, it is not violent extremism. And the label of genocide is anyway facetious and disrespectful and libelous and plain wrong. Some say. When they dare to speak.

We needed to watch the Capitol of the United States of America, besieged by men with war paint on their faces, wearing animal masks, military-like fatigues, brazenly waving the flags of states which once went to war with kith and kin to defend human slavery, former (and currently serving) military and/or police officers, even women with a mission apparently willing to scale walls to enter "the peo-

ple's house" - and get shot dead by terrified, seriously understaffed security people.

We had to wait to see these macabre sights of yet another awful US reality TV show, to begin - only begin - to name it. So now that we have named it, shall we draw upon the decades' long 'expertise' of NGOs, human rights actors, think tanks, governments and the industry, academia, which largely focused on the Muslim other?

All those who valiantly created "counter-narratives" to deal with this variant of the virus of violent extremism? Or are counter-narratives only something we invest in when it comes to others outside of 'our' kind?

And what is the counter narrative to rampant hate of the multiple, intersecting and difficult to discern forms of 'otherness', when divisiveness, bitterness and ignorance are

normal in so many parts of the world?

For we spent decades normalizing othering. Even as we sought to deal with violence, we did so by 'othering' (rendering different from 'us') the perpetrators and the actions, even when they were us. We even othered violence itself by defining an extreme form thereof! As if violence was not bad enough.

As we sought 'counter narratives', we affirmed the us-versus-them world view: our narrative was, would be, better than theirs. But hate is not a narrative. Hatred is felt, it is embodied, it is lived - and it is actively justified.

Hatred feeds on othering. Othering is the fuel which makes hatred rage as the fires that consumed our earth did in

2020 - literally as well as metaphorically.

The antidote to othering, to the roots of hatred, is to recognize the power inherent in our diversity. All faiths teach that diversity is manifestations of the Divine, and/or that the Divine resides in diversity - sometimes in polar opposites (e.g. Destructor-Creator).

All faiths try to teach that power is not about institutions and boundaries. Instead, 'power' is to love the diversities. Yet still we persist, and our religions and our politics and our institutions persist, in the politics of othering, and defining the boundaries of us versus them.

When will we learn, that we are one and the same? What will it take?

IPS

'He invited us': Accused Capitol rioters blame Trump in novel legal defence

By Jan Wolfe

EMANUEL Jackson, a 20-year-old Washington area man, was caught on video using a metal bat to strike the protective shields wielded by police officers as they tried to fend off rioters storming the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6.

Jackson, awaiting trial in federal court on assault charges, is now adopting a novel legal defense: seeking to pin the blame on Donald Trump, citing the former president's remarks at a "Stop the Steal" rally shortly before the Capitol siege.

Trump told the crowd to "fight like hell," said "we will not take it anymore" and repeated his false claims that the election was stolen from him through widespread voting fraud. Trump exhorted his followers to go to the Capitol. The ensuing rampage interrupted the congressional certification of President Joe Biden's election victory, sent lawmakers into hiding and left five people dead including a police officer.

Jackson's lawyer, Brandi Harden, wrote in a Jan. 22 court filing that "the nature and circumstances of this offense must be viewed through the lens of an event inspired by the President of the United States."

The Capitol siege, Harden added, "appears to have been spontaneous and sparked by the statements made during the 'Stop the Steal' rally." Harden argued that Jackson should be released while awaiting trial. A judge on Jan. 22 denied the request.

At least six of the 170 people charged in connection with the Capitol siege have tried to shift at least some of the blame onto Trump as they defend themselves in court or in the court of public opinion.

Other defendants to take this route include Jacob Chansley, who donned a horned headdress and face paint during the attack, and Dominic Pezzola, a member of the Proud Boys right-wing extrem-



Former U.S. President Donald Trump speaks during a rally to contest the certification of the 2020 U.S. presidential election results by the U.S. Congress, in Washington, U.S., January 6, 2021. (File photo)

ist group who is accused of shattering a window in the Capitol with a stolen police shield so rioters could enter.

"The boss of the country said, 'People of the country, come on down, let people know what you think,'" Pezzola's defense lawyer, Michael Scibetta, told Reuters. "The logical thinking was, 'He invited us down.'"

Lawyers have not yet sought dismissal of charges or acquittal during a trial based on the idea that Trump incited their clients, instead making the claim as part of efforts

to spare them from pretrial detention.

No defendant will be able to avoid criminal culpability by saying they were incited by Trump, said Jay Town, who served as the top federal prosecutor in Birmingham, Alabama, during the Trump administration.

"If anything, it is an admission to criminal conduct," said Town, now the general counsel of cybersecurity firm Gray Analytics. "While this ineffective tactic may help with headlines, it will not help the fate of

any defendant."

Trump took to a stage near the White House and exhorted supporters to "fight" - using the word more than 20 times. Trump told the crowd that "everyone here will soon be marching over to the Capitol." About 50 minutes into the speech, many of them did.

Trump adviser Jason Miller did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the legal strategy of blaming the former president. Trump has called his

speech "totally appropriate."

IMPEACHMENT TRIAL

The Democratic-led House of Representatives voted to impeach Trump on a charge of "incitement of insurrection" stemming from his Jan. 6 speech. He faces an impeachment trial next week in the Senate.

Enough of his fellow Republicans in the Senate have signaled opposition to impeachment to indicate that the chamber almost certainly will fall short of the two-thirds majority needed to convict him. Democrats hope to use the trial to disqualify him from future public office.

Lori Ulrich, a defense lawyer in Pennsylvania, said that her client Riley June Williams was motivated by Trump's remarks. Williams, 22, is accused of stealing a laptop from House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office during the siege.

It is "regrettable that Ms. Williams took the president's bait and went inside the Capitol," Ulrich told a judge at a Jan. 21 court hearing as she argued against Williams being detained while her case proceeds. The judge released Williams to home confinement.

Some legal experts said the "blame Trump" defense could complicate matters for defendants if they eventually plead guilty in hopes of getting a lesser sentence. Town noted that federal judges require defendants who plead guilty to accept full responsibility for their conduct.

Scibetta acknowledged the limits of the effectiveness of blaming Trump.

"It would be reckless to put all your eggs in that basket," Scibetta said.

But Scibetta said Trump's speech helps explain how people got swept away in the riot.

"These were people acting in a way they have never acted before," Scibetta said, "and it begs the question, 'Who lit the fuse?'"

Agencies

MILESTONE

TanGold's CEO happy with \$7m exiting investors

By Guardian Reporter

THE retirement of US\$7 million convertible debt through normal share selling by YA II PN and Riverfort Global Opportunities Plc is a major milestone in the development of Tanzanian Gold Corporation which is undertaking gold extraction at Geita based Buckreef Gold project.

In a statement to announce the official retirement of the two investors, TanGold CEO, Stephen Mallowney said the share selling which was done through normal course sales in the market is significant to the company.

"We would like to thank both Riverfort and YA for their original and future support as we continue to move forward the Buckreef Gold Project in Tanzania with our joint venture partner, the State Mining Corporation (STAMICO)," Mallowney said.

Tanzanian Gold Corporation along with STAMICO is building a significant gold project at Buckreef that is

based on an expanded mineral resource base and the treatment of its mineable mineral reserves in two standalone plants.

"Measured and indicated mineral resources now stand at a combined tonnage of 35.88 metric tons at 1.77grams per ton gold containing 2,036,280 ounces of gold. The Buckreef Project also contains an inferred mineral resource of 17.8MT at 1.1g/t gold for contained gold of 635,540oz," the miner said.

The statement further added that company is actively investigating and assessing multiple exploration targets on its property. TanGold is advancing on three value-creation tracks: Strengthening its balance sheet from expanding near-term production to 15,000 - 20,000 oz. of gold per year from the processing oxides upon approval of an expanded oxide plant.

It is also advancing the final feasibility study for a stand-alone sulphide treating plant that is substantially

larger than previously modelled and targeting significant annual gold production; and third continuing with a drilling program to further test the potential of its mineral resource base

by: drilling at deeper levels; drilling new oxide targets; infill drilling to upgrade mineral resources currently in the inferred category; and a step-out drilling program in the Northeast

Extension.

The Dar es Salaam based mining company has Andrew Cheatele as its qualified person as defined by the regulations hence reviewed and assumes responsibility for the technical content of the statement.



TanGold CEO Stephen Mallowney.

SETBACK

Africa's pandemic-hit mining sector faces exploration challenge

JOHANNESBURG

TRAVEL restrictions, supply chain disruptions and risk aversion since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic have slammed the brakes on mining exploration in Africa, jeopardising the minerals supply pipeline.

Inward investment will be a key focus at the annual Investing in African Mining Indaba virtual conference to be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, with companies looking to capitalise on higher metals prices and the transition to green energy.

Without exploration, the continent's rich mineral resources are at risk of being unutilised as older mines become unviable. Mining companies' exploration budgets for Africa fell 10% to a four-year low in 2020, according to S&P Global Market Intelligence.

"Covid-19 has had an impact on all aspects of the mining value chain, and exploration is no exception," said Alex Khumalo, head of social performance at the Minerals Council, South Africa, an industry trade group. While Africa did not fare as badly as Latin America, where budgets fell by 21%, the

sharp decline was in marked contrast to the 1.5% dip in the United States and Canada.

In many cases companies have been turning more towards their home jurisdictions and what they see as their safe-haven investments, said Chris Galbraith, senior metals and mining analyst at S&P Global.

"With many of these companies based in Canada, the US and Australia, more of their exploration has been focused on domestic exploration ... and oftentimes that has come at the expense of African development," he said. For junior explorers and miners, raising

capital on public markets has been a challenge while the pandemic has made it even more difficult to access private equity capital.

South African Gloom

South Africa - a leading producer of platinum, palladium, chrome and gold - was the worst-hit African nation, with overall mining exploration budgets at a 17-year low. The Democratic Republic of Congo, Burkina Faso and Ghana also had sharp falls. "I've seen 20 or 30 projects that have probably collectively cut R200 million to R300 million worth



Alex Khumalo, head of social performance at the Minerals Council of South Africa.

of exploration spending this year," said Errol Smart, CEO of Orion Minerals.

Investors have been unable to visit projects during the pandemic while restrictions on borders have delayed equipment deliveries. "Nobody invests in something unless

they can go there and see it, touch it, kick the tyres. They want to visit the site," said Smart.

Orion, which last month said it had discovered further significant copper, zinc and nickel deposits around its flagship Prieska Project in South Africa's Northern Cape province, has been waiting for equipment from Australia to conduct geophysical surveys.

"We still have uncertainty over when they can get to site to be used," said Smart. With less exploration activity, African mineral resources might not be developed fast enough to replace older mines as they become depleted.

There is hope, however, that Covid-19 vaccination programmes will speed the world's recovery from the pandemic and boost the mining sector. Post-pandemic economic recovery could drive higher metals demand and prices, potentially encouraging increased exploration spending this year, particularly in gold. Exploration budget increases in Ivory Coast, Guinea and Senegal have indicated continued interest in gold-rich West African countries despite the pandemic.

RESISTANCE

South African energy start-up takes aim at solar fees

GAUTENG

SOUTH African local energy start-up Wetility is confident it can add value to the country's residential solar installation market and believes it is ideally positioned to help consumers avoid additional solar fees.

Recent media reports detailed new tariff plans by South Africa's power supplier Eskom, including the proposal to charge consumers a split tariff made up of a volumetric energy usage charge and a fixed daily network charge. According to the reports, this equates to an increase in the amount payable for those with solar panels.

Vincent Maposa, CEO of Wetility, says: "Eskom's bid to create an additional solar fee would just push existing and new solar users to increasingly move their energy requirements off-grid. This is because these solar users could start to rely more on their PV and battery storage systems, and less on Eskom. This will become even more possible over

time owing to continuously falling solar costs and ever-improving battery storage. In turn, this could risk nullifying or reducing any extra solar fees that Eskom is seeking, and thereby exacerbate the load-shedding problem."

Wetility's value proposition is the installation of what it calls a Pay at Pace solution involving the installation of hybrid rooftop solar systems on homes - which includes solar panels as well as its hi-tech PACE device - at no upfront cost to homeowners.

"Homeowners then receive always-on power from these systems via an affordable monthly lease or power purchase agreement. Commercial businesses have been benefiting from monthly payment options such as these for years, but Wetility is among the first to make this an option for the residential market in South Africa," the company asserts.

Maposa adds: "Crucially, this Pay at Pace model can cost less than the user's existing monthly bill with Eskom or their municipality, especially at a time when electricity tar-



Vincent Maposa, CEO of Wetility

iffs from these entities are set to rise in 2021. A calculator on Wetility's website illustrates how this savings model can work." "The introduction of this breakthrough offering comes

at a time when more South Africans will need to mitigate against the risk of load-shedding, especially with work from home becoming a greater reality during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic," says Maposa.

PACE, We-X system

Wetility says it is able to deliver this approach thanks to its personalised 360 experience, at the heart of which is its PACE device - a minimalist and compact cabinet enclosure that comprises a hybrid inverter, lithium-ion batteries and switchgear. The PACE, in turn, is connected to rooftop PV solar. This compact hybrid system can service up to 70-80% of a typical home's energy needs.

The brain of this offering is Wetility's cloud service in the form of an intelligent and data-driven remote monitoring software We-X. According to the company, this cloud service offers customer support and full analysis of one's energy usage in real-time as well as monthly savings on one's energy bills.

DIVESTITURE

Airtel set to sell stake in mobile money service

NAIROBI

London-listed Airtel Africa Plc is seeking to sell a minority stake in its mobile financial services platform Airtel Money in a bid to raise cash. The multinational, which operates in 14 countries in Africa including Kenya, Uganda and Nige-

ria, says the move is part of a strategy of selling some assets.

"We are actively pursuing the sale of the remaining owned tower sites that sit across several of our operating countries and the group is in discussions with various potential investors in relation to possible minority investments

into Airtel Money," the firm says in a trading update. "Discussions are ongoing between the parties and there can be no certainty that a transaction will be concluded or as to the final terms of any transaction."

The company did not indicate the amount of cash it could raise from the proposed deal. Airtel Money's

revenues in the 14 African markets stood at \$291 million (Sh32 billion) in the nine months ended December. This represented a 34.2 percent growth in constant currency terms from \$228 million (Sh25.1 billion) a year earlier. Over the same period, the value of transactions on the platform rose to \$33.4 billion (Sh3.6

trillion) from \$23.3 billion (Sh2.5 trillion).

"Our mobile money customer base reached 21.5 million, up 29 percent over the previous period, with Airtel Money customers now representing 18 percent of our total customers, an increase of 2.5 percentage points," the multina-

tional said. "Mobile money average revenue per user (ARPU) was up 5.1 percent to \$1.7 (Sh187), driven by the increase in transaction values and a higher contribution from merchant payments, cash out, person-to-person transfer and recharge of mobile services through Airtel Money."

PARTNERSHIP

Support to SGR project sees RC, foundation hail NBC Bank Ltd

By Guardian Reporter

NATIONAL Bank of Commerce has been commended for supporting both the public and private sectors implement the government's standard gauge railway whose construction is underway from Dar es Salaam to Dodoma.

Mwanza regional commissioner John Mongella and Tanzania Private Sector Foundation's Chairperson, Angelina Ngalula said in Mwanza during an SGR stakeholders meeting last week that banks including NBC have been very supportive in implementation of the

government's mega infrastructure projects.

"I take this opportunity to commend President John Pombe Magufuli for coming up with these mega projects and urged the private sector to take full advantage of the opportunities presented by the project," Mongella said while referring to over 340 kilometres Mwanza to Isaka in Uganda SGR project.

His observation was backed by TPSF's Ngalula who also commended the current government under President Magufuli for overseeing and ensuring that the private sector benefit from all



Mwanza regional commissioner John Mongella

the strategic mega projects being implemented in the country and not just SGR.

"I praise our government for putting a criterion for participation in such projects being the company must be established in Tanzania and have a minimum ownership of not less than 50 percent local," she said.

Tanzania Railways Corporation's Managing Director, Masanja Kadogosa paid tribute to NBC management and other financial institutions for playing a key role in the ongoing SGR project saying such support is speeding up construction work. "I call upon other

financial institutions to follow NBC's example by supporting growth of the local private sector," Kadogosa said.

In remarks at the event, NBC's Mwanza Branch SME Relations Manager, Esther Kanabi said the bank has over 50 years experience in serving the Tanzanians through financing products with simple conditions for qualification.

"We understand that loan collateral is a challenge so as to facilitate access to credit we only need the client to have a contract to qualify for a loan repayable within a minimum period of two months," Kahabi said.

REBUFF

Zambian court denies Vedanta attempt to halt Konkola Copper Mines split

LUSAKA

A Zambian court on Monday dismissed a motion by miner Vedanta Resources' seeking to stop a state-appointed provisional liquidator from splitting up its Konkola Copper Mines (KCM) unit and selling the assets. The ruling is a blow to the Indian-owned mining company which has said it would fight any attempt by Zambia to sell KCM to third parties.

Vedanta has been locked in a protracted dispute with the Zambian government since May 2019, when the Zambian government, which owns 20% of KCM through state mining investment firm ZCCM-IH, handed control of the mine to a liquidator.

Judge Winnie Sithole-Mwenda discharged a January 18 injunction order which Vedanta had sought to restrain Provisional Liquidator Milingo Lungu from splitting KCM and sell-

ing the assets. Lungu has previously said asset disposal is KCM's last remaining option. Vedanta Resources declined to comment on the ruling. The provisional liquidator said: "As KCM we welcome the ruling."

Lungu said the order that instated him as provisional liquidator set out powers including the ability to split and sell the company. In a restructuring announced in December, Lungu said KCM would be split into two subsidiary companies: KCM SmelterCo Limited and Konkola Mineral Resources Limited, effective February 1.

While the split was delayed by Vedanta's injunction order, Lungu on Monday told Reuters he is confident the two entities will begin to operate soon. Sithole-Mwenda cited procedural reasons in dismissing the order.

"The ex parte Order of Injunc-



tion dated 18th January 2021 is, accordingly, discharged forthwith," she wrote in the ruling. The ruling awarded costs to the defendants (the provisional liquidator and KCM) and denied leave to appeal.

Vedanta and Zambia are still in arbitration proceedings in London over the KCM dispute, which began when the government accused Vedanta of failing to honour licence conditions, including promised investment.

Vedanta has previously denied that KCM broke the terms of its licence. Zambia's Court of Appeal in November ordered a halt to KCM liquidation proceedings, to allow Vedanta and ZCCM-IH to proceed to arbitration. ZCCM-IH is appealing that ruling.

ENTERPRISING

KQ gets approval to convert Dreamliner into cargo carrier

NAIROBI

THE Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA) has approved Kenya Airways' request to convert some of its large passenger aircraft into freighters.

The move by KCAA to approve the Boeing 787 Dreamliner for cargo use comes just weeks after the US-based Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) gave KQ a greenlight for the same. This will see KQ increase the available capacity at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport by over 100 tonnes, coming as a boost to exporters, especially horticulture farmers.

KCAA director general Gilbert Kibe told the Business Daily that the agency made the approval last week on Friday. "We have approved Kenya Airways request of turning the Dreamliner into a freighter and they can use it world-wide for cargo purposes," said Mr Kibe.

KQ had earlier opened negotiations with lessors to have it allowed to remove seats in some of the Dreamliner aircraft and convert them into freighters. The airline said the move will help it to use its Boeing 787 aircraft for long haul cargo services between Africa and other continents and also carry high volumes.

At the moment the airline relies on its two short haul aircraft for transportation of cargo meant for the region. During the lockdown, the airline converted some of its Boeing 787 aircraft into freighters. However, they did not remove seats to accommodate more freight. The move could only see the carrier ferry close to 50 percent of goods.

Mr Kibe said they have approved one of the planes with the remaining one to be approved later when the carrier makes an application. KQ is converting two of its Dreamliner into freighters but only made an application for one to KCAA.



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RETROGRESSIVE

Why only 46pc of farmers do use quality agro-inputs

KIGALI

CONSIDERING that only 46 per cent of the farmers use good inputs including fertilizers, the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) is set to work with Rwanda on a new project to develop fertilizer recommendations adapted to the local crops and soil requirements for improvement of food production and soil health. FAO says that the low adoption of fertilizers has been partly due to inappropriate fertilizer recommendations.

Rwanda scores low on the International Fertilizer Association (IFA) ranking in the use of fertilizers with only 19.71 kilograms per hectare as of 2015, in a country where about 80 per cent of the population rely on agriculture for a living. Given that the country is 90 per cent hilly, with frequent soil erosion and decreasing fertility, efficient fertilizer application culture is necessary to maintain productivity, agricultural experts say.

Some farmers in the country are still using the blanket fertilizer recommendations, which mean that they overuse fertilizers, or underuse fertilizers causing imbalance of nutrients for the soil and crop. "In some cases, this leads to farmers incurring a high cost of fertilizers," FAO says.

Under the two-year project "Capacity Development on Sustainable Soil Management for Africa - Rwanda", FAO will support the country to improve fertilizer recommen-

dations adapted to the local crops and soil requirements to improve food production. Rwanda Agriculture and Animal Resources Development Board (RAB) said that the project is timely considering that inefficient use of fertilizers has consequently caused nutrients loss.

"Most farmers do not vary fertilizer application rates according to the soil status and crops. This project will contribute to development of soil experimental data and laboratory to help farmers and stakeholders to make informed decisions, and will help to increase high adoption of fertilizers," said Charles Bucagu, the Deputy Director-General of Agriculture Research and Technology Transfer at RAB. The FAO Representative in Rwanda, Gualbert Gbehounou, said that improving fertilizer recommendations for farmers is essential to increase food security for smallholder farmers.

"The expected impact of the project is to improve income, food security and nutrition, as well as improve environmental and human wellbeing through the sustainable management of soil resources in Rwanda," said Gualbert. The project will introduce efficient soil testing and fertilizer recommendations that have been successfully developed and implemented in the Chinese agricultural sectors.

In addition to assisting to build an efficient soil and fertilizer laboratory, the project will establish a set of soil fertility and fertilizer database, establish a regional system on



scientific fertilization extension service, and develop capacities of the stakeholders through an online soil education platform (EduSOILS).

It is financially funded by China through the South-South and Triangular Cooperation framework aimed to share from the South to developing countries development solutions that have been tested and proven effective.

"South-South and Triangular Cooperation can support southern countries by sharing technologies, expertise, experiences through technical demonstration and capacity development. We committed to do our best to facilitate smooth implementation of this project through cooperation with stockholders in Rwanda," said Jimbiao Wang, FAO Senior Programme Officer of South-South and Triangular Cooperation Division.

RECESSION

Europe's Covid-ravaged economy shrinks by 0.7 per cent

FRANKFURT

THE European economy shrank by a smaller than expected 0.7 per cent in the last three months of 2020 as businesses in France and Germany weathered a renewed round lockdowns somewhat better than expected.

Tuesday's official figures offered a crumb of comfort but the outlook for the eurozone is still gloomy with the 19 member states all expected to lag behind China and the US in their post-Covid recoveries. The eurozone shrank 6 per cent for the year according to Eurostat, the EU statistics agency.

The figure underscores a rollercoaster 12 months of freakish economic data with a retail sales collapse fuelling a plunge of 11.7 per cent in the second quarter, the biggest since statistics started in 1995, followed by a rebound of 12.4 per cent in the third quarter in late summer. The winter wave has meant new restrictions on travel, business

and activity but companies in some sectors such as manufacturing have been better able to adjust than services businesses such as hotels and restaurants. The German economy, Europe's biggest, grew by a scant 0.1 per cent in the fourth quarter while France saw a smaller than expected drop of 1.3 per cent. Overall economists had expected a drop in the eurozone of as much as 2.5 per cent. The eurozone is expected to reach 2019 levels of economic output only in 2022, officials from the European Central Bank said.

That contrasts with China, the only major economy to grow in 2020 with a 2.3 per cent increase in output, and with the US where Congressional budget experts foresee a rebound to 2019 levels by the middle of this year.

The International Monetary Fund last month cut its forecast for eurozone growth this year to 4.2 per cent from 5.2 per cent. The figures arrive amid disenchantment and finger-pointing over the slow pace of vaccine rollouts in the European Union compared to countries like the UAE, Israel and the UK.

"While the eurozone GDP data were better than what we were expecting only a week ago, the short-term prospects for the European economy remain clouded by a challenging health situation in several countries and an underwhelming start of the vaccination rollout," said Nicola Nobile, lead eurozone economist at Oxford Economics.



A woman passes a closed shop on the main shopping street in central Frankfurt, Germany, whose economy grew by a meagre 0.1% in the fourth quarter of last year.

CONFLICT

Tim Cook escalates Apple's conflict with Facebook



Apple CEO Tim Cook.

NEW YORK

APPLE CEO Tim Cook on Thursday criticised polarisation and misinformation on social media, intensifying a conflict between the iPhone maker and Facebook.

In remarks delivered at the Computers, Privacy and Data Protection conference, Cook critiqued apps that he argued collect too much personal information and prioritise "conspiracy theories and violent incitement simply because of their high rates of engagement."

"At a moment of rampant disinformation and conspiracy theories juiced by algorithms, we can no longer turn a blind eye to a theory of technology that says all engagement is good engagement – the longer the better – and all with the goal of collecting as much data as possible," Cook said.

He did not name Facebook, but the two companies have been in a high-profile dispute. Apple is preparing to implement privacy notifications that many in the digital advertising industry believe will cause some users to decline to al-

low the use of ad-targeting tools.

Facebook has accused Apple of anticompetitive conduct because Apple has a growing catalogue of paid apps and its own digital advertising business.

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg on Wednesday said Apple has "every incentive to use their dominant platform position to interfere with how our apps and other apps work." Cook on Thursday criticised social media practices that he said undermine public trust in vaccines and encourage users to join extremist groups.

"It is long past time to stop pretending that this approach doesn't come with a cost – of polarisation, of lost trust and, yes, of violence," Cook said. "A social dilemma cannot be allowed to become a social catastrophe."

In response to Cook's remarks, Facebook said in a statement that it believes "Apple is behaving anticompetitively by using their control of the App Store to benefit their bottom line at the expense of app developers and small businesses."

REDRESS

Xiaomi files legal complaint against US ban

LONDON

XIAOMI filed a complaint in a Washington district court on Friday against the US defence and treasury departments, seeking to remove the Chinese smartphone maker from an official list of companies with ties to China's military.

The defence department, under the Trump administration in mid-January, added Xiaomi and eight other companies to the list, which requires American investors to divest their holdings in the firms by a set deadline.

In the complaint, addressed to Biden-appointed defence secretary Lloyd Austin and treasury secretary Janet Yellen, Xiaomi called the judgment "unlawful and unconstitutional" and said the company was not controlled by the People's Liberation Army.

It added that the investment restrictions, which go into effect on 15 March 2020, would cause "immediate and irreparable harm to Xiaomi." Xiaomi said 75% of the company's voting rights, under a weighted structure, were held by co-founders Lin Bin and Lei Jun, with no ownership or control from an individual or entity affiliated with the military.

It added that a "substantial number" of its shareholders were US persons, and noted three of its top 10 holders of ordinary shares were US institutional investment groups. "The company's strategic relationships with US financial institutions – critical for Xiaomi to continue to access the capital it needs to continue to grow in a highly competitive market – will be significantly damaged," the complaint stated.



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Trump impeachment defence to dispute process and charge

By Bloomberg

DONALD Trump's lawyers will mount a double-barreled defense of the former president in his impeachment trial next week, arguing that the process was rushed and partisan, and that his rhetoric to supporters who later stormed the US Capitol was constitutionally protected.

A person familiar with Trump's still-evolving legal strategy said the defense would address head-on the allegation that Trump incited the violence at the Capitol on Jan 6, which left five people dead. Part of that strategy might involve reports and other evidence that some people in the mob had planned the attack ahead of time.

Trump's unprecedented second Senate trial is set to begin next week, and Tuesday is the deadline for his newly reconstituted defense team to file his first response to the House of Representatives' single article of impeachment accusing him of incitement of insurrection. If Trump or his lawyers fail to appear, Senate rules allow the body to proceed as if he had pleaded not guilty and try him without a defense.

The House impeachment managers, who will prosecute the case, are to file their legal briefs on Tuesday as well, providing the first look at their strategy for the trial. Trump's legal briefs are supposed to be delivered next week,

and the trial is set to begin Feb 9.

With two-thirds of the Senate required to convict, at least 17 Republicans would have to vote with all 50 Democrats to find Trump guilty and potentially disqualify him from holding office again. In what amounted to a test vote, only five Republican senators voted with Democrats last week to block an effort to declare Trump's impeachment trial unconstitutional.

Trump adviser Jason Miller said the defense team would meet Tuesday's noon deadline, even though they have only taken up the case in recent days after Trump's first set of lawyers resigned late last week. That legal team, led by South Carolina lawyer Butch Bowers parted ways with Trump over disagreements about whether to argue Trump's debunked contention that the 2020 election was "stolen."

Rehashing the election results would be a "breath-takingly bad decision" because while it appears there aren't enough votes from Republican senators to convict right now, that could change, Jonathan Turley, a George Washington University law professor, said in an interview.

"This is where President Trump can snatch defeat out of the jaws of victory," added Turley, who testified in Trump's previous impeachment. "We've seen him go against legal advice and even logic on such occasions."



Donald Trump

The legal team will argue, according to a person familiar with the strategy, that Trump was constitutionally allowed to make his baseless claims about the election at his rally on the Ellipse south of the White House last month. The new team, headed by David Schoen of Atlanta and Bruce Castor of Philadelphia, will likely steer clear of those arguments.

"This is the political weaponization of the impeachment process. There was a rush to judgment," Schoen said in an interview Monday night on Fox News.

The legal team will argue, according to a person familiar with the strategy, that Trump was constitutionally allowed to make his baseless claims about the election at his rally on the Ellipse south of the White House last month -- even if he used some incendiary rhetoric -- before the mob marched on the Capitol as Congress was officially certifying Electoral College votes, which Joe Biden won 306 to 232.

They'll cite the Supreme Court's landmark decision in *Brandenburg v. Ohio*, which involved a Ku Klux Klan leader's prosecution under a state law

for making a speech that advocated violence against Blacks and Jews, according to the person familiar with the strategy. In that 1969 decision, the high court ruled speech advocating even illegal conduct is protected under the First Amendment unless that speech is likely to produce "imminent lawless action."

Schoen told Fox News that impeaching Trump for his remarks to the crowd "is a very, very dangerous road to take with respect to the First Amendment."

Schoen also said he expected House managers to show video of the riot -- which he doesn't think the country needed to see -- and he questioned whether senators who have already called for Trump's conviction can be impartial jurors. In a separate interview with the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, he suggested that Trump shouldn't be blamed for the actions of the mob because, "There's now evidence a lot of what happened was pre-planned."

The defense will also argue that the House's rushed its case, which included no formal fact-finding or committee hearings, and delayed presenting the article of impeachment to the Senate until Jan. 25, after Democrats took control of the chamber.

Another argument expected to be part of Trump's defense is that trying a president who is now out of office is unconstitutional. It's one that many GOP senators also have made, even though a sparse but consistent line of non-presidential impeachments in the past suggests the Senate does have legal authority to put Trump on trial even after his term has ended.

Turley, who spoke on a Republican caucus call last week right before most senators voted that trying a president no longer in office is unconstitutional, has argued that Trump's best defense is not to put up one -- to simply argue that the trial is unconstitutional and not legitimize it.



Myanmar's Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, commander-in-chief of the Myanmar armed forces

Myanmar reshuffles cabinet as US threatens sanctions

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MYANMAR'S military announced a major cabinet reshuffle hours after a state of emergency was declared on Monday as US President Joe Biden threatened to reimpose sanctions on the Southeast Asian nation.

Under the cabinet reshuffle, new union ministers were appointed for 11 ministries while 24 deputy ministers were removed from their posts, the military's statement said.

Union Chief Justice and Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union, Chief Justices and Judges of Regional or State High Courts are allowed to remain in office, according to the military's statement.

Members of Anti-Corruption Commission, chairman, vice chairman and members of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission will also remain in office.

Chairmen and members of the Nay Pyi Taw Council and the Union Civil Service Board will be removed from their posts while a new chairman is appointed for the Union Civil Service Board, the statement said.

The move came after the President's Office declared a state of emergency for one year and the legislative, executive and judicial powers were handed over to the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services earlier Monday.

Myanmar leaders including State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi, President U Win Myint, regional and state ministers and some central executive committee members of the ruling National League for Democracy (NLD) were detained by the military in the early hours of Monday.

A majority of the detained regional and state chief ministers were released yesterday morning, a senior military official told Xinhua. "There may be a reshuffle among chief ministers by appointing qualified ones," he said.

In Washington, Biden called for a concerted international response to press the military to relinquish power.

Biden condemned the military's move as "a direct assault on the country's transition to democracy and the rule of law."

"The international community should come together in one voice to press the Burmese military to immediately relinquish the power they have seized, release the activists and officials they have detained," Biden said in a statement.

The World Bank said it was gravely concerned about the situation in Myanmar, warning the events risked a major setback to the country's transition and its development prospects.

Xinhua

China urges US to focus on cooperation, mending ties

BEIJING

SENIOR Chinese diplomat Yang Jiechi yesterday called on the Biden administration to focus on cooperation and manage differences in bilateral ties so as to bring the relationship back to its former course of sound and steady development.

Yang (pictured), a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, made the call in an online conversation with board members of the National Committee on US-China Relations.

"More than a week ago, the Biden administration officially

took office. China-US relations now stand at a key point and face new opportunities and new challenges," said Yang, also director of the Office of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the CPC Central Committee.

Yang said that normal China-US interactions need to be restored, and "China should be seen as it is."

The previous US administration pursued some misguided policies toward China, said Yang, noting that the root cause is a strategic misjudgment by some in the United States. "They view China as a major strategic competitor, even an adversary. That, I am



afraid, is historically, fundamentally and strategically wrong."

It is a task for both China and the United States to restore the relationship to a predictable and constructive track of development, and to build a model for interaction between the two major countries that focuses on peaceful coexistence and win-win co-

operation, according to Yang.

China hopes the new US administration will respond to the will of both peoples and follow the trend of history, said Yang. "For normal exchanges to resume, our two sides have to work in the same direction."

He proposed that, at the government level, the embassies of the two countries and other channels should serve as bridges, while other players including think tanks, universities, media organizations, and businesses as well as exchanges at the sub-national level can also contribute in their own ways to bolstering the overall relations.

Yang said that he hopes the new administration will remove the blocks to people-to-people exchanges, such as harassing Chinese students, restricting Chinese media outlets, shutting down Confucius Institutes and suppressing Chinese companies.

"These policy measures are not only wrong but also unpopular," Yang said. He suggested that more should be done to send a positive message that China and the United States are working together, to encourage positive public perceptions of each other and win more public support for growing China-US relations.

Xinhua

Kremlin expects EU to refrain from linking relations to Navalny case

MOSCOW

THE Kremlin expects that the European Union won't link the future of its relations with Russia to Alexey Navalny's case, Russian Presidential Spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters yesterday.

"We hope that the future of Russia-EU relations won't be linked to the remand prisoner's case, which would be a stupid thing to do," he said, commenting on EU top diplomat Josep Borrell's upcoming visit to Russia.

The Kremlin spokesman pointed out that the Russian authorities were looking forward

to meeting with the EU top diplomat "because relations between Russia and the European Union are suspended for no reason." "Moscow certainly would like relations to return to normal and progress in the interests of both EU countries and Russia," Peskov said, adding: "We are ready to do everything for that."

On possible meeting between Borrell and Navalny The decision whether a meeting between Borrell and Navalny can be made by court and not the Kremlin, Peskov said.

"We cannot consider this meeting possible or impos-



sible. It is not our prerogative. We do not make such decisions. These decisions are made by investigators and judges, differently in different situations," he said when asked if Kremlin believes that Borrell's wish to meet Navalny

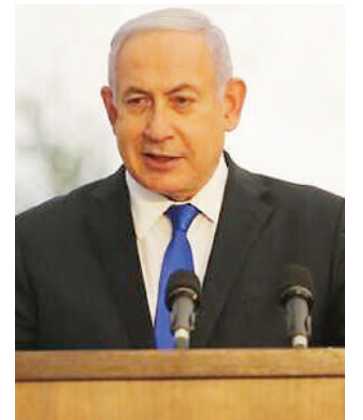
can be granted.

The spokesman stressed that any requests of the sort will be referred by the Foreign Ministry to courts and investigative agencies. At the same time, he said that he sees virtually no grounds for Borrell

to visit Navalny. "They are not relatives, they don't know each other, they are nobody [to each other]," he said, underlining that it is not up to the Kremlin to voice its opinions on this issue.

EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell will pay a visit to Moscow between February 4 and 6.

The chief diplomat is planning to meet with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov to discuss the bilateral relations, measures to fight the pandemic, the Iranian nuclear deal, the conflict in Ukraine as well as Navalny's arrest. **Agencies**



By Bloomberg

Israel's PM to visit UAE in first post-normalisation trip

ISRAEL'S Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is planning to travel to the United Arab Emirates next week in the first public visit by an Israeli leader to the country, cementing the normalization of ties.

"The prime minister is going to be visiting us very soon," the UAE's Ambassador to the U.S. Yousef Al Otaiba said at an online panel Monday. "Unfortunately his trip had gotten cut a lot shorter because of the corona situation but he should be coming to see us next week."

An Israeli official, speaking on customary condition of anonymity, said the plan is to have a visit by mid-February. Netanyahu had scheduled trips to the UAE before but they've been delayed by political turmoil and the coronavirus pandemic. Lower-level officials and business leaders have made visits between the countries both before and after the announcement of normalization plans in August.

Under an agreement brokered by the Trump administration, the UAE became the third Arab country to establish full diplomatic relations with Israel. The two sides share a desire to combat Iran's influence in the region, and have touted the potential for cooperation on investments and technological innovation.

Agencies

China continues to contribute to global economic recovery from COVID-19 pandemic

CHINESE President Xi Jinping attended the World Economic Forum (WEF) Virtual Event of the Davos Agenda via video link and delivered a special address entitled "Let the Torch of Multilateralism Light up Humanity's Way Forward" recently.

"Yet we remain convinced that winter cannot stop the arrival of spring and darkness can never shroud the light of dawn. There is no doubt that humanity will prevail over the virus and emerge even stronger from this disaster," he said.

His remarks have infused vitality into the world that is haunted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In recent years, whenever global development encounters headwinds or cold currents, China is al-

ways there to contribute its wisdom and strength to helping the world move forward.

The country stayed committed to its original aspiration and took on its responsibilities in the eventful year of 2020, serving as a driver of international anti-epidemic cooperation as well as a locomotive of the global economic recovery.

In the face of the raging COVID-19, China has done its best to provide assistance for other countries and facilitate solidarity and international cooperation for the global fight against the epidemic while ensuring strict implementation of epidemic prevention and control measures on its own land.

It released the genome sequence of the novel coronavirus and other key information at the earliest possible time, and made a cash donation of \$50 million to the World Health Organization (WHO).

The country provided assistance to over 150 countries and 13 international organizations, sent 36 medical expert teams to countries in need, and stayed strongly supportive and actively engaged in international cooperation on COVID-19 vaccines.

Besides, China has provided countries around the world with over 200 billion face masks, 2 billion protective suits and 800 million testing kits.

By working in solidarity with

other countries amid the pandemic, the country has put into action its proposal and initiative of building a global community of health for all.

As it endeavored to bring its own economic development back on track after the outbreak of the pandemic, China has remained steadfast in facilitating global economic recovery by promoting joint response to the pandemic.

Thanks to its various measures rolled out for the resumption of work and production amid the pandemic, the country emerged as the world's only major economy to achieve positive economic growth and positive growth in foreign trade in goods last year, when its GDP ex-

ceeded 100 trillion yuan (about \$15.5 trillion), and its total value of foreign trade and that of exports both hit a record high. These achievements have greatly boosted confidence in global economic recovery.

The year 2020 has also witnessed the continuous expansion of China's "circle of friends" for free trade and the country's consistent support for global multilateral trading system. Last year, the country signed the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement with relevant parties, and completed investment agreement negotiations with the European Union (EU) as scheduled.

While speeding up economic de-

velopment at home, China came up with the idea of establishing a new development pattern whereby domestic and foreign markets can boost each other, with the domestic market as the mainstay, trying to share its fruits of development with other countries and contribute to the steady growth of the world economy.

The country hosted a series of important international trade events in 2020, including the 2020 China International Fair for Trade in Services, the 128th China Import and Export Fair, and the 3rd China International Import Expo, opening its door wider to the rest of the world.

People's Daily

US mandates masks on public transport a year into COVID-19 pandemic

WASHINGTON

BEGINNING yesterday, Americans are required to wear face masks while traveling on domestic public transport as part of a national strategy to curb the spread of COVID-19.

The mask-wearing rule which will go into effect at 11:59 p.m. Monday (0459 GMT yesterday) makes refusal to wear a mask a violation of federal law, enforced by the Transportation Security Administration and other federal, state and local authorities.

The rule, issued by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), applies to passengers on airplanes, trains, subways, buses, taxis and ride-shares. And it extends to waiting areas such as airports, train platforms and subway stations.

The mandate builds on an order announced by President Joe Biden who on his first day in office unveiled a national strategy in order to change the course of the COVID crisis in the country which is the worst hit in the world by the pandemic.

As of Monday evening local time, the United States has recorded more than 26.3 million COVID-19 cases and over 443,000 related deaths, showed a tally by Johns Hopkins University.

Health experts have attributed U.S. failure to control the virus to political polarization, a rejection of science and an absence of a national strategy under the Donald Trump administration.

A year into the pandemic, Americans have still not come to a uniform consensus on mask wearing, which public health experts say is among the most effective means of stemming the virus spread.

Japan is aware peace treaty with Russia on its current terms is impossible, Medvedev says

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DEPUTY Chairman of Russia's Security Council Dmitry Medvedev believes that the Japanese authorities are aware it will be impossible to conclude a peace treaty with Russia on Tokyo's current terms in that concerns the Kuril Islands, but still prefer to stick to them for the time being.

"They (Japanese authorities) understand everything, they are intelligent, wise people, but they have their internal doctrines, which, they believe, are based on intra-national consensus.

"These doctrines do not let them backtrack," Medvedev told Russian mass media in an interview. "This explains why they keep repeating this mantra (about sovereignty over the Kuril Islands).

As for the understanding that on the basis of such doctrines it will be impossible to achieve an agreement, I believe they are well aware of this."

Medvedev said that Tokyo's doctrines he mentioned were rather firm.

"But in response to these firm doctrines we already have our own decisions stemming from amendments to the Constitution: we have no right to negotiate the possibility of ceding sovereignty over Russian territories," he recalled. "From the official standpoint there is no subject matter for negotiations."

Medvedev speculated that after sometime peace treaty talks would resume, including those at the summit level. He recalled Russia's proposal for the joint use of the Kuril Islands. "The idea has been very simple all along: let us create joint ventures, let us carry

Chinese vaccine aid -- another testament to China-Pakistan friendship

ISLAMABAD

AMID the raging COVID-19 pandemic, the vaccine aid provided by China to Pakistan is another testament to the traditional friendship between the two countries.

With over half a million cases and more than 11,000 deaths, Pakistan is struggling against the second wave of the deadly coronavirus.

The pandemic has affected people from all walks of life, especially teachers and students.

Zeenat Alvi, a teacher working in a private college in Rawalpindi, recalled that the pandemic was a "nightmare" as many in her college, including herself, were infected. "The college was closed by the district administration and I was isolated at home. Those were the toughest days of my life," she said.

The country was forced to close educational institutions time and again. Recently, educational activities have been resumed to avoid academic loss of students.

To curb the spread of the virus, the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) has approved a vaccine developed by China's Sinopharm for emergency use.

Alvi hoped that the doses of vaccine from China will give teachers and students immunity against the virus.

"I hope that Pakistan will benefit from it (Chinese vaccine aid). It is also great that Pakistan is in the process of procuring the vaccine from China, apart from the donation," Alvi said.

Pakistani officials said that China is supporting Pakistan again in the same way that it supported Pakistan during the earlier days of the pandemic by providing medical and protective equipment and sending medical experts.

"It was a very crucial time during the initial days of the disease outbreak in March-April last year. We did not have masks, personal protective equipment, ventilators and other necessary equipment. China gave us all until we started producing most of the things at home," Pakistan's Parliamentary Secretary on National Health Services Regulations and Coordination Nausheen Hamid told Xinhua. "By giving vaccine support at the right time, China has given a big relief to the Pakistani government," she said, adding the timely support is another testament to the two countries' friendship.

Xinhua

China in action to build global safe net against COVID-19

ISLAMABAD

A batch of China-assisted COVID-19 vaccine landed here early Monday, bringing both hope to Pakistan in guarding against the coronavirus attack and confidence in building a closer China-Pakistan community with a shared future.

The assistance came only 10 days after Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi promised Pakistan that China will assist with vaccines and accelerate vaccines export to Pakistan.

China honored its commitment to its "ironclad" friend of Pakistan as it has pledged to make COVID-19 vaccines a public good for the whole world as soon as the drug is available.

Around the same time when Pakistan received the Chinese vaccine, on the other side of the globe, Chile received a batch of more than 1.9 million doses of vaccine from Sinovac, the second shipment after about 2 million doses of Chinese vaccine landed in the country on Thursday.

More countries are casting their trust votes to China as they received, ordered or gave green light to the emergency use of Chinese vaccines.

Earlier in January, presidents of Turkey and Indonesia got Chinese vaccine shots and recognized its safety before launching large-scale vaccination in their countries. More recently, Hungary signed a deal to buy China's Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccine and German officials called on the European Union to authorize the use of Chinese vaccine as soon as possible.

Such recognition is built on China's proved contribution to the global COVID-19 battle.

From alarming the world of the coronavirus by reporting to the World Health Organization (WHO) and other countries as soon as it confirmed the outbreak, to massive lockdowns that sacrificed its economic and social normality, and to dispatching of expert teams and anti-epidemic materials to countries worldwide, China has always borne in mind the safety and well-being of the whole world from the very beginning of the anti-pandemic fight.

Now, as the first country that has effectively contained the pandemic and embarked on economic recovery, China shares its vaccines as a safe, effective and afford-



A medical worker checks a tube of blood sample of a volunteer during the phase III trials of a Chinese COVID-19 vaccine in Islamabad, Pakistan, Jan. 8, 2021. (Xinhua)

able public good as promised, helping other countries to save life and restore normality.

The once-in-a-century pandemic highlighted the necessity of building a community of shared future for mankind through cooperation, and once again proved that blame games and politicizing the virus only worsened the situation by creating loopholes in the world's joint efforts of fighting back.

Not surprisingly, some Western politicians sticking to China-chiding agenda time and time again labeled China's contribution over vaccine distribution as a bargaining chip, or "vaccine diplomacy."

Such a superficial perception of China's foreign policies only exposed those

politicians' narrow-minded realism thinking of international relations based on trade of interests.

China, on the contrary, understands clearly that a lone wolf could not beat such a common enemy as the COVID-19 pandemic, and while calling for united efforts from the whole world, itself should walk the talk.

China has joined the WHO-led COVAX initiative to promote international cooperation on vaccines and equitable global distribution of vaccines doses. A WHO team in China is working with vaccine producers for potential emergency use listings.

Action speaks louder than words. China has been acting responsibly and

will consistently be a trustworthy force in the fight against not only the pandemic but also vaccine nationalism, which is denounced by WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus as a "catastrophic moral failure" in vaccine sharing.

China's action to help the world build a safe net demonstrates a common belief within the country that anyone is left behind in the vaccination drive, everyone is vulnerable.

Xinhua

Africa development agency's role hailed

NAIROBI

WHEN the New Partnership for Africa's Development, or NEPAD, was established in 2001, it was envisaged as the primary mechanism to coordinate the pace and impact of Africa's development in the 21st century.

Now, two decades down the line, the pan-African strategic framework for socioeconomic development has so far had a memorable journey. It is credited with institutional strides and programmatic landmarks reflecting the performance of the NEPAD as an entity.

As the continent virtually marked the 20th anniversary of the organization's establishment on Friday, Paul Kagame, Rwanda's president and chairman of the NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee, said the NEPAD's values are part and parcel of the reform spirit in the African Union. He said it was no accident that the NEPAD officially became the African Union Development Agency in 2018.

At the 31st ordinary session of the Assembly of African Union Heads of State



People wearing face masks walk on a street in Hung Hom, Hong Kong, south China, on Friday. (Xinhua)

and Government in Nouakchott, Mauritania, in 2018, a decision was taken to transform the NEPAD into the African Union Development Agency, becoming known as AUDA-NEPAD. Its establish-

ment was part of the global reforms geared at improving the AU's operational efficiency.

"The NEPAD's track record makes it the ideal institution to help lead imple-

mentation of Agenda 2063, of building the Africa we want on behalf of the African Union. I thank the partners who have supported NEPAD over the last two decades, both in Africa and beyond," Kagame said.

Cyril Ramaphosa, South Africa's president and the chairman of the AU, said: "Over its 20 years of existence, the NEPAD has promoted programs in areas such as agriculture, health, education, the environment, information and communication technology and infrastructure development.

"It has inspired the Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative and prioritized the development of regional infrastructure in sectors such as transport, energy, ICT and trans-boundary trade."

With the pandemic having dealt a devastating blow to economies across the continent, the agency has been working to mitigate the socioeconomic consequences by promoting necessary service delivery through small-scale infrastructure development and small and medium-sized businesses.

Length of China's high speed rail lines doubles in past five years

CHINA'S high speed rail lines topped 37,900 kilometers at the end of 2020, nearly doubling the figure five years ago and making China a country that owns the longest tracks for bullet trains.

As the first railway designed and built by China, the railway line connecting Beijing and Zhangjiakou, the co-host city of the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics in Hebei province, is a witness to the development of Chinese rail as well as leaps in China's comprehensive strength.

When the line was firstly constructed in 1909, it had a design speed of just 35 kph. More than 100 years later, bullet trains are running 350 kph on the line, representing the most advanced level in the world.

"It takes at least three to four hours to drive from Beijing to Chongli, while the bullet trains can take me here in about an hour," said Li Bo, a skiing enthusiast, while hitting a ski resort in Chongli, a district of Zhangjiakou. "The high speed railway saves me a lot of time, so I can always come here," Li said.

The Fuxing bullet trains currently have the highest performance among Chinese high speed trains, and 84 percent of the major standards are Chinese.

"We pursued perfection in every detail, and in particular, we made 90 assembling plans for the bogie and verified over a thousand of times," said Guo Rui, chief machinist of CRRG Qingdao Sifang Co., Ltd., the manufacturer of



Passengers check in at a train station in Beijing by facial recognition, Dec. 1, 2020. File Photo

Fuxing bullet trains.

According to He Huawu, academican of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, China was the first country in the world to explore the parametric variation of key technologies for 400 kph and above high speed railway systems.

China has achieved independent, standardized and serial development of high speed train technologies, which tremendously enhanced the core competitiveness of China's high speed trains, He noted.

The Beijing-Zhangjiakou high speed railway, navigated by China's BeiDou Navigation Satellite System with automatic pilot, is the first smart high speed rail line in China. Besides, mobile internet technologies are also making railway operation safer and more intelligent.

For instance, passengers can choose where they want to sit on the train on mobile applications, and check in at railway stations with facial recognition. In addition, they can also get food deliv-

ered to their seats and have their tickets refunded by just clicks on their phones.

"The convenient transport is bringing more and more visitors," said the owner of a garden in Wan'an county, Ji'an, east China's Jiangxi province which helps increase income for 60 local impoverished households.

Rural tourism in Wan'an county embraced new opportunities after a high speed rail line was opened between Nanchang, capital of Jiangxi and Ganzhou in the southern part of the province.

The county received 12,000 visits per day on average during last year's National Day holiday. Local specialties such as honey pomeloes, dried tofu skin and silkies are also transported to other places in a faster manner, revitalizing local economy.

High speed railways are making development more balanced. The opening of Chengdu-Guiyang high speed railway for the first time sent bullet trains to Yibin in southern Sichuan, Zhaotong in northern Yunnan and Bijie in western Guizhou, and the Baoji-Lanzhou high speed railway comprehensively incorporated the northwest region into China's national high-speed railway network.

As of the end of 2019, the country's high-speed railway network has covered 86 percent of the cities with a population of over 500,000.

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The 2021 Johnnie Walker Monthly Mug golf tournament's Division C's runner-up, Sanjay Patandia (R), pictured with Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC)'s Chairman Alfred Kinswaga after the event's presentation ceremony, which took place at the club last week. PHOTO: COURTESY OF DGC

Dar golfer lifts Johnnie Walker Monthly Mug title

By Guardian Reporter

DAR ES SALAAM Gymkhana Club (DGC)'s Hussein Dewji was in an impressive form as he emerged as champion in the first edition of Johnnie Walker Monthly Mug tournament held at the DGC course over the weekend.

Playing off handicap 8, Dewji was unstoppable after firing an impressive score of three-under par 69 nett to seal January Division A glory.

Dewji beat his closest challenger, 9-handicapper Shakil Jaffer, who carded 73 nett, by five shots.

"The tournament was good, but the going was tough, I thank my sponsors Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL), via Johnnie Walker Scotch Whisky brand for their support," he disclosed.

The tournament's Division B top prize went to Michael Misambo who returned 69 strokes, he edged runner-up Salvatory Rwabizi by two strokes.

Misambo, whose game is picking up steadily, said shortly after the tournament that he worked hard with a view to winning titles in high-profile competitions.

Zuher Dewji triumphed in Division C after carding 77 strokes while Sanjay Patandia finished second with 78.

Patandia disclosed mistakes he did in nine holes brought about his second place finish.

He stated: "I will work on mistakes I did in this tournament in an effort to clinch top honour in the coming tournament."

Patandia is one of the golfers that have shown

tremendous improvement, he is famous for executing long shots.

He noted the event has seen him step up his performance, he can now confidently put his skills to show in any course.

Tomoko Mnyamoto scored 71 nett to win the Ladies category, followed by team mate, Micheko Tisujihaffo, in the second position with 78 nett.

"It was a nice day for me, I could return a better score than that, but par three hole let me down," a delighted Mnyamoto said shortly after the championship.

The SBL Director, Mark Ocitti, speaking after the presentation ceremony, disclosed he was satisfied by the number of golfers who featured in the event.

"The firm will keep on supporting this competition up to December, thanks to the huge number of golfers who took part in it," he said.

Speaking at the awards presentation gala, DGC Competition Secretary, Akil Jaffer, expressed his gratitude to the players who showed up and thanked the tournament sponsors for making the event a success.

He described the event as a huge success, saying the weather was friendly to the participants and the field was also in good shape.

Initially, there was a fear that the rains could disrupt the tournament, but the event went smoothly.

"We are happy that the course was in a good, playable condition, we had an exciting monthly mug," Jaffer said.

Over 60 golfers from three clubs namely Morogoro Gymkhana, Lugalo Golf Club and DGC competed in the tournament.

TFF satisfied by VPL clubs' initiatives

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA Football Federation (TFF) has described the recent expatriates' investment made by some of football clubs in the country as extremely vital to the development of the sport.

The federation's Director of Football Salum Madadi stated in an interview most successful teams world over recruit experts and there is a need for the country to follow the trend as such experts enhance players' performance.

Madadi's comments come after the country's football giants Simba SC and Yanga announced the employment of performance analyst Zimbabwean Culvin Mavhunga and Ghanaian physiotherapist Edom Mortotsi respectively.

"Football is an industry which is growing in the country, the coaching line (technical

bench) needs qualified expatriates, and the appointment made by Simba and Yanga recently is a good indication," he said.

However, Madadi, a veteran coach, said the trend of employing expatriates should be done by all clubs, not Simba, Yanga and Azam FC.

"Having technical benches made up of expatriates should be implemented by all clubs, not only Azam FC, Simba and Yanga, other clubs should also have expats, not necessarily foreign persons, even a qualified local can do the job," he said.

Simba's performance analyst Mavhunga will be responsible for reviewing his team's opponents' previous matches to determine their strengths and weaknesses.

Yanga's physiotherapist will be tasked with working on several issues, some of which are the aspects of mental and physical states of players.

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Are Simba ready to join Africa's elite?

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

SIMBA have, to their credit, won the Mainland Tanzania's Premier League for three consecutive seasons since they began the club transformation process.

It is, however, in the CAF Champions League where the final judgement on the club's investor Mohamed Dewji's reign will likely be made.

Last season's embarrassing preliminary round exit to unfancied Mozambican opponents, UD Songo underlined just how far Simba are still down in the African club football pecking order.

The early and unexpected exit came a season after they had unexpectedly progressed to the quarterfinal stage of the lucrative CAF Champions League.

In a group comprising two African elites, Egypt's Al Ahly and AS Vita Club of Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Simba were given a footballing lesson across two away ties, losing 5-0 to both AS Vita Club and Al Ahly.

Lessons have been learnt. Simba have since spent big to ensure that they would become a force in African club football before establishing themselves among Africa's elite.

For Africa's elites, Champions League group stage is a footnote, the bare minimum expected is always quarterfinals. That is a stage Simba want to reach.

The club has repeatedly been saying the Champions League's semi-final is their main target.

It is easy to dismiss that as being too ambitious after all, they have only been past the last eight of the Champions League since 1974, with their semi-final appearance in 1974 the first and last time they got even remotely close to lifting the trophy.

However, Simba have not been just politicking their Champions League ambitions, they have laid down the foundation needed.

They have spent more than they have as they look to progress to the semi-finals.



Simba SC players participate in training in Dar es Salaam recently to shape up for the Vodacom Premier League and 2020/21 CAF Champions League fixtures. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

Much as they have been handed a tough draw alongside defending and all-time record champions, Al Ahly, AS Vita Club and Al Merreikh, Simba's coach Didier Gomes da Rosa is confident they are ready to compete with the big boys.

The French coach who replaced the departed Sven Vandebroek knows he cannot hide away from the expectations and the owner will demand success.

He explicitly said he is convinced Simba have assembled a squad that is up there with Africa's elites.

He disclosed: "We need to be ready to fight. We have high hope in the Champions League. When we see Simba like this afternoon against one of the best teams in Africa it is very encouraging."

"It is very good for the future. We are at the level to play in the group stage. I think I am confident this Simba team can reach the quarterfinals and go far in the competition."

If Simba are to truly ready to compete with Africa's elite, they will likely have to come out of their shell come the group stage matches, though their ability to keep clean sheets at the other end does, at least, suggest that there will be no

repeat of the Al Ahly and AS Vita Club debacle this term.

Improvements have been made at the back with the addition of Kenyan defender, Joash Ochieng, experienced Zimbabwean Peter Muduhwa, who will add to what Paschal Wawa, Kennedy Juma, Erasto Nyoni and Ame Ali offer on the table.

Up front, the form of new arrivals, Junior Lokosa, Bernard Morrison and Chris Mugal, coupled with the retention of John Bocco, Clatous Chama and Meddie Kagere, who were part of the Champions League squad in 2018, would be very important to determine qualification for the showpiece's quarterfinals.

Though Simba have impressed against lesser opposition so far this season, they have been more circumspect against more established sides, leading to them drawing blanks in league games against age old rivals, Yanga, Prisons and Ruwus Shooting.

They will need to fire from all cylinders to win all their home matches against Al Ahly, Al Merreikh and AS Vita Club to march forward.

Simba players kick off VPL preps



Simba Sports Club.

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

VODACOM Premier League (VPL)'s defending champions, Simba, began training yesterday to shape up for the domestic top flight and CAF Champions League's group stage.

Simba clinched their first top honour this season following their success in a special tournament to be hosted by the club, known as 'Simba Super Cup', which took place in Dar es Salaam last week.

The team emerged as champions in the 'Simba Super Cup' competition, which started on January 27 and climaxed last Sunday, involving Tout Puisseant Mazembe of Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Al Hilal of Sudan and the hosts.

In the first game on January 27, Simba won 4-1 against Al Hilal. In the event's second clash, Al Hilal edged TP Mazembe 2-1 and the event

climaxed with the latter settling for a 0-0 draw with Simba.

Haji Manara, Simba's information officer, noted that the side's players got a break shortly after the competition's completion but they, after the break, made their way back to the squad's training base to prepare for the VPL and CAF Champions League.

Simba are expected to lock horns with Dodoma Jiji FC in a VPL fixture, slated for Thursday at the Jamhuri Stadium in Dodoma.

Manara noted: "After finishing the 'Simba Super Cup' tournament, the players were given a one-day break so, tomorrow, they will return to camp for preparation for league matches."

"Soccer enthusiasts and the 'Simba Super Cup' competition's participating teams deserve praise because they were with us and the fans have witnessed the entertainment so we say thank you, we are working on challenges that have

come up," he said.

Simba's Chief Executive Officer, Barbara Gonzalez, also said that fans deserve kudos for coming out in large numbers to witness the new 'Simba Super Cup' event's champions, Simba, in the culmination of the tournament last weekend.

The 'Simba Super Cup' tournament's winners were presented with medals and a trophy, the remaining teams also got medals.

There were also prizes for players who excelled in the event. Simba's midfielder Larry Bwalya was presented with the event's best player honour, team mate Bernard Morrison walked away with the competition's best scorer honour.

The hosts' midfielder Luis Miquissone was the last match's best player, the tournament's best goalkeeper honour went to Simba's keeper, Beno Kakolanya, having played two matches and conceded one goal.

FIFA pledges taking no health risks in World Cup qualifiers

GENEVA

WITH 3,000 soccer players due to travel internationally for World Cup qualifying games next month, FIFA President Gianni Infantino said on Monday all will conform to health rules in the coronavirus pandemic.

"We will certainly not take any risk for the health of anyone when we play football," Infantino said in a World Health Organization news conference.

Delays in the 2022 World Cup qualifying program in most continents led FIFA last year to create new games dates next January. They will help make up the backlog in an increasingly tight schedule with broadcasting rights already sold.

In Asia, 40 national teams are due on March 25 to resume qualifying groups that last played in November 2019.

A total of 135 teams are due to play World Cup qualifiers next month, and 48 more have preliminary games for the 2022 African Cup of Nations.

"We will see where we can play, in what conditions," the FIFA leader said, pledging to "do it by adhering to a clear health protocol."

"We can see and we have been hearing earlier today from Dr. Tedros again that the situation is evolving week by week, day by

day," Infantino said, sitting beside WHO director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

Many of the players who return home for national duty play for clubs in Europe, including in England which is experiencing an aggressive new variant of COVID-19.

FIFA eased its rules last year that require clubs to release players to national teams. Exemptions were offered if players had to travel to countries imposing mandatory quarantine or self-isolation for at least five days upon arrival or their return.

Asked if FIFA expected stadiums to be full when the World Cup opens in Qatar in November 2022, Infantino said: "Yes. We must have this."

"COVID will be defeated by then," he said, at a briefing on FIFA's latest work with WHO.

FIFA will use the six-team Club World Cup starting on Thursday in Qatar to promote messages on health safety and fair distribution of vaccines.

Infantino, who is a member of the International Olympic Committee, repeated the Olympic body's view ahead of the Tokyo Games opening in July that athletes should not get inoculations before key workers.

"We don't consider football players as a priority group in this respect," he said.

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Ibrahimovi -Lukaku spat draws inquiry from federation

ROME

THE Italian soccer federation prosecutor on Monday opened an investigation into last week's spat between Zlatan Ibrahimovi and Romelu Lukaku.

Referee Paolo Valeri was called in for questioning by prosecutor Giuseppe Chiné to explain the punishment handed out during the Italian Cup quarterfinal.

There was a huge argument – and head-to-head clash – between Ibrahimovi and Lukaku just before halftime and both players were given yellow cards. The confrontation between the former Manchester United teammates continued after the halftime whistle and a visibly furious Lukaku had to be restrained.

Ibrahimovi was later shown another yellow card after the break for a hard tackle on Aleksandar Kolarov and sent off, leaving his team with 10 players.

Lukaku's Inter Milan beat Ibrahimovi's AC Milan 2-1.

Both players were given one-match suspensions by the league judge on Friday, with no bans added on for further disciplinary reasons.

Ibrahimovi's suspension was because of the two yellow cards and his subsequent sending off, while Lukaku's suspension was for accumulated cards.

Lukaku will miss the first leg of the semifinals against Juventus on Tuesday, while Ibrahimovi will have to sit out his next match in the competition.

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Solskjaer tells Man Utd to 'make a fuss' about referees' decisions

LONDON

OLE Gunnar Solskjaer has told his Manchester United stars to "make a fuss" about referees' decisions after his team were on the wrong end of two key decisions in a damaging defeat against Sheffield United.

United are second in the Premier League heading into Tuesday's clash with Southampton after Saturday's goalless draw at Arsenal followed the shock 2-1 loss to the lowly Blades.

That result ended United's 13-match unbeaten league run, leaving Solskjaer frustrated by decisions that allowed Kean Bryan's opener and ruled out Anthony Martial's strike.

Billy Sharp pushed David De Gea as Bryan scored and Harry Maguire was adjudged to have fouled goalkeeper Aaron Ramsdale before Martial found the net – decisions the United boss says he has had confirmation were wrong.

"I've got the delegate's report through from the ref and the two decisions were wrong," Solskjaer said.

"They've admitted that their goal should have been disallowed and ours should have stood and that is a big, big momentum changer for us."

The match delegate is a former player or manager who provides information into the overall reporting pot, which is different to the referee's assessor or Professional Game Match Officials Limited making that admission.

Solskjaer says he has "no problem with human error" and understands "why the decisions were made" but believes his players may need to exert more pressure.



"Unfortunately they went against us and they were wrong," he said. "That's football for you but that's maybe what VAR should have been in for."

"Maybe we should have made more of a fuss about it. We're a bunch of nice lads."

"Maybe we should have really hung onto that or made them look at it before the game started again, so those are things that we have to learn from and use as energy and motivation."

"You're not going to expect to get anything for free, that's for sure."

"There has been a narrative for too long about decisions we've got for us and I can look at many decisions this season that we feel (were against us)."

"Even the first league game, Victor (Lindelof), they agreed on that one. That wasn't a penalty. But that doesn't change where we are now. We just move on."

Asked if players can make more of a fuss and force the VAR to have a look, Solskjaer said: "That's the thing. The word here is 'clear and obvious'."

"I don't want my players to put too much... not too much but unfair pressure on the referee."

Why Arsenal, Chelsea and Spurs could cost London its Champions League record

By Mark Ogden, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

HERE'S a football trivia question: What can London boast that Barcelona, Munich, Milan or Lisbon cannot match?

The answer is that none of those cities, the home to some of Europe's most successful clubs, can claim to have an unbroken run of qualification for the Champions League group stage stretching back to the last century, but London can.

Ever since Arsene Wenger's Premier League and FA Cup Double winners qualified for the Champions League in 1998, London has had at least one club in the group stage every season. Only Madrid and Manchester have longer unbroken sequences, with multi-club cities such as Athens, Istanbul and Moscow also failing to produce at least one group-stage representative in every season of the 21st century.

But London is in danger of surrendering its record of being a Champions League staple this century. The 2020-21 Premier League season is past the halfway stage and West Ham United are the leading light in London's attempt to have at least one team at Europe's top table. It's perhaps a sign of the decline of the capital's traditional powerhouses – Arsenal, Chelsea and Tottenham Hotspur – rather than the rise of David Moyes' team, who are fifth, four points behind fourth-placed Leicester City.

Sunday's 3-1 defeat at home to Liverpool was a humbling reminder to the Hammers, however, of the strides they must still make to become a team capable of sustaining a push for European qualification; few at West Ham would expect the London Stadium to be hosting Champions League football next season. Moyes' team are making progress, and a place in the Europa League would be regarded as a success.

But it is a different story at Arsenal, Chelsea and Spurs. For each club, missing out on the Champions League would be a major blow, both in terms of finances and prestige. It would also make it much harder for them to recruit top-level players



Jose Mourinho may struggle to get Tottenham back into the Champions League without Harry Kane. (Agencies)

capable of closing the gap on the Manchester clubs and Liverpool in the seasons ahead.

On Thursday, Spurs host Chelsea in a crucial clash for the ambitions of both. Spurs are six points behind Leicester, albeit with a game in hand, following Sunday's 1-0 defeat at Brighton, with Chelsea on the same number of points having played one game more than Jose Mourinho's team. And Arsenal, despite five wins and two draws from their last seven league games, are still eight points off the Champions League pace in 10th.

Can any of London's big three find a way to break into a top four that is already beginning to pull clear? Manchester City and Manchester United seem on course to qualify for the Champions League, as do defending champions Liverpool, so perhaps London's only hope is for Leicester to suffer the same late season slump that cost them a top-four finish last season.

Arsenal have most to do, but they have at least found form and purpose under Mikel Arteta. In December, the Spaniard's future was being questioned after overseeing the club's worst start to a season since 1974, but the manager's decision to back the promise of youngsters Emile Smith Rowe and Bukayo Saka has been rewarded with the unbeaten run that has seen all players – young and old –

start to deliver.

Absent from the Champions League since 2016-17, Arsenal's failure to secure the major finances that come with playing in UEFA's elite competition continues to hamper their efforts to rebuild in the post-Arsene Wenger era. Their early-season form has almost certainly left them with too much to do, though, and they are facing another season outside the Champions League.

Spurs and Chelsea can still close the gap, and the outcome of Thursday's game at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium will give an indication as to which of them is most likely to threaten Leicester's grip on fourth. Chelsea have already made their move in terms of shaking things up at Stamford Bridge by sacking manager Frank Lampard and replacing him with former Borussia Dortmund and Paris Saint-Germain coach Thomas Tuchel.

Having spent more than £220 million on new signings last summer, Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich sanctioned Lampard's dismissal knowing that Tuchel has time to turn the situation around and find a way to inspire Timo Werner and Kai Havertz to find the attacking quality that prompted their recruitment. In two games so far under Tuchel, Chelsea have banked four points and kept two clean sheets, so there are early signs

of progress. But that can be undone with a defeat at Tottenham.

It is Spurs who should be the favourites to keep London's flag flying in the Champions League, however. Mourinho has the Premier League experience and a proven track record in the Champions League. Spurs also have a game in hand which, if they win it, will take them above West Ham and move them three points behind Leicester. But Spurs have suffered a dramatic loss of form in recent weeks, with just two wins from their last nine league games. Since surrendering top spot with a 2-1 defeat at Liverpool on Dec. 16, Mourinho's team have dropped like a stone, scoring just nine goals in seven games.

With Harry Kane now sidelined with an ankle injury and Gareth Bale failing to show anything like his best form since arriving on loan from Real Madrid, Spurs risk running out of steam, and goals, just as the top-four race begins to intensify.

Just like Arsenal before them, Spurs need Champions League football to finance their new stadium. Failure to qualify again would raise question marks over the club's ability to hold on to the likes of Kane and Son Heung-Min. But right now, none of London's heavyweights look to be safe bets to qualify for the Champions League, and the city's unbroken run in the competition is at risk.

Pedri brings back brilliance to Barcelona midfield

BARCELONA, Spain

IT'S no coincidence that Pedri González conjures up those flashes of exquisite playmaking brilliance that Barcelona fans have been longing for since the days of Andrés Iniesta.

The 18-year-old Spaniard who is enjoying an excellent first season at Barcelona grew up absorbing all the Iniesta he could find, watching games at the fan club founded by his grandfather back home on the island of Tenerife and reliving his idol's most awesome moments on the Internet.

"I always loved Iniesta and his way of playing soccer, because of how he was both on and off the field," Pedri told The Associated Press in a recent video call. "He has been my reference and I have tried to model myself on him."

The resemblance in playing style as well as demeanor is uncanny. Like Iniesta, Pedri is silky smooth with the ball on his feet, with his dribbling and passing in tight spaces. He also shares the Spain great's coolness under pressure and transmits a similar calm when making split-second decisions with the ball.

His non-soccer life is, like Iniesta, centered on his family; he said when his parents make the trip from the Canary Islands to visit him and his older brother in Barcelona they like to play board games.

Pedri has scored three goals this season, but it is his passing and footwork with the ball that has set him apart. Twice this season, Pedri has produced no-look flicks with the back of his heel to roll the ball behind to set up Lionel Messi for goals. Those moments of majesty instantly draw comparisons to Iniesta, who sent Pedri a message encouraging him to keep working hard when he joined the club.

"The truth is that something must have stuck," Pedri said. "I think I have seen all the videos of (Iniesta) on YouTube. I never missed a game of his, so I guess some of it wears off."

"Maybe that is something I learned from Andrés, but the truth is that these



Pedri González

are things that just happen on the field. If suddenly you hear Leo, you know you have give him the ball because he will create danger and end up scoring like always."

Impressed by the poise of his teenage teammate, striker Martin Braithwaite described Pedri as "a veteran player in the body of a young player."

For Pedri, it's just the way he has always played.

"From since I was little I have had this sense of calm, and I always played like that as a boy in Tegueste (his home town), so why would I change at Camp Nou?" Pedri said.

Pedri has been the biggest signing success for a club that has spent about 430 million euros (\$512 million) to sign

Philippe Coutinho, Antoine Griezmann and Ousmane Dembele in recent years, only to see them not play like top players. During that stretch, Barcelona missed out on other young Spanish talents like Marco Asensio, whose agent had reportedly been in talks with Barcelona until Real Madrid swept in and signed him.

Compared to those gargantuan transfers, Pedri was a complete steal. He cost Barcelona 5 million euros (\$6.1 million) in 2019 when he was breaking out for lower-division club Las Palmas on the Canary Islands. Pedri remained on loan at Las Palmas last season before moving to Barcelona with his older brother acting as his chaperone and roommate.

Pedri credits coach Ronald Koeman for his frankness when spoke shortly after they both arrived at Barcelona last year.

"One day he pulled me aside and told me that he did not know much about me, that he had barely seen me play, and that I would have to show him what I can do in practice," Pedri recalled. "I drew motivation from that. I knew that I had to work as hard as anyone to win my spot."

Koeman must have immediately liked what he saw from Pedri. While the Dutchman has toyed with his starting lineup, Pedri is the one newcomer that the coach won't do without.

Pedri leads Barcelona in appearances. Koeman tried him in all midfield and attacking positions except striker until he opted to align him alongside Frenkie de Jong in the interior of his midfield.

"Pedri is showing a level of maturity beyond his years," Koeman said after Pedri scored one goal and assisted Messi for another in a 3-2 win at Athletic Bilbao on Jan. 6.

Pedri's on-field chemistry with Messi has many Barcelona fans hoping that he might help convince the Argentine great to stay at the club he is considering leaving after 20 title-packed years. Pedri, however, said that although he hopes Messi won't leave, it is enough to play with and learn from the club's all-time greatest player.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Ismaili Community cricket side's batsman, Jitin Pratap Singh (L), puts his prowess to show when the squad took part in the 2019 GP Gymkhana Shield tournament at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) venue. Singh's scintillating performance steered Kilimanjaro Aces to five-wicket victory over Ngorongoro Titans in a Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) Super League's match, which took place in the city early this week. PHOTO: COURTESY OF NIKHIL PUJARA

Cricket players set for TCA T20 Super League

By Guardian Reporter

CRICKET players from across Tanzania have an opportunity to continue making use of their skills, as the national cricket governing body-organized TCA T20 Super League is expected to get underway in Dar es Salaam at the end of this week.

Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA)'s information officer, Atif Salim, said the event will bring together the same teams currently battling it out in the ongoing TCA Super League, namely Ngorongoro Titans, Serengeti Giants, Tembo Warriors and Kilimanjaro Aces.

"The 50-over formatted TCA Super League has taken a break as we aim at starting the TCA T20 Super League involving the same outfits," he disclosed.

"This is done to keep the players ready for the ICC Africa T20 Qualifiers Division 2, which is tentatively slated for May this year," he said.

Salim noted Ngorongoro Titans will confront Kilimanjaro Aces in one of the tournament's first day duels, which will take place at Anadil Burhani oval.

Tembo Warriors will later face Serengeti Giants at the same venue.

Four sides took to the pitch last weekend in the TCA Super League, with Tembo Warriors and Kilimanjaro Aces coming out victorious in the clashes. Kilimanjaro Aces, now placed second in the league's table, recorded five-wicket victory over Ngorongoro Titans in a thrilling tie.

Ngorongoro Titans scored 215 runs all out after getting the chance to bat first, with experienced players, Nassib Kelvin and Abhik Patwa, putting in scintillating showing and seeing to it the squad ends with the convincing score.

Patwa, slotted in as an opener, made his experience count, given he ended with 60 runs which included 10 fours.

He effectively made up for fellow opener Kheel Suchak's frustrating spell, as Suchak had a shorter spell, notching nine runs.

Kelvin stepped up after Arsalaan Premji's dismissal, in which the former helped to boost the team's score, notching 42 runs which included five fours. Aahil Jasani had good knocks, chipping in with 28 runs which included four fours.

Jitin Pratap Singh had most wicket during Kilimanjaro Aces' bowling spell, posting three in 10 overs.

He had three maiden overs in his spell, leaking 36 runs and recording an economy rate of 3.60.

Experienced spinner Kassim Nassoro, Mohammad Ali and Ally Mpeka chipped in handsomely, given they took two wickets each.

Needing 216 runs to emerge victorious, Kilimanjaro Aces gave their all during their turn with the bat, posting 216 runs for the loss of five wickets in 43.2 overs.

Singh put man of the match showing in the chase, recording 81 runs and catapulting Kilimanjaro Aces to victory.

Opener Dhurmit Mehta was equally effective, recording 37 runs which immensely boosted his outfit's confidence. There were more-over good knocks put to show by Nassoro who notched 32 runs and youthful batsman Nassoro Zahoro and the experienced Mpeka.

Zahoro registered 17 runs, Mpeka made his way back with bat in hand given he notched 17 runs not out.

Ngorongoro Titans' spinner, Tambwe Rashid, and Patwa ended their bowling spells with two wickets apiece in what turned out to be the team's vain attempt to foil Kilimanjaro Aces' chase.

EA Judo Championship preps hot up

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

PREPARATIONS for this year's East Africa Judo Championship which will be held in Zanzibar in March are going on smoothly, the championship's organizers disclosed.

Mohamed Juma, Zanzibar Judo Association's Chairman, said all preparations are going on very well and he is confident of successfully hosting the championships.

The event, he stated, will take place for two days (March 6-7), involving all teams in the region.

He said Zanzibar's 18 players are attending non-residential camp under coach, Mohammed Hamis.

He mentioned them as Ibrahim Mohamed, Ali Juma, Mohamed Haji, Khalid Juma, who will compete in 60kg event, while the 66kg judo players are Alaw Abdulrab, Mussa Haji, 73kg players are Abdul Shakur, Ali Said and Walid Issa.

Judokas that will take part in 81kg games are Hafidh Suleiman, Mbarouk Suleiman, 90kg are Khamis Hussein and Mansab Alawi while 100kg event's players are Haji Mohamed and Santo Meshack.

Juma said the team have two female players, namely Rayuu Abdullah and Mjigan Silima, who feature in 57kg event.

"The players are in good shape, fitness wise, and it shows that they have been training on their own, we are confident they will do well at the championship," he said.

Juma said on March 5, there will be an administration and technical meeting for all competing nations.

He said they expect to get financial support from the government. "We will meet the government soon so that they can financially support us, but we will also seek support from the corporate world," he said.

Zanzibar are the East Africa Judo Championship's defending champions.

Ngorongoro Heroes take on Uganda U-20 team in friendly match today



National U-20 football team, Ngorongoro Heroes. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TFF

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TANZANIA'S national U-20 football team, Ngorongoro Heroes, will take on Uganda U-20 team, Hippos, in a friendly match in Dar es Salaam today afternoon as part of the two squads' preparations leading to this year's 16th edition of the U-20 Africa Cup of Nations finals, to be played in Mauritania.

This encounter will take place at the Azam Complex, with kick off slated for 19h00.

This will be the first of the back-to-back friendlies against Uganda, before Ngorongoro Heroes depart for Mauritania.

Namibia U-20 team would have been the second national side that Ngorongoro Heroes would face in friendlies, but they pulled out of the mini-tournament.

Ngorongoro Heroes have intensified their training sessions in preparation for the U-20 Africa Cup of Nations, which will take place from February 14 to March 04, 2021.

This will be the first edition of the U-20 Africa Cup of Nations to have

expanded to 12 teams instead of eight.

Ngorongoro Heroes, coached by Jamhuri Kihwelo 'Julio', qualified for the U-20 AFCON finals after reaching the finals of the CECAFA U-20 Championship, hosted in Arusha and Karatu last year.

The competition, which was as well used as qualifiers for the U-20 Africa Cup of Nations, saw Ngorongoro Heroes suffer 4-1 loss to Uganda U-20 squad in the final.

Ngorongoro Heroes nevertheless booked a place in the continental tournament for the first time.

They have been drawn in Group C of the showpiece with Ghana, Gambia and Morocco in a draw that was conducted last month at the Hilton Hotel in Yaounde, Cameroon.

Ghana with three titles are the all-time record champions while Morocco won the 1997 edition.

Gambia are making a third appearance. Their best finish was coming third in the 2007 edition.

Despite being handed what is seen as a tough group, Julio disclosed Tanzania's soccer followers should be confident that his side will put up a good performance in the competition and earn a top two finish in that group which will guarantee them a place in the knockout stages of the tournament.

Tanzania will open their campaign against Ghana on February 17, then face Gambia on February 20 and finish their group stage matches against Morocco on February 23.

The biennial international youth football tournament organized by the Confederation of African Football (CAF) for players aged 20 and below has 12 nations put into three groups of four teams each.

The top two teams from each group and two best losers will advance to the quarterfinals.

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