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COVID scare: Govt in IMF, World Bank loan demand

By Henry Mwangonde

TALKS are ongoing between the government, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for a \$571m credit line to support the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Minister for Finance and Planning, Dr Mwigulu Nchemba told journalists yesterday in Dar es Salaam that the funds would be used to implement the government's strategic plan to combat the pandemic, focusing on prevention, improving the country's hospital

infrastructure like purchasing medical oxygen cylinders and vaccines.

He made this observation at a meeting with foreign envoys in Tanzania as well as heads of international organizations organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation.

The minister sought to give the envoys an inside view of the budget and expected foreign agency roles in its implementation.

"We want the international community to understand that Tanzania is doing all it can

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan on the phone with European Council President Charles Michel from Dodoma city yesterday. Photo: State House

Samia holds video meet with EU Council leader

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday held a virtual meeting with the President of the European Council, Charles Michel, at which the two leaders discussed measures to combat the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as cementing existing relations.

A State House statement affirmed that during the talks Michael commended Tanzania's efforts in combating the COVID-19 pandemic, saying the European Union (EU) is ready to assist the country in acquiring vaccines.

Michael said the EU is currently working with a number of COVID vaccine producing industries in African countries specifically on capacity building, noting that the EU is willing to extend such

"So we will submit our needs on the anti-Covid-19 drive to the EU for assistance," she said, also expressing gratitude for receiving an invitation to visit the EU, where she also sent greetings to the EU President Ursula von der Leyen

support to Tanzania.

He assured President Samia that the EU will continue cooperating with Tanzania as a vital partner in steering economic development in the region and beyond, it said.

On her side, President Samia thanked the EU for its continued cooperation in social development and investment in infrastructure projects through the EU Investment Bank, with the bank issuing euros 50m for the renovation of some regional airports across the country.

The Head of State asserted that in the past three months, Tanzania and the EU signed a euro 111.5m grant agreement to be directed to improving the energy sector, especially the use of renewable energy or modern stoves. Adding value

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TCU declares admissions open for next academic year

By Getrude Mbago

THE Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) has opened its first window of application for first degree programmes for the 2021/2022 academic year, expecting to enroll over 90,000 eligible candidates.

This comes a few days after the National Examination Council of Tanzania (NECTA) released the 2021 Form Six national examination results (ACSE) with government schools excelling privately-owned schools.

Addressing journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday, TCU Executive Secretary Prof Charles Kihampa said the window will be open officially from July 30 to August 7, with form six leavers and other eligible candidates or aspirants to start sending their applications to prospective respective universities.

"The application window is now open. Anyone who is eligible is welcome to submit an application in any university of his/her choice. We insist on the applicants to read the enrolment guideline issued by the commission before applying," he said.

TCU has a special undergraduate admission guidebook for the 2021/22 academic year which is useful for the undergraduate students to go through it before commencing their applications. The book is available on the commission website, he stated.

He urged prospective applicants and the general public to avoid being misled by some dishonest people (agents or middlemen) who claim to provide services on how to join higher education institutions.

"We have three groups of people who are eligible to apply for higher studies and these are form six leavers, ordinary diploma and those with foundation courses from the Open University of Tanzania (OUT). All

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Minister: Big markets must have water tanks



By Guardian Correspondent

FOLLOWING the fire that gutted Dar es Salaam's historical Kariakoo market on Saturday night, Home Affairs minister George Simbachawene has directed regional commissioners countrywide

to make sure all major markets have enabling infrastructure including water to ease rescue efforts in case of fire outbreaks.

The minister affirmed that all business at the main market Kariakoo will remain suspended until the assessment of

destruction that is part of the investigations launched is released by the regional defence and security committee.

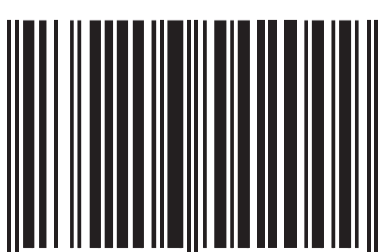
Visiting the site of the inferno yesterday to assess the situation, he said the incident was a lesson to the government to conduct assessments for public buildings, including making sure that markets have water reservoirs and usable road access in case rescue is needed.

"This is a disaster area under the Fire and Rescue Force, while the assessment by the defence and security committee is yet to be delivered, so business will not be permitted until the committee is satisfied with the conditions. The market management should also set up better procedures to forestall disasters," he declared.

"Our colleagues in the Water ministry should make sure water is available including fire hydrants and alarm sounding, and if the infrastructure are decrepit, they should be revamped. Within a period of just a few days, schools and a market have been gutted down by fire; we must mobilise ourselves," he emphasised.

The minister who was accompanied by Regional Commissioner Amos Makalla and heads of the various districts said he

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to fight the pandemic and we have been informed by experts that hand washing is one of the more effective ways of preventing the spread of the disease, hence the need to ensure availability of relevant materials," he said.

The funds would mostly be used to facilitate the war against COVID-19 by addressing challenges which derail the efforts to overcome it, he stated.

The meeting brought together agencies of development partners wishing to know the situation in the fight against COVID-19. It was also attended by the Industry and Trade minister, Prof Kitila Mkumbo, Health minister Dr Dorothy Gwajima, Natural Resources and Tourism minister Dr Damas Ndumbaro and the Foreign Minister, Liberata Mulamula.

European Union (EU) head of delegation Manfredo Fantini said transparency in implementation of the national budget as well as the fight against Covid-19 was instrumental for the international community and development partners.

"This is a positive beginning because we need to understand the key issues so that we know where to chip in, just in case we need to do so," he said.

Mulamula said there are issues that the envoys wished to know including when Tanzania will start issuing data on Covid-19 which she said the government would soon start doing that, while Dr Gwajima said the ministry was already implementing the recommendations by an expert team on Covid-19 that were accepted by the president.

Among other things, the committee advised the government to start issuing data on the pandemic, which the government has started to put into effect, for instance the president remarked lately that there were slightly over 100 patients, and the Bugando zonal referral hospital said cases are on the rise.

The government has started installing machines for production of medical oxygen cylinders in major referral hospitals on account of the rising demand as Covid-19 prevalence heightens.

The vital lakeside facility was seeking 500 oxygen cylinders on a daily basis to help the increasing number of patients with breathing complications.

President Samia had earlier stated that the third wave of the Covid-19 pandemic was gripping major cities, reiterating the constant appeal that people take precautions recommended by experts.



Shinyanga regional commissioner Dr Philemon Sengati (R, standing) pictured yesterday consoling Covid-19 patients admitted to Shinyanga regional referral hospital yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Marco Maduhu

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has appealed for cooperation on investigation as to health hazards, including offices of the Chief Government Chemist to look into effects of the fumes that were still being noticed from inside the building.

"The fire still remains in two areas hence no market business may resume," he said, specifying that the regional committee will have to be satisfied that all is well for trading to resume.

The president of the Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture (TCCIA) Paul Koyi said traders should remain patient while the government makes assessments on how to relocate

them in the sprawling business complex.

"I assure you we are with you; we will sit down and see how to rehabilitate our traders after this disaster. I convey my grief to you on what happened," he stated.

John Shao, the chairman of the Kariakoo Traders Association, said they were saddened by the fire incident that has occasioned huge losses for them, appealing to the government to assist those who took bank loans, on how to repay the money.

"There are those who took loans from Savings and Credit Cooperative Organizations (SACCOS) and banks. Our president should consider our plight. And those whose goods were not destroyed should be allowed to

take them," he said.

The city Fire and Rescue Services Assistant Commissioner, Bakari Mrisho said there was a problem of water supply at the market area during the fire-fighting exercise.

"Lack of water, poor education of people who converge towards disaster site instead of running away from it, lack of access roads all contributed in making fire fighting efforts more difficult," he asserted.

Kariakoo is the city's biggest market drawing traders from within and outside the country.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa visited the site of the raging fire on Sunday morning and unveiled a probe team to investigate how the building caught fire and if there was

arson behind it.

The PM gave the team seven days to complete the investigation and give a report on what happened.

The team comprises of State House officials (President's Office -Regional Administration and Local Governments), the Directorate of Disaster Management in the Prime Minister's Office, the regional defence and security committee, the military, the police, the Fire and Rescue Force as well as the anti-graft agency.

The premier also named the Tanzania Building Agency (TBA), the Tanzania Electric Supply Co. (TANESCO), the Attorney General's Office and the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) to send officials as part of the probe team.

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to bee products, improvement of the business environment and strengthening food security were also part of that accord, the statement indicated.

In addition, the president assured the EU that the sixth phase government will continue to uphold and strengthen democracy, good governance and basic human rights.

On the Covid-19 pandemic, Samia informed the council president

that Tanzania has already joined the COVAX global vaccine sharing facility and unveiled the national anti-Covid-19 strategic plan that identifies the country's needs and priorities.

"So we will submit our needs on the anti-Covid-19 drive to the EU for assistance," she said, also expressing gratitude for receiving an invitation to visit the EU, where she also sent greetings to the EU President Ursula von der Leyen.



Donatus Richard (R), NMB Bank Plc's zonal manager for Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar, briefs Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi (L) at the weekend after presenting to him corrugated roofing iron sheets, timber and nails worth 13m/- in total for use at a health centre at Jang'ombe in Zanzibar's West District. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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information on how to apply and minimum requirements are found on the TCU website and respective varsities," Prof Kihampa said.

He said that those with certificates obtained from foreign countries should submit their certificates to the National Examination Council of Tanzania (NECTA) or the National Council for Technical Education (NACTE) so as to obtain certification on their qualifications before

applying.

Meanwhile, Prof Kihampa encouraged the students to utilize various career development opportunities which will be exposed during the forthcoming universities exhibition slated for July 26 to 31 at Mnazi Mmoja grounds in Dar es Salaam.

The six-day exhibition will bring on board several higher learning institutions thus giving a chance to the undergraduate students to meet face to face with key officials

of those institutions.

Announcing the form six results in Zanzibar during the weekend, NECTA Executive Secretary Dr Charles Msonde said that this year's performance has improved due to an increased number of candidates who scored division I to III.

The pass rate has gone up by 0.11 percent, whereby last year the pass rate was 99.51 percent and this year it has increased to 99.62 per cent, he stated.

The ten best schools are Kisimiri in Arusha, Kemebos (private) in Kagera, Dareda in Manyara, Tabora Girls in Tabora, Tabora Boys in Tabora, Feza Boys (private) in Dar es Salaam; Mwandet in Arusha, Zakia Meghji in Geita, Kilosa in Morogoro, and the tenth is Mzumbe in Morogoro.

The performance assessment has shown that girls' performance for this year has gone up by 0.10 per cent compared to boys, he added.

TAWA calls on Tanzanians to establish zoological gardens

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

ACTING Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority (TAWA) Conservation Commissioner Mabila Misungwi has called on Tanzanians to come up in large numbers to establish farms, ranches and zoological gardens for income generation.

Misingwi issued the appeal on yesterday as he was addressing newsmen at the on-going 45th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) at Mwalimu Nyerere grounds in Dar es Salaam.

He said Tanzanians should grab the opportunity in establishing zoological gardens as it will increase their incomes due to great demand of game meat.

He also called on TAWA employees who have participated in the Fair to explain to the people wildlife conservation and tourism activities managed by the Authority including protecting themselves against wild animals.

He said communities living near wildlife reserve areas have the ability to live without any fear so long as they follow the existing regulations.

He also called on TAWA officials to work hard in order to enhance the country's tourism.

TAWA Senior Assistant Conservation Commissioner, Gloria Bideberi who supervised the TAWA Pavilion at the Fair called on the community to visit the pavilion to learn about wildlife conservation and tourism.

The late President John Magufuli also underscored the need for more Tanzanians to establish zoological gardens to enclose various wild animals as part of an initiative to expand opportunities in the tourism sector and create jobs.

He made the statement in 2020 when addressing officials and game wardens plus residents of Nyabugera and Mwanza islands during his visit at the Rubondo Island National Park.

Dr Magufuli praised Tanzanians who have established zoos at different places countrywide, mentioning Lieutenant General (rted) Samuel Ndomba who operates the Lugari Mini Garden Zoo in Mbinga, Ruvuma region and those keeping wild animals at the Dar es Salaam Zoo and Bahari Zoo.

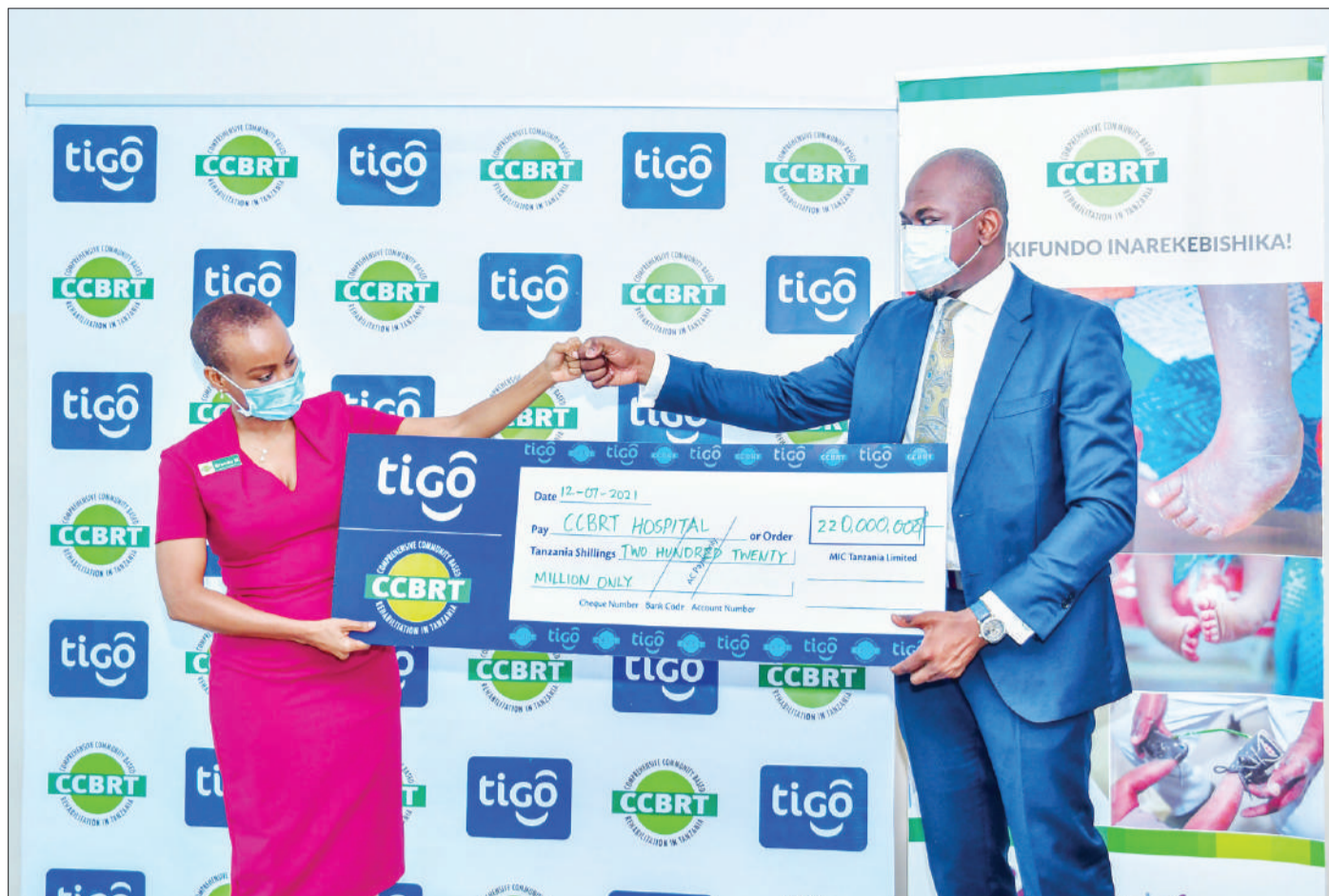
He said establishment of zoological gardens in Tanzania is guided by the Wildlife Conservation Act, 2009 (Number 5). Tanzanians have the right to acquire animals by following procedures and the law guiding the sector.

"Tanzanians have the right to acquire and keep wild animals for both local and international visitors," he said, noting that there many people benefiting from the zoo business around the world, including in South Africa.

The president said investing in the zoo business would enable many people to generate incomes and jobs. There are no reasons why Tanzanians should not venture into the profitable business since it is endowed with a large number of wild animals, he said.

"You should grab the opportunity. Wildlife experts must assist in providing education to the people on how to take care of the animals," he declared, underlining that there are many places suitable for this activity.

Tanzania has a total of 22 national parks has set aside 32.5 percent of its land for conservation activities. The country has a total of 23 zoos, 20 zoological gardens and six ranches.



Tigo managing director Simon Karikari (R) presents dummy cheque for 220m/- to Brenda Msangi, CEO of Comprehensive Community-Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania (CCBRT) in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The mobile phone service provider's assistance is meant to support clubfoot patients. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

CAG Kichere states: GIZ helping auditors via capacity building

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE Controller and Auditor General (CAG), Charles Kichere has expressed appreciation to the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) for helping enhance capacity building to government financial auditors on contract management audit with performance aspects.

In a speech read on his behalf while officiating the opening of a ten-day training on Comprehensive Contract Management Audit with Performance Aspects (CCMPA), he said the training will help in auditing contracts management with a focus on the aspects of economy, efficiency, and effectiveness.

This training brought together 48 auditors including the chief external auditors (CEAs) from six (6) National Audit Offices of Tanzania (NAOT) regional offices of Iringa, Songwe, Simiyu, Shinyanga, Mara, and Manyara.

"Equally importantly, I would like to convey my sincere appreciation to the GIZ/GFG staff who have been working closely with NAOT to make this program effective," he said.

He noted that the main objective of this training is to enhance the audit approach on contract management with performance audit aspects.

CAG argued that training will impart knowledge on how to audit contract management with the aspects of the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness, commonly referred to as 3Es while considering risks in the management of contracts particularly those related to construction projects.

"The training will also consider fraud and procurement issues, likewise, the auditors will learn how to provide recommendations on the emerged observations on contracts management" he added.

According to Kichere, this means that the auditors will be assisting the auditees to optimize the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of the scarce resources and services described by the contract.

He also acknowledged that NAOT management in collaboration with GIZ/GFG programme coordinators played a great role in ensuring that the training is delivered.

On her part, Senior Advisor for External Audit, Good Financial Governance in Tanzania, Umehani Khatri noted that the first phase of the programme was successfully implemented for the period of four years from 1 May 2016 to 31 Jul 2020 and now the second phase is being implemented for period of 3 years from 1 August 2020 to 31 Jul 2023.

She added that the programme has four components for external audit with NAOT, internal audit with IAGD, domestic revenue mobilization (PO-RALG) and social accountability with CSOs.

Khatri said GFG is financed by three donors, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC) and European Union (EU).

"Good Financial Governance programme is a technical assistance program and its objective of is to strengthened the public finance system of Tanzania in accordance with good financial governance principles, specifically transparency, efficiency and accountability," she said. Under GFG Phase I, CA was rolled out to 77 LGAs under the joint co-operation of NAOT and GIZ until 2019.

However, there were seven regions remaining including Dar es Salaam, hence NAOT and GIZ reagreed that one of the key activities of second phase of cooperation is to further develop the comprehensive audit approach.

She added that is not only to cover the remaining LGAs but also based on lessons learnt, this effective audit method will be rolled out to ministries, departments and agencies; and public authorities.

"I would also like to echo that every year we see the increased involvement of NAOT not only in financing additional districts but also in developing more champions, this is as an important sign of further sustaining comprehensive audit with NAOT".

She observed that several SAls in Africa is moving in the direction of combining regularity audits with performance aspects, adding that what is implemented in Tanzania seems actually to be part of a trend in many SAls.

COVID-19: Govt issues guidelines to RCs and DCs

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

HEALTH, Community Development, Gender, the Elders and Children minister Dr Dorothy Gwajima has called on regional and district commissioners to oversee the adherence of 16 guidelines against COVID-19 infections to protect Tanzanians from the eruption of the pandemic's third wave.

Dr Gwajima made the appeal at the weekend during her impromptu visit to Dodoma Region Referral Hospital to inspect steps being taken to control the disease's infection.

She said Covid-19 patients were being seen in various hospitals in the country hence Regional and District Commissioners should start having strategies to implement the guidelines to protect Tanzanians.

"I am pleased to say that in my unannounced visit at the hospital I have found it is well prepared against the pandemic, but I must be clear that I have heard a lot of complaints from people in the city's peripheries and rural areas that they lack education on how to protect themselves against the pandemic," she said.

"I therefore issue instructions that beginning Monday (yesterday), the ministry will maintain a register to show which local council has conducted how many programmes via the community's media outlets to educate the people to protect themselves, including wearing of masks and washing of hands as well as avoiding unnecessary assemblies," she added.

She said the war against the pandemic will stop if the people change their

attitudes and abide by the 16 guidelines issued by the health ministry.

Dodoma Regional Commissioner Anthony Mtaka said personal life was not government's property hence it was the responsibility of everyone to protect himself/herself by taking all precautions against the disease.

"The government's responsibility ends after telling the people to take care of themselves, meaning that COVID-19 exists as sufferers were increasing, and we have decided to begin with bus stand areas to ensure that passenger buses should not carry standing passengers, and we would like bus owners to understand us," he said.

He said at all market places, traders will be compelled to put on face masks and those resisting will not be allowed to do business at the markets.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Embassy is responsible for representing and promoting Swedish interests in Tanzania and has approximately 40 employees. The overall tasks of the Embassy include supporting business and trade, development cooperation as well as consular and visa services.

The strategy for Swedish development cooperation with Tanzania 2020 – 2024 focuses on four results areas i.e. 1). Democracy, the rule of law, human rights and gender equality; 2). Education; 3). Inclusive economic development; 4). Environment, climate and energy.

The current recruitment concerns a position as Program Manager in the development cooperation section, within results area one. The development cooperation section includes 18 employees.

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PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30.06.2021 (Amounts in million shillings)

	Current Quarter 30.06.2021	Previous Quarter 31.03.2021
A. ASSETS		
1. Cash	7,552	6,410
2. Balances with Bank of Tanzania	35,800	41,572
3. Investment in Government Securities	81,806	81,799
4. Balances with other banks and financial institutions	23,763	23,995
5. Cheques and items for Clearing	40	40
6. Interbranch float items	80	34
7. Bills negotiated	2,276	1,383
8. Customer liability on acceptances	2,158	2,946
9. Interbank loans receivable	0	0
10. Investment in Other Securities	0	0
11. Loans, advances and overdrafts (Net of allowances for probable Losses)	138,508	132,462
12. Other Assets	2,166	1,544
13. Equity Investments	0	0
14. Underwriting accounts	0	0
15. Property, Plant and Equipment	4,324	4,387
16. TOTAL ASSETS	298,473	296,573
B. LIABILITIES		
17. Deposits from other Banks and financial institutions	0	0
18. Customer deposits	244,307	242,454
19. Cash Letters of Credit	0	0
20. Special deposits	2,973	2,475
21. Payment orders/transfers payable	0	0
22. Bankers' cheques and drafts issued	129	81
23. Accrued taxes and expenses payable	5,722	6,041
24. Acceptances outstanding	2,158	2,946
25. Inter branch float items	119	102
26. Unearned income and other deferred charges	0	0
27. Other liabilities	4,021	4,054
28. Borrowings	1,000	1,000
29. TOTAL LIABILITIES	260,428	259,152
30. NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)(16 minus 29)	38,045	37,421
C. SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		
31. Paid up share capital	2,600	2,600
32. Capital reserves	238	240
33. Retained earnings	31,195	31,322
34. Profit (Loss) account	459	-165
35. Other capital accounts	3,553	3,424
36. Minority Interest	0	0
37. TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	38,045	37,421
38. Contingent liabilities	56,035	43,130
39. Non performing loans and advances	8,055	8,143
40. Allowances for probable losses	199	(298)
41. Other non performing assets	0	0
D. SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS		
(i). Shareholders Funds to total assets	12.75%	12.62%
(ii). Non performing loans to total gross loans	5.64%	5.95%
(iii). Gross loans and advances to total deposits	57.71%	55.86%
(iv) Loans and advances to total assets	47.81%	46.13%
(v) Earning Assets to Total Assets	81.78%	80.34%
(vi) Deposits Growth	0.96%	2.60%
(vii) Assets growth	0.64%	2.99%

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30.06.2021 (Amounts in million shillings)

	Current Quarter 30.06.2021	Comparative Quarter (Previous Year) 30.06.2020	Current Year Cumulative 30.06.2021	Comparative Year (Previous Year) Cumulative 30.06.2020
1. Interest Income	5,434	5,444	10,599	10,963
2. Interest Expense	(3,344)	(3,073)	(6,599)	(6,173)
3. Net Interest Income/(minus 2)	2,090	2,371	4,000	4,790
4. Bad Debts Written Off	0	0	0	0
5. Impairment Losses on Loans and Advances	199	146	(99)	155
6. Non-Interest Income	1,221	1,167	2,244	2,075
6.1 Foreign Currency Dealings and Translation Gains/(Loss)	220	283	466	459
6.2 Fees and Commissions	390	281	725	548
6.3 Dividend Income	0	0	0	0
6.4 Other Operating Income	611	602	1,053	1,029
7. Non Interest Expenses:	(2,585)	(2,605)	(5,086)	(5,122)
7.1 Salaries and Benefits	(1,525)	(1,565)	(3,079)	(3,128)
7.2 Fees and Commission	(75)	(71)	(142)	(131)
7.3 Other Operating Expenses	(986)	(970)	(1,865)	(1,863)
8. Operating Income/(Loss)	924	1,080	1,059	1,898
9. Income Tax Provision	(300)	(360)	(600)	(810)
10. Net Income (Loss) After Income Tax	624	720	459	1,088
11. Other Comprehensive Income (Itemise)	0	0	0	0
12. Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the year	624	720	459	1,088
13. Number of Employees	87	89	87	89
14. Basic Earning Per Share	240	277	177	419
15. Number of Branches	4	4	4	4
SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS				
(i) Return on Average Total Assets	0.84%	1.00%	0.31%	0.76%
(ii) Return on Average Shareholders' Funds	6.62%	7.41%	2.44%	5.61%
(iii) Non Interest Expense to Gross Income	38.85%	39.40%	39.60%	39.29%
(iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	3.48%	4.03%	3.37%	4.48%

SELECTED EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30.06.2021

In preparation of the quarterly financial statements, consistent accounting policies have been used as those applicable to the previous year audited financial statements.

Name and Title	Signature	Date
S. S HASAN RIZVI <i>(Managing Director)</i>		09.07.2021
EPHRAIM MKONDE <i>(Finance Manager)</i>		09.07.2021
MWARABU HAJI <i>(Internal Auditor)</i>		09.07.2021

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the faithful representation of the above statements. We declare that the statements have been examined by us and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, have been prepared in conformance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2006 and they present a true and fair view.

Name	Signature	Date
1. ZAIN HABIB		09.07.2021
2. VAZIR A BUKHARI		09.07.2021

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30.06.2021 (Amounts in million shillings)

	Current quarter 30.06.2021	Previous quarter 31.03.2021	Current Year Cumulative 30.06.2021	Comparative Year (Previous Year) Cumulative 30.06.2020
E. Cash flow from operating activities:				
Net income/(loss)	924	135	1,059	1,898
Adjustment for:				
Impairment/amortization	95	91	187	214
Gain/(loss) on sale of Assets	(6,045)	(1,079)	(7,124)	15,248
Net change in loans and advances	0	0	0	0
Net change in deposits	2,351	6,214	8,565	9,798
Net change in Short Term Negotiable Securities	(7,998)	(27,598)	(35,597)	(2,513)
Net change in Other Liabilities	(286)	695	409	559
Net change in Other Assets	(1,387)	(176)	(1,763)	2,160
Tax paid	(300)	(300)	(600)	(810)
others (Specify)	0	0	0	0
Net cash provided/(used) by operating activities	(12,847)	(22,018)	(34,864)	26,390
II. Cash flow from investing activities:				
Dividend Received	0	0	0	0
Purchase of Fixed Assets	(29)	(195)	(224)	(121)
Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0
Purchase of Non-Dealing Securities	0	0	0	0
Proceeds from Sale Non-Dealing Securities	0	0	0	0
Others (Specify)	0	0	0	0
Net cash provided/(used) by investing activities	(29)	(195)	(224)	(121)
III. Cash flow from financing activities:				
Repayment of Long Term Debt	0	0	0	0
Proceeds from Issuance of Long Term Debt	0	0	0	0
Proceeds from Issuance of Share Capital	0	0	0	0
Payment of Cash Dividends	0	0	0	0
Net change in Other Borrowings	0	1,000	1,000	0
Others (Specify)	0	0	0	0
Net cash provided/(used) by financing activities	0	1,000	1,000	0
IV. Cash and cash equivalents:				
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(12,875)	(21,212)	(34,088)	26,269
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Quarter/Year	65,151	86,363	86,363	37,407
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the Quarter/Year	52,276	65,151	52,276	63,676

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 30.06.2021 (Amounts in million shillings)

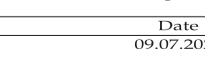


	Share capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	Regulatory Reserve	General Provision Reserve	Other Reserve	Total
Current Year 2021							
Balance as at the beginning of the year	2,600	-	30,849	3,816	0	321	37,586
Profit for the year	-	-	459	-	-	-	459
Transfer from/to Regulatory Reserve	-	-	262	(262)	-	-	-
Transfer to/from Other reserve	-	-	83	-	-	(83)	-
Balance as at the end of June 2021	2,600	-	31,654	3,553	0	238	38,045
Previous Year 2020							
Balance as at the beginning of the year	2,600	-	31,644	3,715	0	262	38,221
Difference in Right of use and lease liability as at 01.01.2020	-	-	(102)	-	-	-	(102)
Profit for the year	-	-	2,038	-	-	-	2,038
Dividend paid	-	-	(2,300)	-	0	-	(2,300)
Transfer to statutory Reserve	-	-	(100)	100	-	-	-
Transfer to other Reserve	-	-	(59)	-	-	59	-
Tax paid for prior years	-	-	(271)	-	-	-	(271)
Balance as at the end of the year 2020	2,600	-	30,849	3,816	0	321	37,586

DISCLOSURES MADE UNDER REGULATION 11 OF BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (DISCLOSURES) REGULATIONS, 2014 MINIMUM DISCLOSURE OF BANK CHARGES AND FEES (GHARAMA ZA HUDUMA ZETU)

NAME OF PRODUCT/ SERVICES	CHARGE/FEE
SAVING ACCOUNTS	
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees-LCY	TZS 13,200.00 half-yearly
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees-USD	US \$ 14.50 half-yearly
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees-CBP	GBP 10.00 half-yearly
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees-EUR	EURO 10.00 half-yearly
Temporary Statement-LCY	Tsh. 2,000.00 per page
Temporary Statement-FCY	US \$2.00 per page
Interim Statement-LCY	Tsh.2,000.00 per page
Interim Statement-FCY	US \$2.00 per page
Withdrawal Charges- FCY	Maximum 1.20% of the amount
Withdrawal Charges below TZS 5 MIL-LCY	No such Charges
Withdrawal Charges above TZS 5 mil-LCY	0.06% of the amount
Cash deposit Charge	FCY-small denomination 5%
Savings Card/Passbook	No such Charges
Passbook/ Card replacement	No such Charges
Closing Account-LCY	Tsh. 25,000.00
Closing Account-FCY	US\$ 25.00
Dormant account activation-LCY	TZS 15,000.00
Dormant account activation-FCY	US\$ 15.00
CURRENT ACCOUNTS (PERSONAL)	
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees-LCY	TZS 35,000.00 monthly
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees-USD	US \$ 35.00 monthly
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees-CBP	GBP 25 monthly
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees-EUR	EURO 25 monthly
Temporary Statement-LCY	Tsh. 2,000.00 per page
Temporary Statement-FCY	US \$2.00 per page
Temporarily/Unauthorized Overdraft	27% p.a
Interim Statement-LCY	Tsh. 2,000.00 per page
Interim Statement-FCY	US \$2.00 per page
Withdrawal Charges below TZS 5 MIL-LCY	No such Charges
Withdrawal Charges above TZS 5 mil-LCY	0.06% of the excess amount
Cash deposit charges	FCY-small denomination 5%
Closing account-LCY	TZS 30,000.00
Closing account-FCY	US\$ 30.00
Bank Drafts	US\$ 35.00
Bank Draft cancellation charge	US\$ 60.00
Cheque book-LCY	TZS 35,000
Cheque book-FCY	US\$ 35.00
Cash payment to 3rd party	No such Charges
Cash deposit charge	No such Charges
Bulk cash deposit	No such Charges
Bulk cash withdrawal	No such Charges
Stop Payment orders	TZS 20,000.00
Standing orders (within bank)	TZS 2,500.00
Standing orders (to other bank)	TZS 5,000.00
Certificate of balance/Balance confirmation	Tsh. 30,000.00 , US\$ 30.00 Per certificate
Letter of introduction-LCY	TZS 25,000.00
Letter of introduction-FCY	US\$ 25.00
Salary handling	TZS 10,000.00
School fees deposits	No such Charges
TRA collection	No such Charges
Safe custody charges	No such Charges
Safe custody access fees	No such Charges
TISS transfers	TZS 10,000.00
Dormant account activation-LCY	TZS 25,000.00
Dormant account activation-FCY	US\$ 25.00
Retrieval of Old document more than a year	TZS 50,000.00
EFT charges	
Incoming EFT	TzS 1,500
Outgoing EFT	TzS 1,000
Clearing charges	TzS 1,000 per cheque

Please note that the above charges may vary at the discretion of the management approval

We, the undersigned have examined the above information and hereby declare that the information is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and information.

Name	Designation	Signature	Date
S.S Hasan Rizvi	Managing Director		09.07.2021
Ephraim Mkonde	Finance Manager		09.07.2021
Salha Suleiman	Branch Manager		09.07.2021

FOREIGN EXCHANGE SERVICES	CHARGE/FEE
Inwards foreign transfers – customers	US\$ 20.00
LC Opening commission (cash covered)	1.75% per quarter
LC Opening commission (no cash covered)	2.00% per quarter
LC Advising commission (Inward/Export)	US\$ 200.00
Foreign Document Bills for Collection (Inward & Outward)	1.2% of LC Value
LC Acceptance commission	commission 2.00% per qrt + swift charge US\$ 70.0
LC Payment/Settlement commission	1.2% per quarter+\$120
LC Amendments	US\$ 75.00 + US \$70.00 Swift
Special clearance-LCY	Not applicable
Special clearance-FCY	Not applicable
Outward Foreign Bankers Cheque (OFBC)	Not applicable
Treasury bill bid charges	Tsh. 100,000.00 per bid
LG issuance	1.50% to 2.00% per quarter
Export letter of credit confirmation	TzS 25,000

Bankers Cheques	CHARGE/FEE
For US Dollars	US\$ 30.00 per bankers cheques
For Tanzanian shillings	Tsh. 30,000.00 per bankers cheques
US\$ bankers cheques cancellation	US\$ 15.00 per bankers cheques
Shillings bankers cheques cancellation	Tsh. 15,000.00 per bankers cheques

Return Cheques	CHARGE/FEE
Cheque return unpaid-LCY	US\$ 50.00 per cheques
Cheque return unpaid-FCY	



Hassan Mchomvu (3rd-L), managing director of MICO International Halal Bureau of Certification, pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend receiving an international affiliation certificate from Murat Bayka, a representative of Turkey's Hafsa Halal Certification and Food Import and Export Limited. Looking on are left is Muslim Council of Tanzania treasurer Said Mwenda (2nd-L) and Association of Tanzania Muslim Women chairperson Shamim Khan (R). Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

Activists say ZEC, CSOs are obliged to monitor electoral process and conduct of political parties

WOMEN and Children's rights defenders have underscored the need for the Zanzibar Electoral Commission (ZEC) and civil society organizations to monitor, discuss, advise and recommend effective management of the entire electoral process and the conduct of political parties.

The suggestion came after a brief survey on Gender and Social Inclusion Policy (ZEC) of 2015 and identified shortcomings that led to women, youth and people with disabilities not participating effectively in the previous election process.

The defenders include Zanzibar Gender Coalition (ZGC), Zanzibar Fighting Against Youth Challenges Organization (ZAFAYCO), Zanzibar Female Lawyers Association (ZAFELA), Organisation of Women with Disabilities (JUWAUZA), Zanzibar Youth Forum (ZYF) and Tanzania Media Women's Association (TAMWA, Zanzibar).

In the survey they identified various shortcomings including a lack of guidance and a strategic plan to implement a gender and inclusion policy that is specifically

designed to address inclusion and gender rights, ensure youth and people with disabilities are taken into account throughout the electoral process.

So, defenders suggested that there should be specific guidelines in every stage of the election from enrollment, delivery of civic education, nomination of candidates, election administration, voting, results and security status and that the issue of gender equality and inclusion should guide the whole process of elections before, during and after.

Stakeholders also suggested that in order to ensure gender equality and inclusion is achieved at each stage of the election ZEC should meet with women, youth and people with disabilities on a regular basis to assess the situation and put in place an action plan to facilitate data collection as the policy stated that ZEC will have a systematically data collection.

JUWAUZA chairperson Salma Saadat said: "In the study we found

that the presence of the ZEC ethics committee is short-lived, formed during elections and its term ends immediately after the election.

The committee also does not have guidelines for dealing with complaints and does not have guidelines for dealing with acts of abuse against women, youth and people with disabilities during elections."

"There are women who were abused during the election but do not know where to go to file their cases, because the committee has no guidelines to resolve individual cases, the committee only accepts cases of political parties such as a leader of ACT-Wazalendo who lodged a case against early polls, but in turn he was accused of disturbing the peace," Salma said.

"That's why we're proposing the need for the policy to have guidelines and a strategic plan to meet the demand of women, youth and people with disabilities, who want to be part of the entire electoral process," she said.

According to her, players proposed a review of gender policy and inclusion and putting in place a strategic plan to be executed and suggested the need for the formulation of an ethics committee that will involve all groups—women, youth, and PWDs.

Stakeholders also called for the 1984 Zanzibar constitution to be amended so that women can be appointed to the position of commissioners of ZEC, because the current constitution does not oblige the President of Zanzibar to consider gender equality when appointing commissioners where ZEC currently has one woman commissioner while six are men equal to only 14 percent. "We are aware that the authority to appoint commissioners does not belong to ZEC as it is stipulated in the country's constitution that the chairman and two other members will be appointed by the president, of which one must be a judge and the other four members from the political parties.

Boosting health: Minister stresses need to invest in human resources

By Guardian Correspondent, Kasulu

THE Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government) (PO-RALG), Umyy Mwalimu, has called on development partners in the country to invest in human resources as a way of grooming more skilled workers to provide quality health care to the community.

Minister Umyy made the call in Kasulu District in Kigoma Region immediately after receiving medical supplies for Kasulu District Council Hospital provided by TIB Development Bank.

She emphasized that at present the government's priority are projects that touch the lives of citizens, especially in the areas of health, infrastructure, education and water at the grassroots level.

"We urge all development partners in the country to focus their efforts on investing in projects that directly target the people instead of allocating a large budget for training and seminars," said Umyy.

Minister Umyy added that many health stakeholders have been investing heavily in seminars and conferences and forgetting that the equipment provided for service delivery needs to have experts who are capable of using it.

Minister Umyy thanked TIB

Development Bank for supporting the government's efforts to strengthen primary health services by providing medical equipment worth 12 million shillings.

Speaking during the handover of the equipment, TIB Development Bank's Marketing and Corporate Affairs Manager, Saidi Mkabakuli said that the bank has provided such assistance in recognition of the fact that the health sector is one of the priority areas in the country's development plans. "Given the importance of the health sector in the country, TIB Development Bank, which implements government priorities, considered it appropriate to donate some medical equipment for Kasulu District Hospital with the aim of supporting the government's efforts to strengthen primary health services in the local governments in the country," he said.

He added that the assistance is aimed at supporting PO-RALG's strategic plan which implements specific objectives such as strengthening and ensuring completed service delivery centers start providing health services including the purchase of medicines, reagents, equipment and medical equipment.

Mkabakuli took the opportunity to call on other financial institutions to contribute to the government's efforts to improve the health sector in the country.

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DESCRIPTION OF LANDED PROPERTIES TO BE AUCTIONED

SN	NAME OF DEFAULTER	PROPERTY TO BE SOLD	LOCATION	AUCTION DAY AND DATE
1	POLYCEM TANZANIA LIMITED	An Industrial property is located on plot No. 103. CT No. 45776 containing ten thousand (10,000) square meters. It is under the name of POLYCEM TANZANIA LIMITED	Located at Mbezi Beach Industrial area, Kinondoni Municipality Dar es Salaam City	SATURDAY 31/07/2021
2	POLYCEM TANZANIA LIMITED	An Industrial property is located on Plot No 107. CT No. 31164 containing one decimal point zero five five (1.055) Hectares. It is under the name of POLYCEM TANZANIA LIMITED		

NOTE THAT the two properties are located in one area and shall be sold as whole compound

CONDITION OF THE AUCTION:

- The successful bidder must deposit 25% of the auction price immediately after fall of the hammer, the remaining balance to be paid within 14 days from the auction date. Failure by the buyer to pay the remaining balance within the stipulated time will lead to the forfeiture of the amount paid earlier and re-auction the property.
- Inspection of the properties shall be done 10 days before auction date from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm, All expenses related to the inspection especially transport shall be borne by the buyer,
- Coact of transferring ownership shall be borne by the buyer.
- The properties shall be sold as it is and where it is.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
APPLICATION FOR LICENCES UNDER THE CONVERGED LICENSING FRAMEWORK

NOTICE is hereby given to the public that the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority has received applications for Licences under the Converged Licensing Framework from the following applicants:-

S/N	NAME OF APPLICANT	TYPE OF LICENCE	SHAREHOLDERS / NATIONALITY	SHARES %
1.	Fired Production & Entertainment (FBI) Limited (Furaha TV1)	District Content Services (Subscription Broadcasting - Television)	1. Furaha Dominic Jacob (Tanzania)	80
			2. Pendo Mbassa Faustine (Tanzania)	20
2.	Registered Trustees of Faith Trust (Ufunuo Television)	District Content Services (Commercial Broadcasting - Television)	1. Florian Josephat Katunzi - (Tanzanian)	25
			2. Rachel Ntiganyigwa Kabunda - (Tanzanian)	25
			3. Calvin Florian Katunzi - (Tanzanian)	25
			4. Grace Florian Katunzi - (Tanzanian)	25

Pursuant to Section 8 of Electronic and Postal Communications Act, Cap 306 of The Laws of Tanzania, written comments are hereby invited from any interested person in respect of the grant of licences to the applicants to reach the Authority, within 14 days of publication of this notice. Such comments will be taken into consideration when the Authority considers the applications.

Comments should be addressed to:
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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF VARIOUS GOODS TO BE PROCURED BY GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring various goods and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of the below service.

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01149	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF MOBILE TEREX CRANES ITEMS
GGME01170	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF MOBILE BRODERSON CRANE SPARES

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	10%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.25%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.25%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.25%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.25%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.25%
Company Shareholding Structure/Share structure of the company (ownership of shares in percentage (%))	1.25%
List of Directors	1.25%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.25%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	
Audited & certified financial statements (2018-2019)	2.5%
At least 2 references from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Environment Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Safety and Environmental Policies	1.25%
PAST EXPERIENCE	
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered into with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.25%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.25%
Acceptance certificates/completion certificates (proof of the above) where applicable	1.25%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.25%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01149)	
Supplier must provide authorized letter from Terex Mobile Cranes OEM or dealer	20%
Essential crane components to be supplied with certificates as they lift, move & put material into place E.g. The cabin, Boom, Hoist, Hook, Wire rope & out riggers etc.	20%
Supplier must be familiar with crane parts and their functions to exercise proper crane safety.	10%
Supplier must supply Genuine parts from OEM or Dealer only, note aftermarket parts are completely prohibited	15%
All crane components such as Engine, Transmission, Transfer Gearbox, Hydraulic Pumps and Valves must be supplied with assurance of twelve (12) months warranty.	10%
Total	100%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01170)	
Supplier must provide authorized letter from Broderon Mobile Crane OEM or dealer	20%
Essential crane components to be supplied with certificates as they lift, move & put material into place E.g. The cabin, Boom, Hoist, Hook, Wire rope & out riggers etc.	20%
Supplier must be familiar with crane parts and their functions to exercise proper crane safety.	10%
Supplier must supply Genuine parts from OEM or Dealer only, note aftermarket parts are completely prohibited	15%
All crane components such as Engine, Transmission, Transfer Gearbox, Hydraulic Pumps and Valves must be supplied with assurance of twelve (12) months warranty.	10%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the **SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER** of the service they intend to express interest on **THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL** together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than **0830 A.M 26TH JULY 2021 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline)**. EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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Govt embarks on operation to reduce congestion in prisons

By Guardian Reporter

IN strategy to reduce number of remand prisoners in the country's various prisons thereby reducing the burden borne by the Prisons Department, the government has embarked on a special "Reducing Remand Prisoners Operation" countrywide.

This was revealed yesterday by Deputy Home Affairs Minister, Khamis Hamza Chilo when speaking at a meeting that involved inmates and women remand prisoners at Mbeya Ruanda Prison during which he also donated various items including mattresses, sanitary

pads, toothbrushes and soap to the inmates and remandees.

"Among issues that President Samia Suluhu Hassan loathe is inmates' congestion at prisons, especially women because she believes women are the ones building the country and the community working together with men, hence we regard that as a challenge and hence we have embarked on the operations to reduce prisoners' congestion," he said.

He added that already the government has begun speeding up implementation of certain issues including the challenge on delay of investigation of cases, granting

of bail in minor offences, the issues that adds up to congestion in prisons.

Speaking on congestion at Ruanda Women Prison, its Chief Warden, Prisons Superintendent Rehema Mwailunga confessed of congestion due to the existence of the Zonal High Court.

"Deputy minister, I suggest in order to reduce congestion, we should see the importance of building a dormitory for women inmates and remandees alongside the prison, but I admit that the congestion is caused by the Zonal High Court as many prisoners from districts' prisons come here for their appeals," she added.



GF Trucks & Equipment Ltd marketing officer Juma Lukolo (R) has a word with visitors to the firm's pavilion at the 45th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair at the weekend. The exhibition ends today. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt to continue supporting vulnerable households through TASAF - Ndejemi

By Guardian Correspondent, Pemba

DEPUTY Minister in the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance) Deogratius Ndejemi has said the government will continue to provide financial support to vulnerable households in both Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar through the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF).

Ndejemi called upon TASAF beneficiaries to use the funds to establish income generating activities to further improve their welfare and ensure sustainability of the established project even after completion of the programme.

The deputy minister made the statement at TASAF offices in Chake Chake, Pemba shortly after receiving a report on implementation of TASAF projects in the Island. He also toured some of the TASAF established projects.

"The main purpose of having TASAF is to provide financial support to vulnerable households as part of efforts towards poverty eradication. Using the monies to establish income generating projects would ensure sustainability of monthly income for the coming years," he noted.

He also toured a classrooms construction project at Gando area whereas 71m/- have been spent so far. He promised to provide funds for construction of a fence at the Piki primary school being implementation after promises made by the Union President.

When at Kendwa village, deputy minister Ndejemi inspected a plot where the government is expected to construct a modern health centre to help reduce child and maternal deaths.

TASAF coordinator in Pemba, Mussa Saidi Kisenge said through the fund they have been able to establish a number of projects

which have provided employment to Zanzibaris.

He said that TASAF has provided over 13.8bn/- insisting they are expecting to reach more people in the second phase of TASAF III whereas a feasibility study has been completed in 24 villages.

Chake Chake District Commissioner, Rashid Abdalla Rashid acknowledged the support from TASAF especially in the agricultural sector.

The second phase of TASAF III will cover poor households in 185 district councils in Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar. The last phase covered 70 percent of villages; this project will incorporate the remaining 30 percent.

Implementation of the programme in the Isles has shown remarkable success and demonstrated to be the most innovative way of reaching and assisting the poor to meet their needs and overcome poverty.

Deputy minister pleads with road contractors to work day and night

By Guardian Reporter

DEPUTY Works and Transport Minister, Eng Godfrey Kasekenya has called on contractors engaged in road construction projects across the country to make sure they work day and night, especially during the current dry season to complete the projects within schedule.

Kasekenya made the remarks in Kasulu, Kigoma District during his inspection on the development of the 260 kilometers Kabingo-Kasulu-Manyovu road.

He said working day and night will compensate the time they have to work during the rainy season when many road projects remain standstill.

"I have inspected the

development of this road at various sections, I am pleased with the work pace and the contractors' decision to work day and night, as this will help to finalise the projects as early as possible," said the minister.

He called on projects' contractors and supervisors to abide by quality standards including adhering to what was spelt out on the roads' plans.

He stressed upon the contractors and supervisors to identify any challenges facing them so as to be solved in time.

He also assured them that the government will continue to provide project funds in time to ensure the projects run smoothly.

Meanwhile, as he wound up his visit in Kibondo District the deputy

minister inspected the 55km Mvugwe-Nduta Junction road section and said its completion will reduce travel time from the district to other regions including Mwanza, Kagera and neighbouring Burundi.

For his part, Consulting Engineer from Afrisa consulting firm supervising the 70km Kanyani Mvugwe road section, Reginald Kaganga said the section is being built by Sinohydro Contractors Ltd and that the ongoing works include clearing, erecting a ridge and installation of culverts.

On their part, many Kasulu residents said the completion of the road will reduce inconveniences on transport services for both passengers and farm crops.



A small-scale miner alleged to have invaded a water source at Vuga in Lushoto District pictured at the site at the weekend giving his stand on the issue to Water minister Jumaa Aweso (L). Photo: Correspondent Boniface Gideon

DED appeals to Chunya residents to join CHF

By Guardian Correspondent, Chunya

CHUNYA District residents have been called upon to use part of the money they earn from their economic activities including farming and mining to register themselves with the Community Health Fund (CHF) for ease of treatment when ill.

The appeal was made here at the weekend by the District's Executive Director, Sophia Kambuli during her visit to Mbugani ward in the district to listen to people's complaints, saying the cost to join the fund was only 30,000/- per household.

She said the residents of the district earn a lot of money especially during harvest period as this one, hence it was important for them to join the fund.

She added that as for now, the aim of the government is to ensure all the people, including those in the informal sector have health insurance to attain better health for all.

"CHF enables you and your family to receive treatment at all public hospitals except at referral hospitals, and I believe you earn a lot of money from your various economic activities, why do you

fail to set aside 30,000/- per year for you and your family's health?" queried Kumbuli.

She said health is the basis hence any person who is able to earn money through economic activities will fall sick one day and these activities will have to stop.

According to statistics from Mbeya Regional Medical Officer, Dr Salum Manyatta, as of December 2020 only 2.2 per cent of all residents in the region had joined CHF.

Dr Manyatta said the region began implementing the fund on April 2019 and that only 8,949 households with 37,5219 members have joined it.

He said Busokelo District was leading in registration of CHF members, attaining 3.93 per cent, followed by Rungwe District with 3.15 per cent while Chunya came third with 3.1 per cent.

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RC calls on officials to ensure water installation at newly constructed toilets at Ifwagi primary school

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Mufindi

IRINGA Regional Commissioner, Queen Sendiga has issued a two weeks ultimatum to Mufindi District education officer and the council director to install water services at the newly constructed toilets at Ifwagi primary school.

The leader also ordered the closure of old toilets at the school to protect the health and safety of more than 400 pupils.

The RC and the regional defence and security committee made an impromptu visit to the school at the weekend after getting reports from media showing that more than 400 pupils at the school were at risk of contracting diseases due to the use of unsafe toilets and lack of water.

"I want the authorities to work hard and ensure that they immediately bring water to the school," Sendiga said.

Recently, the Tanzania Postal Bank (TPB) in collaboration with the people of Ifwagi village in Ifwagi ward in Mufindi district, Iringa region has built 20 modern toilets at Ifwagi Primary School, as part of the bank giving back to the community.

The construction of modern toilets cost about 56.2m/- while the community contributed more than 10m/- as contribution in kind such as making bricks, stone quarrying, sand and water, where ten toilet holes are for female pupils, eight holes for male pupils and two latrines for teachers.

This was stated by the director of human resources and administration of TPB Bank, Diana Myonga during the inauguration of modern toilets at Ifwagi Primary School in the district recently.

She said that the presence of modern toilets in the school will help the access to sanitary toilets that will promote better learning and encourage young adolescent women to feel comfortable staying in school.

Previously, the school had eight pit latrines for girls, three toilets for boys and two toilets for pre-school pupils but were all in poor condition hence causing the spread of diseases such as cholera and dysentery.

Myonga explained that the situation endangered the health of the students and led to the fear of temporarily dropping out considering it has 463 students, of which 87 are pre-primary pupils and 376 primary school students respectively.

The lack of hygienic toilet facilities causes the spread of diseases such as cholera and dysentery and on top of that, students will be reluctant to attend school due to a lack of sanitary facilities.

Myonga also called on all education stakeholders in Mufindi and elsewhere, especially parents and guardians, to take responsibility for helping to solve the challenges faced by Ifwagi, so that children can read well and achieve success that will benefit the nation as a whole.

Earlier, the headteacher of Ifwagi Primary School, Imani Nyoni, commended the Tanzania Postal Bank for its generous support.

She said that before the support of modern toilets, the school had eight toilets for girls, three toilets for boys and two toilets for the nursery pupils respectively.

Nyoni explained that the situation endangered the health of the students and led to the fear of dropping out of school for a while, but now the school is one of the schools in Mufindi district with the most modern toilets.

She said the bank has donated ten toilets for girls, eight for boys, one for female teachers and one for male teachers respectively in order to promote safer hygiene and sanitation practices in schools that focus on hand washing and the maintenance of toilets.

"We have got the most modern toilets that need water use, but our school has no water source. This situation causes children to lose two class periods every day to seek it, so we ask for help to dig water well as without water this project is worthless," Nyoni said.

She explained that the school has a total of 463 students, of which the pre-primary students are 87 (45 boys and 42 girls) and the primary school total students are 376 (195 boys and 181 girls).

The school also has ten teachers of which three are male and seven women, the school also has six teachers' houses where the demand is 11 houses; the school has a need for 13 classrooms while the available rooms are only nine.

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PUBLICATION OF INTEREST RATES, FEES AND CHARGES

PURSUANT TO REGULATION 40(3)(a) OF THE FINANCIAL CONSUMER PROTECTION 2019 AND REGULATION 11 OF THE BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DISCLOSURE REGULATION, 2014.

TZS		USD		D. REMITTANCES	
A. SAVINGS BANK					
1. Monthly Maintenance Charges	FREE	FREE	1. TISS	TZS	11,800.00
2. Non Maintenance of Minimum Balance	FREE	FREE	2. E Remittances	USD	\$118.00
3. A/c Statement Charges	FREE	FREE	Upto USD 1000 or Eq. TZS		20,000.00
a) Monthly			1001 to 5000		24,000.00
b) Intern	5,000.00	\$5	5001 to 10000		48,000.00
4. Cash Withdrawal Charges	FREE	Upto 5000 Free	10,001 and above		100,000.00
5. Cash Deposit Charges	FREE	Above 5000 - 0.3%	3. SWIFT		
6. Balance Confirmation certificate	15,000.00	\$7	a) Swift Outward		
7. A/c Closure charges	15,000.00	\$15	Upto 5,000		NA
8. Activation of Dormat A/c	6,000.00	\$6	5,001 to 10,000		NA
B. CURRENT ACCOUNT					
1. Monthly Maintenance Charges	FREE	FREE	above 10,000		NA
2. Non Maintenance of Minimum Balance	FREE	FREE	b) Swift Inward		NA
3. A/c Statement Charges			Upto 5,000		NA
a) Monthly	5000	\$5	5,001 to 10,000		NA
b) Intern	5000+500 for each page	\$5+1 for each page	above 10,000		NA
4. Cash Withdrawal Charges	UPTO 25 MIO- FREE	Upto 5000 Free	E. LOAN/ADVANCES RELATED CHARGES		
	ABOVE 25 MIO--0.12%	5000 to 10,000 - 0.3%	1. Processing Charges	Upto 5 Mio - 25,000	Upto 5,000 - \$100
		Above 10,000 - 0.5%	5 Mio to 10 Mio - 200,000	10 Mio to 25mio - 400,000	5000 to 10,000 - \$200
5. Cash Deposit Charges	UPTO 50 MIO- FREE	Upto 10,000- Free	25 m to 500 mio - 1.5%	>500mio--1.25%*	20,000 to 500,000 - 1.5%
	ABOVE 50 MIO--0.12%	> 10,000- 0.3%	*minimum 7,5mio	>500,000--1.25%*	>500,000--1.5%*
6. Stop Payment Charges	30,000.00	\$15	2. Documentation Charges	Upto 100 mio --NIL--	Upto 50,000 --NIL--
7. Cheque Return Charges			>100 Mio 0.3% -Min 300,000	>100 Mio 0.3% -Min 300,000	>50,000 ----50
a) Inward	30,000.00	\$15	3. Upfront fee on Term Loan	Upto 5Mio - 25,000	Upto 20,000 - \$300
b) Outward	30,000.00	\$20	5 Mio to 10 Mio - 200,000	10Mio 25mio - 450,000	20,000 to 500,000 - 1.8%
8. A/c closure charges	25,000.00	\$20	25 m to 500 mio -1.8%	>500mio--1.5%*	*minimum 9000
C. MOBILE BANKING CHARGES					
1. Cash Withdrawal			4. Inspection Charges	Upto 100 Mio -25,000	Upto 50,000 - 25
Upto 100,000	2,000.00	NA	5. Credit Reference Report Charges from D&B Tanzania	>100 mio - 50,000	>50,000 ----50
101,000 to 200,000	3,000.00	NA	TZS 120,000	USD 50	
201,000 to 400,000	5,000.00	NA	6. Pre-payment penalty	2.00% of pre-paid amount in the case of takeover of liability by other bank/lenders	2.00% of pre-paid amount in the case of takeover of liability by other bank/lenders
401,000 to 600,000	6,000.00	NA	F. LETTER OF CREDIT		
601,000 to 999,000	8,000.00	NA	Import Letter of Credit (per qtr of Part thereof)		
2. Funds Transfer/Mobile Wallet					
Upto 100,000	500.00	NA	Opening commission	NA	1.2% (Min \$ 200)
101,000 to 250,000	1,000.00	NA	LC amendment Commission	NA	0.4% (Min \$50 max 350)
251,000 to 500,000	2,000.00	NA	Swift charge for LC opening	NA	\$40
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Mobile Banking Services					
A) Monthly Subscription Charges	500.00	NA	LC cancellation charges	NA	1.2% (Min \$200)
B) PIN Request	2,500.00	NA	Non payment of Bills on due date	NA	16% Till Payment
H. LOCKERS RENT YEARLY					
1. SMALL	350,000.00		Export Letters of Credit (per quarter or part thereof)		
2. MEDIUM	600,000.00		Advising commission	NA	\$140
3. BIG	750,000.00		Confirmation Commission	NA	0.5% (Min \$150)
OTHER DISCLOSURES(VIAMBATANISHI)					
TZS					
1. Base or Prime Lending Rate		16		7	
2. Maximum spread above Base or Prime Lending Rate		5		5	
3. Penal Interest					
a. For non compliance on Terms of Saction		3% p.a over regular rate of interest			
b. For Overdrawing/Excess drawing due to non payment of interest/installment/charges		5% p.a over regular rate of interest			
4. Deposit Rates					
a. Current account		Nil		Nil	
b. Savings bank deposit		3.00%		1.00%	
c. Fixed deposits					
i. Fixed Deposits of TZS		Amount in TZS		up to TZS 50 Million	
				Over TZS 50 Million up to 100 Million	
				Above 100 Million	
30 -90days		3.50%		4.50%	
91-180days		4.50%		5.50%	
181-364 days		5.50%		7.00%	
Above 1 year		8.00%		8.25%	
8.50%					
ii. Fixed Deposits of USD		Amount in USD		up to USD 50,000	
				Over USD 50,000 up to USD 100,000	
				Over USD 100,000	
30 -90days		1.50%		2.25%	
91-180days		2.00%		2.75%	
181-364 days		2.50%		3.00%	
Above 1 year		3.00%		3.50%	
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Zanzibar has work to do to catch up with reforms

CHANGES are being pursued in Zanzibar with President Hussein Ali Mwinyi naming a new team to run his office, appointing new permanent secretaries and their deputies for the supervision of the President's Office, while issuing other administrative instructions. Zanzibar Chief Secretary Zena Ahmed Saidi said in a statement late last week that the president appointed three permanent secretaries, two deputy permanent secretaries. Permanent secretaries were appointed for State House Affairs, Labour, Economy and Investments, as well as Regional Administration, Local Governments and Special SMZ Units. It is clear that these are responsibilities that touch the very core of how the revolutionary government is run.

Other appointments were equally substantive, of deputy permanent secretaries for Finance and Planning and another for Regional Administration, Local Governments and Special SMZ Units. This latter agency was given new leadership at top and assistant top civil servant level, which isn't without significance.

The need for such appointments was noticed in other directives that the president issued, instructing the Zanzibar Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Authority (ZAECA) and the police to probe suspected theft in the Zanzibar Electricity Co. (ZECO). Officers in some selling centres merit legal and disciplinary measures if they are implicated in suspicions of stealing funds in selling electricity, not issuing receipts.

There was also an expression of concern by President Mwinyi on misconduct relating to handling of materials for power supply, where

he directed the suspension of ZECO staff involved in uprooting power poles in Unguja West District-A. These are incidents that a more active presidential security unit would have noticed and curtailed in time, if an effort at linkage of the issues is attempted. Dr Mwinyi simply reminded the corporation to take poles and transformers to areas that need to be supplied with electricity.

There are other areas where the president's instructions bring to mind the sort of cycles of reform on the Mainland without clear solution as to what is the most workable formula, regarding using state funds to boost entrepreneurial outreach. The president instructed that state-based investment funds be placed under one roof, including those catering for people with disabilities, the youth and women, so that their functions are properly managed. That is a solution when there are several mismanaged funds, but if there is one big fund being mismanaged, often the solution involves decentralization, thus no formula is safe.

Other remarks by the president remind people in Dar es Salaam and elsewhere the perennial situation in the maintenance of city roads, when he pointed out that only the road from the Abeid Amani Karume International Airport to the Mnazi Mmoja Referral Hospital was being kept clean. This is the main road that state dignitaries use from time to time when moving in and out of the State House. In Dar es Salaam there were two such roads, one the Nyerere Road that leads to the airport from the city centre, another the Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road (or really an Avenue as it is lined with trees). The rest were too often potholed.

Entrepreneurship development: Testing feasibility of business ideas means a lot

FROM the moment a 'go' decision is given to a business idea, substantial funds, physical and intellectual efforts, as well as emotions, are poured into it. The failure of a business idea to be transformed into a successful business is, therefore, costly on many dimensions. To minimise the risks of those possible but avoidable losses, it is imperative that a business idea is tested on the potentialities of its commercial feasibility before that 'go' decision is given. Of the many other benefits of conducting a feasibility are that it points out the valid bases of going on with a business idea in an informed, clear, intelligent and logical way; it narrows down diverse business options thereby creating focus; it brings to light the kind of success that may be achievable over a period of time, etc.

Before we go into how a business idea could be tested for its latent commercial success, we need to first understand that there is a difference between a business feasibility study and a business plan, which two are often confused or mixed up by many. A feasibility study is to basically help determine whether or not a business idea stands an acceptable chance of viability or not. A feasibility study would, typically, bring out facts, analysis, projections, conditions and limitations for the success of a business idea while a business plan will bring out the chosen tactics and strategies required to achieve a target business success and growth. If an idea is determined to be not feasible, the need for a business plan is immediately precluded.

Having said that, we should group the tests of business feasibility into 'product tests', 'market conditions',

'financial conditions', 'resource tests' and 'risk analysis'.

Product Tests: These are all the tests in which one should establish certain fundamentals about the product (good or service) offering. What are the benefits of the product to your target market? At what price can you place the product in the market? Are there competing substitutes that can partly or completely replace your product? If there are, why should the customers patronise you and your product and not the competition and their substitutes? How are similar and substitute products doing in the markets?

In conducting these checks, it is compulsory that the entrepreneur isolates and eliminates their sentiments, desires and hopes about the product from the actual value of the product that the potential customer perceives and is willing to pay for.

All economic factors are essential to business success. In particular, however, market conditions are fundamental. All businesses require certain resources to operate and succeed. Unless those resources are provided in, at least, certain minimum quantities and at the time they are required, the business will be jeopardised. Hence, for any business idea to be transformed into a business success, you need to answer questions like: Can you provide the required funds for the take-off and continuous operations? Is the technology available for your business and its operations? Can you get the equipment, software, etc. the business will require? Will you have the skilled and unskilled manpower you need? Will the existing local, national and/or international infrastructure support or militate against the business? Etc.

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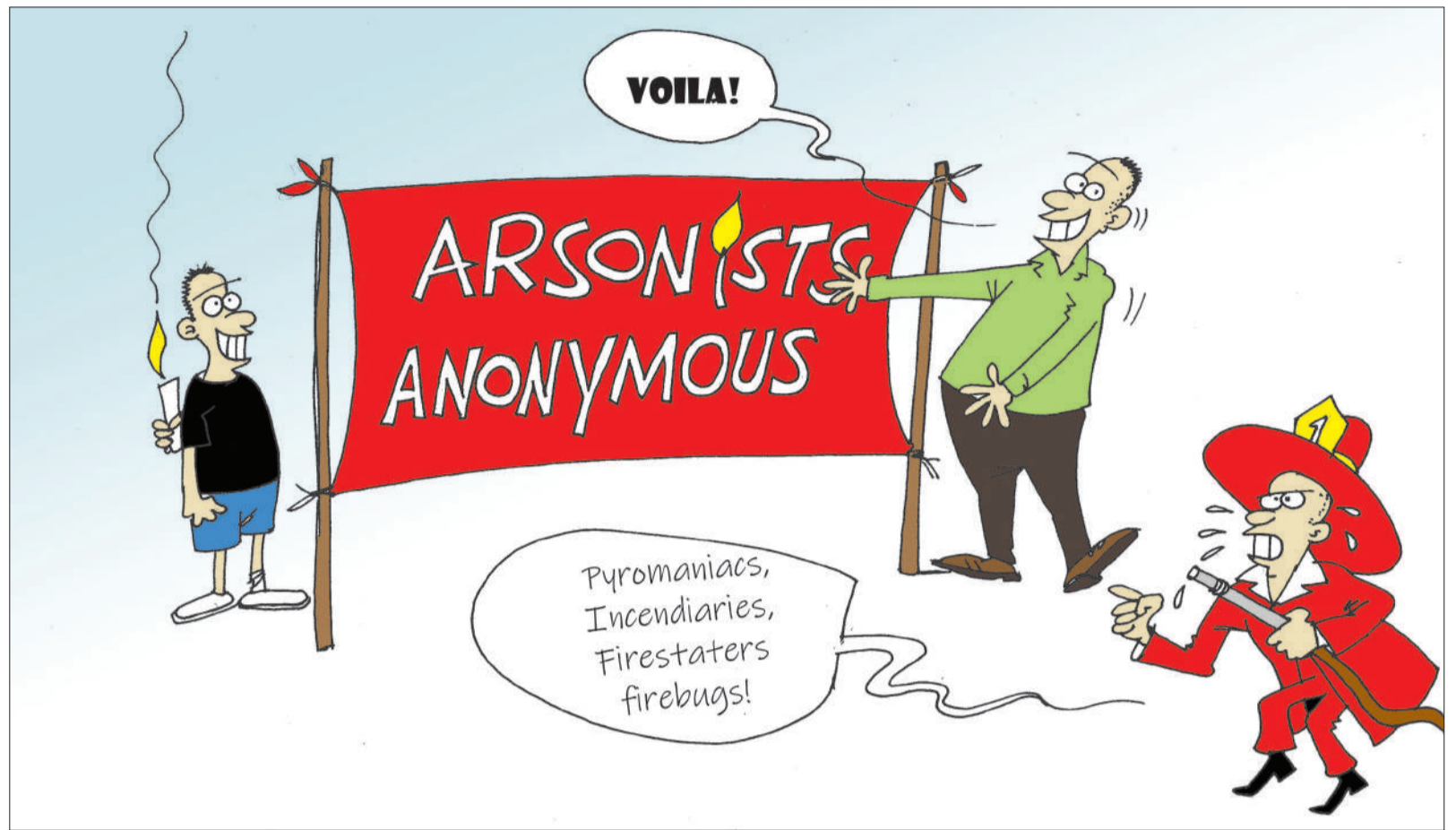
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As Covid restrictions ease, flexible working must stay on the agenda

By Peter Cheese

THE biggest legacy of the pandemic in the world of work will be in putting people more at the centre of business thinking.

The arrival of the coronavirus pandemic last year transformed many of the norms of working life. Millions of workers traded offices for their own homes, while others remained on the front line in challenging circumstances never seen before, often in lower paid jobs.

Organisations and individuals had to rapidly adapt, learned different ways of working and connecting, and very largely remained productive.

But experiences of people and the lessons learned have been varied. Millions of jobs were threatened as economies shrank and governments everywhere had to put in place extensive support schemes.

People's wellbeing has been impacted either directly from the virus or through social isolation, other life changes and uncertainty, and the pandemic is likely to cast a long shadow for months or years to come.

Perhaps the biggest legacy of the

pandemic in the world of work will be in putting people more at the centre of business thinking.

Most organisations stepped up their support to all their people, communicating more, focusing on individual wellbeing and supporting needs wherever they were working, and trusting them to work in these different ways.

Because of this, almost paradoxically, engagement scores went up and work cultures took a shift to more compassion and human level connection. Understanding of what is really possible with different ways, places and hours of working has changed, and the expectations of our workforces are greatly heightened that they will have more choice and opportunity to work in different ways in the future.

Flexible working comes in many forms - not just places of work, but hours and schedules of work. It can be good for people's wellbeing and work-life balance, effective use of time enabling productivity gains, and to support inclusion for those with constraints on where and when they can work.

Access to flexible working is already showing up as a strong factor that will attract and retain staff. As we see a tightening labour

market and recruitment challenges in sectors and key skill areas, flexible working provision should be seen as a strategic differentiator.

Prior to the pandemic, flexible working was not seen as a norm, but more as an exception. Less than 10% of jobs on average were advertised as supporting flexible working, yet patterns of work and the 'standard' working week have not changed for generations.

Cultures of work have long been dominated by presenteeism, judging performance or commitment as much on input and being visible as output produced.

This has impacted women in particular as almost 40% of women in the UK were working part-time versus only 13% of men. Even through the pandemic, there is evidence that higher proportions of people working part-time have either lost their jobs or been furloughed than those working full-time and use of flexible hours working has dropped.

The pandemic can and should act as a big catalyst for change. But as we develop more hybrid and flexible ways of working, there is much to think about.

We have to be sure of fairness in opportunity to access more flexible working, particularly between

those who may be able to work from home and those who have to be in a workplace. There is no one size fits all, and every organisation will need to consult and work with its workforce, balancing individual choice with team and organisational needs.

Workplaces will need to become more adaptable as well. Reappraising how and why we use office space should encourage greater adaptation and variation in office and work environments. And ongoing investment in workplace and collaborative technologies will be needed to help everyone work smarter, not just harder.

Fundamental to sustaining these shifts will be better training of managers at all levels. Good people management skills including the ability to work with diverse teams working in diverse ways are vital, as well as how to focus on outputs, support wellbeing, and trust and empower people effectively.

Historically this has been lacking in manager training and development and in how their performance is typically evaluated, which needs to change.

Out of crisis also comes opportunity. We all need to modernise working practices and improve wellbeing outcomes for all.

Latest Covid-19 surge in Liberia mind-boggling

By Jerry Wehete Wion

THOUSANDS die daily in India and over 650 deaths recorded just today alone in Russia from the Coronavirus. Liberia ranks number one in West Africa and the numbers could rise further. In just less than 45 days, over 150 Liberians have reportedly died from the Delta or Indian variant of the Coronavirus in Liberia.

The US global health watchdog, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC, gives Liberia its highest ranking: #4 as a Corona Hot Zone and warns US citizens to stay away from Liberia. Liberia's healthcare system is broken and has been that way since the 14-year civil war that started in 1989 and ended in 2003 and killed 250,000 Liberians.

The world pumped hundreds, perhaps a few billion dollars into Liberia during the corrupt regime of confessed war architect and

mastermind, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf in the aftermath of the 2014 Ebola crisis that killed nearly 5000 Liberians, but she left nothing behind after 12 years of a failed presidency.

The once prestigious John F. Kennedy Hospital, a gift to Liberia from America in the 1960s where African leaders sought medical care is today not fit to treat one's dog. JFK has been neglected by post war Liberian leaders who seek the best of medical care in either the United States, Europe, South Africa or Ghana. The poor are left to fend for themselves or at the mercy of God.

Why this latest surge or resurgence of the Coronavirus in Liberia? Experts have it that it is rooted in corruption. As thousands die of each day in India, many Indians fled to corrupt regimes in West Africa. Those that found their way to Liberia reportedly bribed their way into the country and were not properly screened

by Healthcare workers and Immigration officers. The Indians supposedly brought the deadly and potent Delta or Indian variant with them. And Liberians are now living with the consequences of selling out the venerable population by a few corrupt politicians for money.

Because the failed healthcare system has collapsed under the weight of Corona crisis, there is no way to tell who has died and or contracted the virus in Liberia. Reports have it that a Vice President and a professor at Cuttington College in Gbarnga, Central Liberia; Christine Tolbert-Norman, a daughter of former President William R. Tolbert; former Finance Minister John Bessman; former Information Minister Emmanuel Bowier; the mother or mother-in-law of the Minister of State for Presidential Affairs Nathaniel McGill are among nearly 200 Liberians killed by the virus.

Former Indian Consul General

and the wealthy owner of the Jetty Corporation in Monrovia reportedly brought over 100 Indians into Liberia. Health authorities and Immigration officers reportedly prevented the Indians from entry at Roberts International Airport but sources have it that he bypassed the process by placing a call to higher ups in the government who then gave the greenlight for the potentially infected Indians to enter Liberia.

While this carnage is raging, Liberia's globe-trotting President George Manneh Weah flew to Paris, France to attend a meeting.

Meanwhile, the virus has spread to other parts of the country including to faraway Harper City in Maryland County near the border with the Ivory Coast. The government has yet to impose a nationwide curfew or ban on schools, religious gatherings and other events. Say your prayers Liberians. Just a thought and not a sermon.

'CPC always puts people first'

By Qu Song

THE history of the Communist Party of China (CPC) is one in which the CPC has led the Chinese people to overcome all kinds of difficulties and make new achievements one after another," said former Lao Deputy Prime Minister Somsavat Lengsavad in a recent interview.

Under the leadership of the CPC, China has paved a path of socialism with Chinese characteristics that well suits its national conditions, said Somsavat, also a former politburo member of the Central Committee of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party (LPRP).

Speaking of China developing into the world's second largest economy in a very short period of time since its reform and opening up, Somsavat called it a very remarkable progress for a major country with 1.4 billion people.

Somsavat has witnessed and been a part of the friendly exchanges between Laos and China since 1960s. Later, he served as the foreign minister of Laos, the head of the LPRP Central Committee's commission for external relations, and deputy prime minister of the country successively.

"The attention-getting development achievements made by China came from the strong leadership of the CPC," Somsavat NOTED. Since the 18th CPC National Congress in 2012, the CPC Central Committee with comrade Xi Jinping as the core has carried forward its fine traditions, deepened all-round reform with enormous political courage and wisdom, and brought the socialism with Chinese characteristics into a new era, he explained, adding that China's development has been constantly scaled onto new heights.

In 2005, general secretary Xi Jinping of the CPC Central Committee, who then served as the secretary of the Zhejiang Provincial Committee of the CPC, led a CPC delegation to visit Laos. He was received by Somsavat, who was the head of the LPRP Central Committee's commis-



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sion for external relations at that time.

Ten years later, Choummaly Sayasone, the then General Secretary of the LPRP and Lao President, paid a visit to China. He was accompanied by Somsavat, the then deputy prime minister of Laos.

Somsavat said the Lao delegation was surprised and touched by President Xi when the latter, at a welcoming banquet, recognized Sounthone Xayachack, the then head of the LPRP Central Committee's commission for external relations who accompanied him on a visit to Luang Prabang during his 2005 trip to Laos.

"General secretary Xi is erudite, sincere and cordial. I'm respect-

ful to him for his charisma, pragmatism and love for the people," Somsavat said.

He introduced that the LPRP attaches high importance on learning Chinese governance experiences. On a politburo meeting of the LPRP, he specifically made a presentation on CPC's efforts to combat corruption, in which he explained the Chinese term "taking out tigers and swatting flies," which means an official, no matter how high his or her position is, must be severely punished once he or she violates the Party disciplines or laws.

"The Lao side agrees with the CPC's governance philosophy which always puts people in the first place, and is holding similar

values itself," said Somsavat, who has visited China for times, attending seminars and the China-ASEAN Exposition. The Lao politician is grateful to China for sharing its experiences unreservedly.

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The completion of an irrigation project implemented under China's

preferential export buyer's credit policy in Laos' Khammouan province in 2015 has formed a 2,800-hectare irrigated area, Somsavat said, adding that the project has significantly improved local residents' livelihood, raised grain production and lowered impacts of floods.

In August 2015, Somsavat, on behalf of the Lao side, signed the Joint General Scheme of Mohan-Boten Economic Cooperation Zone with China in Beijing. The economic cooperation zone is the second cross-border economic cooperation zone established by China and its bordering country. It is an important measure for China and Laos to create new cooperation mode and accelerate opening up. The building

of a Laos-China community with a shared future has injected enormous impetus into the economic and social development of Laos, Somsavat noted.

Facing the challenges brought by the COVID-19 epidemic, Somsavat said, China was the first country to control the virus and restore economic and social development. It was because the CPC has always put the Chinese people, as well as their lives and health in the first place, he explained.

The institutional advantages of China were well exhibited amid the epidemic, which demonstrated the leadership and execution of the CPC and the Chinese government, Somsavat said.

"Through the fight against the virus, Laos has gained a better understanding of the CPC's governance philosophy that always puts people first and of the institutional advantages of socialism, which further reinforced the country's resolution and confidence in pursuing socialism," Somsavat said.

He stressed that the joint construction of the Belt and Road and the building of a community with a shared future for mankind are connecting countries closer, providing new ideas and schemes for the promotion of world peace and development, as well as win-win cooperation.

The Laos side appreciates China's efforts to safeguard multilateralism, promote the reform in global governance system, and facilitate global peaceful development and human civilization progress, Somsavat said, adding that China's practices are in line with the common aspiration of the people around the world.

Somsavat believes that under the strong leadership of the CPC Central Committee with comrade Xi Jinping as the core, China will definitely achieve its goals. Guided by the philosophy of building a community with a shared future for mankind, China will work together with the rest of the world to make the planet a better place.

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Europe's climate masterplan aims to slash emissions within decade

BRUSSELS

THE European Union is set to take the lead in climate policy action among the world's biggest greenhouse gas emitters this week, with a raft of ambitious plans designed to cut emissions drastically over the next decade.

The policies, if approved, would put the bloc - the world's third-largest economy - on track for its goal of reducing planet-warming emissions 55 percent by 2030, from 1990 levels.

The "Fit for 55" package being released on Wednesday will still face months of negotiations between the 27 EU countries and the European Parliament.

Other major economies including the United States have committed to achieving net zero emissions, which scientists say the world must reach by 2050 to avoid catastrophic climate change.

But the EU is the first to overhaul its legislation to drive greener choices within this decade among the bloc's 25 million businesses and nearly half a billion people.

"Everybody has a target. But translating it into policies that lead to real emission reductions, that's the most difficult part," said Jos Delbeke, a former senior policymaker who developed some of the EU's flagship climate policies.

By 2019, the EU had cut its emissions 24 percent from 1990 levels. That leaves another 31 percent to reach the 55 percent target - and just nine years to do it.

Economy-wide

The European Commission will propose 12 policies on Wednesday, targeting four areas: energy, industry, transport, and the heating of buildings.

Emissions in Europe's electricity sector are falling fast, but other sectors have been stuck.

Emissions from cars, planes and ships, which make up a quarter of the EU total, are rising. Buildings produce a third of the bloc's emissions and, like Europe's factories, many homes use heat produced from fossil fuels.

The draft measures aim to encourage companies and consumers to choose greener options over polluting ones.

For example, a leaked draft of one proposal would tax polluting jet fuel for the first time and give low-carbon aviation fuels a 10-year tax holiday. A revamp of the EU carbon market is also expected to hike CO2 costs for industry, power plants and airlines, and force ships to pay for their pollution.

The list of proposals is long. Tougher EU CO2 standards for cars could effectively ban sales of new petrol and diesel cars in 2035. EU countries will face more ambitious targets for expanding renewable energy.

Brussels will also unveil the details of its world-first carbon border tariff, targeting imports of goods produced abroad with high emissions such as steel and cement. That has unnerved EU trading partners, including Russia.



Climate policies come home

The political road ahead will likely be rough, as EU countries and the European Parliament negotiate the proposals.

Already, the plans have exposed familiar rifts between richer western and Nordic EU states where electric vehicle sales are soaring, and poorer eastern countries that are worried about the social cost of weaning their economies off coal.

EU member capitals are particularly worried about the Commission's plan to launch a carbon market for transport and home heating, potentially raising household fuel bills.

The Commission has promised a social fund to shield low-income households from the costs, and is urging countries to use the EU's 800-billion-euro COVID-19 recovery fund to help people insulate their homes and create jobs in clean technologies like hydrogen.

The unveiling of "Fit for 55" will make climate policies more visible to EU citizens than ever before, testing Europe's widespread public support for ambitious climate action. By making climate policies more visible to EU citizens than ever before, "Fit for 55" is set to test public support for ambitious climate action.

"There's no hiding that this package comes in the middle of a massive socio-economic crisis," said Manon Dufour of independent climate-change think-tank E3G. The EU "has to be even more careful about the social impacts".

Policymakers are also braced for a storm of industry lobbying. Europe's steel and cement sectors are already fighting plans to end free CO2 permits and force manufacturers to pay more when they pollute.

Past attempts to tighten CO2 standards for carmakers have faced fierce industry opposition. But with European giants like Volkswagen already committed to ending combustion-engine car sales in Europe in the 2030s, some governments say now is the time to bring laggards into line.

"The Commission needs to basically wake up and smell the coffee - that now is the time to actually cement that into legislation," an EU diplomat said, of the potential proposal to ban sales of new combustion engine cars by 2035.

First-mover (dis)advantages

With its world-first package, the EU also aims to burnish its global climate leadership position. It is unclear if that will be enough, however, to elicit similarly ambitious action from other major economies at the UN climate conference in November in Glasgow, Scotland.

"The challenge is that other big players - the US specifically - will need to be on board," said Tom Rivett-Carnac, the UN's chief political strategist in the run-up to the 2015 Paris Agreement. "Whether the EU can achieve this diplomatically remains to be seen."

Brussels says it is time to take Europe's climate policies global. Much of the diplomatic lift required will be on the carbon border tariff, which the EU says will put its firms on more equal footing with competitors in countries with weaker carbon policies.

The proposals would also push EU industry to invest in expensive green technologies. Moving early could give European firms a competitive edge in global markets for new products like low-carbon steel produced from green hydrogen, but producing those products will cost manufacturers more.

"At the end of this transformation, our economy will look a lot better, and we can get the climate crisis under control," Frans Timmermans, the EU Commissioner in charge of climate policy, told CNN last week. "And that's the whole point."

Many countries tighten restrictions amid spread of Delta variant of COVID-19

BEIJING

MANY countries have tightened their restrictions to curb the spread of the Delta COVID-19 variant first detected in India, as the highly contagious virus has been reported in more than 90 countries and regions around the world.

The Delta variant, dominating the new infections recorded in South Africa, was the major contributor to the country's third wave of COVID-19 pandemic, Tulio de Oliveira, director of the KwaZulu-Natal Research Innovation and Sequencing Platform, said Saturday at a press briefing.

South Africa, worst-affected nation in terms of coronavirus cases and deaths in Africa, recorded more than 15,000 new cases Sunday including 122 deaths, taking the national count of confirmed cases to 1,928,897, according to data by the National Institute for Communicable Diseases.

During a televised speech on Sunday, President Cyril Ramaphosa said his country will move to lockdown Level 4 for 14 days with stringent measures to contain the surge in cases.

From June 28 to July 11, "all gatherings whether indoors or outdoors are prohibited. These include religious, political, cultural and social gatherings. A curfew will be in place from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m., and all non-essential establishments will need to close by 8 p.m.," he said.

Restaurants must only serve takeaways and not allow people to eat in their premises, said the president. To ease the pressure placed on hospital services by alcohol-related emergency incidents, the sale of alcohol is prohibited for both on-site and off-site consumption.

Schools will start closing from June 30, and all schools will be expected to be closed by the end of the week.



A health worker administers a dose of COVID-19 vaccine to a woman in Hyderabad, India, on June 24, 2021. (Xinhua)

"Our priority is to break the chain of transmission by reducing person-to-person contact and thereby help flatten the curve," said Ramaphosa. "The measures that we are putting in place now are designed to allow as much economic activity to continue as possible, while containing the spread of the virus."

Kuwait, which announced

the discovery of the first cases of the Delta COVID-19 variant on June 14, is also suffering from an increase in cases. On Sunday, the country registered 1,558 new COVID-19 cases, raising the nationwide tally to 351,481, the Kuwaiti Health Ministry reported.

Also on Sunday, Kuwait started to implement a government decision to allow

only vaccinated citizens and residents to visit shopping malls, salons, gyms, and restaurants in the country.

Last week, Ahmad Al-Manfouhi, general director of Kuwait Municipality, said in a statement that armed forces of the country will join state bodies to confront the spread of coronavirus and to apply the government decision on restricting access

to public venues for unvaccinated people.

Al-Manfouhi, who also heads the main committee to follow up on the implementation of health measures, said that the committee discussed on Wednesday the mechanism for implementing the government decision.

The committee decided to use the armed forces to help civilian health teams implement the decision, starting next Sunday, which is the starting date for restricting unvaccinated citizens and residents from entering restaurants, cafes, gyms, salons, and shopping malls covering more than 6,000 square meters.

Al-Manfouhi said that Kuwait needs to intensify the application of health requirements during the next two months, hoping to achieve herd immunity by increasing the percentage of vaccinated people.

Australia's most populous state of New South Wales on Saturday reported a record daily increase of 30 locally acquired COVID-19 cases, all of which were linked to the Bondi cluster in east Sydney.

The total number of local cases in the state's latest outbreak reached 112 since June 16, when the index case for the Bondi cluster -- a driver who transported international flight crew -- was reported. The driver was confirmed to be infected with the Delta variant.

The Northern Territory (NT) "is now facing its biggest threat" since the COVID-19 crisis began, Chief Minister of NT Michael Gunner said on Sunday, adding that its capital city Darwin would enter a lockdown for 48 hours.

The full lockdown was effective from local time 1:00 p.m. on Sunday at Darwin, Palmerston and Darwin rural areas, following confirmation of four new COVID-19 positive cases linked to a gold mine worker who tested positive on Friday night, according to a statement by the NT government. The virus could be the highly infectious Delta strain, according to Australian media.

During the lockdown, people living in these areas are only permitted to leave home for five reasons, including medical treatment, essential goods and services, essential work and so on. Masks must be worn if people leave their place of residence.

Other Aussie states, including the state of Western Australia and the state of South Australia, have also rolled out preventive measures to fight the pandemic.

The Delta variant, which was initially identified in India in December 2020, is the fastest and fittest coronavirus strain that will "pick off" the most vulnerable people, the World Health Organization said on June 21. **Xinhua**

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Financing constraints emerge as climate change unfolds in Africa

NAIROBI

IT is apparent that there is no sign of life on the land whose surface is extremely dry and cracked due to harsh drought conditions.

Away from the land, an emaciated flamingo stands at a spot that once hosted a lake pondering its next move.

The lake is dry and what remains as a reminder of its existence is a sunken spot.

These are artists' impressions of the worst that is currently happening in Africa as climate change unfolds and what may come in the future if mitigation measures are not mitigated.

But the artists did not only paint a picture of the negatives.

In a sketch, another artist showed a woman cooking using an improved cook stove as one of the climate adaptation measures.

The drawings were displayed on Friday at a two-day exhibition on climate change dubbed Climate Story Lab Africa in Nairobi.

The forum brought together artists, poets, storytellers and campaigners from the grassroots to international levels from across Africa.

"We are destroying the earth yet people are looking the other way. No earth, no life," said a Tanzanian poet.

Africa, just as other parts of the world, is facing extreme climatic conditions that are threatening the existence of life.

And as the effects of climate change unfold, the continent is battling dry spells, heavy rains, colder conditions and locust invasion, all that are coming in quick succession.

It is these changes that prompted the climate activists to hold the forum and discuss the threat that climate change is, the challenges experienced, how they can be tackled and efforts being done at the grassroots to fight the global problem.

Lydia Muthya, a climate activist in Makueni County, east of the Kenyan capital Nairobi, said every year, her community members come up with proposals on climate adaptation and present to the local government for funding.

"Sometimes we are given money, but most of the time we are not but one of the projects we have carried out is educating farmers to adopt climate-smart farming," she said, highlighting a challenge many climate organizations are grappling with.

And as the world prepares for the UN Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP 26) from Nov. 1 to Nov. 12 in Glasgow, Scotland, the funding hurdle emerged as one of the biggest challenges climate campaigners are facing across Africa.

Michael Okumu, deputy director, climate change negotiations and finance, in Kenya's Ministry of Environment, said funding challenges are slowing down the fight against climate change in Africa.

"Globally, there are funding bottlenecks. Funds are not reaching the



Many cities lack the green spaces needed to boost climate change efforts

intended programs in various countries to tackle climate change despite top nations committing to provide support," he said.

He noted that most of the funds being released are for climate mitigation programs, and not adaptation and donors are dictating what should be done with the money.

"Donors are finding it easier to fund climate mitigation initiatives as opposed to adaptation because the former are quantifiable," he said.

He noted that while there should be parity between climate adaptation and mitigation financing, the

problem globally is that there is no goodwill coming through in terms of committing funds by top nations.

"With climate change, no one is safe until everyone is safe. Donors should not put roadblocks to climate financing. Going into COP 26, world leaders should come up with bold steps in climate finance and in ambition," he said.

The G20 nations in Cop25 promised to deliver 100 billion dollars a year for poor countries, including those in Africa, to adopt clean energy and mitigate climate change, a promise that has not been actualized.

Salina Sanou, head of programs at Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) observed that many African countries and across the world have problems fulfilling commitments made to finance climate initiatives as climate change unfolds.

The COVID-19 pandemic has made the crisis worse as funds are diverted to tackle the crisis first, she added.

According to John Kitui, Kenyan country director of Oxfam, climate change effects are unfolding faster because financing is not working at the grassroots.

"We have to make commitments

and invest in climate regeneration projects to make a sustainable environment. People have to make decisions that support climate sustainability," he said.

However, African countries were accused of failing to institute policies that anchor climate change in their development.

"African cities are developing faster but we are not seeing many of them integrating climate mitigation measures in these developments. All we are seeing are concrete structures and no greener spaces or buildings," said Zeynab Wandati, a climate activist and journalist.

Rise in Lake Tanganyika's water levels triggers humanitarian needs in Burundi

BUJUMBURA

DURING the past two years persistent heavy rain, followed by floods, landslides, and strong winds, has raised Lake Tanganyika to dangerous levels, engulfing entire roads, markets, school playgrounds and churches.

At first, the downpours soon began to wreak havoc on lives and livelihoods in the Republic of Burundi and across the entire sub-region.

The world's second-deepest lake - and 600 km at its longest points - is shared between Burundi, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Zambia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo - and none has been spared from devastation.

In Burundi alone, more than 52,000 people have been affected by flooding since March this year, according to IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix, although the real number is likely much higher. Almost half have been internally displaced and thousands of homes flooded.

Entire fields of crops have been wiped out - a devastating loss of at least a year's worth of food stocks for many of the more than 90 per cent of Burundians who rely on subsistence farming.

Burundi is among the world's 20 most vulnerable countries to climate change, as well as being one of the least prepared to combat it due to the exceptional severity of natural hazards.

There were 127,775 internally displaced persons in the country as of May 2021, of which 54 per cent were women. Around 85 per cent of

those displacements happened in the context of disasters.

It is cold comfort to note that the country's emergency response is chronically underfunded. According to the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), only 17 per cent of the USD 194.7 million needed for the 2021 Burundi Humanitarian Response Plan has been met. Little additional funding has gone into IOM's recently released Burundi Crisis Response Plan 2021.

"Right now, people have no home to go back to. They don't know when their next meal will be," says Michael Asima, Emergency and Preparedness Coordinator for IOM Burundi. "It is critical that we get more funding to respond to the immediate needs of the most vulnerable."

In the meantime, IOM's emergency team and humanitarian partners, working alongside the Government of Burundi, have mobilized to respond to the most urgent needs of the most vulnerable people. Top of the list is access to safe shelter, clean water, basic hygiene services and protection support.

The timing of the floods has an inescapable bitter irony to it; about the same time last year, roughly 30,000 people were displaced by flooding as the Rusizi River overflowed its banks. Many have been unable to return to their homes and continue to live with friends and neighbours, or in temporary shelter sites. The renewed flooding has further strained these host communities who are barely able to cope.

Along some parts of the Burundi coast where the land is particularly low-lying, neighbourhoods have been abandoned, with many houses



Odette, mother of five, moves her belongings out of her house, worried it will collapse. A neighbouring family has offered her temporary shelter.

es still under construction.

Kingfishers dip and soar through broken windows and flourishing reeds that now fill living rooms in waters two metres deep. Invasive plants snake their way up walls and weave through unfinished roofing. The forces of nature have defiantly reclaimed the territory and forced thousands of people out.

"If this continues into 2022 the destruction will be enormous, requiring an inventory of the economic and human cost to design a recovery plan," says Gabriel Hazikimana, Environment Director for Lake Tanganyika Authorities in Burundi.

According to data from the Geo-

graphic Institute of Burundi, the lake-rise is a cyclical phenomenon that occurs every 50 to 60 years. The current flooding is widely attributed to climate change.

"In previous years when the lake rose, the rain would stop and give time for it to go back down," Hazikimana said. "We just did a study that shows that the temperature in the region is likely to continue increasing, and this could mean more rainfall. We will see if next year there is a miracle."

Even if the level of the lake recedes, its sand base is at risk of contamination from polluted waters that have picked up trash and contaminated sediments (from latrines,

for example). To get to school, children are forced to wade through the floodwaters, exposing them to the likelihood of illnesses such as cholera and malaria.

For homeowners, the flooded houses represent a loss. Their foundations have been waterlogged for so long that they will eventually collapse, posing a major safety hazard to anyone who dares to return.

This dire situation has placed the spotlight on on-going efforts to boost Burundians' resilience to such natural hazards.

Leading the way is the National Platform for Risk Prevention and Disaster Management and IOM Burundi's Disaster Risk Reduction

(DRR) team. Together with OXFAM and with funding from the European Union, IOM Burundi is implementing the most comprehensive DRR project to date (officially launched 7 July 2020) and which will reach the whole country.

The resultant project is aimed at sustainably linking the humanitarian response with development efforts.

In practice, this entails mapping out areas at risk of natural hazards in all of the country's 18 provinces. Just as important, it evaluates the level of vulnerability and the country's capacity to respond to disasters and the mobility impacts, while also assisting national authorities to develop informed and up-to-date contingency plans per province.

Building a robust DRR response also requires boosting the technical expertise of national and local authorities, in addition to supporting vulnerable communities to access innovative techniques and tools to better prepare for and respond to disasters. One such technique is the Vulnerability Risk Assessment, an existing tool that IOM Burundi built on to empower communities to better cope and minimize their vulnerabilities by identifying all risk factors.

"We must better align response strategies to displacement and civil protection plans with our national plan for development and risk reduction," reiterated Mr. Gral. Anicet Nibaruta, Head of National Platform for Disaster Risk Management, Burundi.

Another innovative tool in the pipeline is an online platform that will centralize all datasets, maps and reports in user-friendly formats. This will give stakeholders easy access to the information, results and recommendations used and generated by the project.

Uganda orders fresh COVID-19 tests for all migrant workers

KAMPALA

THE Ugandan government has introduced free confirmatory COVID-19 tests for all migrant workers traveling out of the country, Chimp Corps report.

"With effect from Sunday 11th July, 2021 to 12:00am-midnight, the Ministry of Health will test the high-risk group of migrant workers, 24 hours before flights," said Health Min-

istry Permanent Secretary Dr Diana Atwine in a letter to the Ministry of Gender dated July 8.

"This will be done at a free cost under the Government of Uganda laboratory arrangement," she added.

Dr Atwine said the Ministry of Health "will conduct a free confirmatory test for these travelers 24 hours before their flights."

She added: "These measures

are arising out of the increasing number of Ugandans with negative COVID-19 certificates who are testing positive at their final destinations."

The development comes weeks after hundreds of Ugandan travelers carrying negative test results tested positive for COVID-19 at Dubai airport.

This investigative website on Saturday reported how United Arab Emirates (UAE) authorities suspended flights from

Uganda over high COVID-19 cases of Ugandans arriving in Dubai. On June 6, 2021, out of 158 passengers who arrived in Dubai from Uganda, 113 tested positive for COVID-19. A day later, out of 161 passengers, 72 tested positive on arrival in Dubai, sending shockwaves across UAE.

Yet, when leaving, passengers at Entebbe International Airport are required to present a negative COVID-19 test taken

within 120 hours of departure from Uganda.

As a result of this situation, UAE government directed Emirates to suspend passenger flights from Zambia and Uganda to Dubai, effective 2359hrs on 11 June 2021, until further notice.

Between 400 and 700 Ugandan migrants depart from Entebbe International Airport every day for jobs mainly in the Middle East (UAE, Saudi

Arabia, Qatar and Kuwait.

These low-skilled migrant workers take up low-wage occupations in homes, hotels, schools, airports and social places in the Middle East.

These Gulf states, which rely on migrants for labour, are keen on preventing importation of COVID-19 cases.

Over 90 percent of private sector workers in the UAE and Qatar are foreigners and 80 percent or higher in Saudi Ara-

bia and Kuwait.

After UAE suspended flights from Uganda over the alarming COVID-19 cases arriving from Uganda, there was fear in Kampala that the Gulf States could ban Ugandan migrant workers.

This would have had disastrous consequences for the Ugandan economy.

In 2019, remittance inflows to Uganda stood at US\$1.4bn in 2019 and US\$1.1bn in 2020.

SPECIAL REPORT

Afghan pilots assassinated by Taliban as US withdraws

By Phil Stewart, Idrees Ali and Hamid Shalizi

AFGHAN Air Force Major Dastagir Zamaray had grown so fearful of Taliban assassinations of off-duty forces in Kabul that he decided to sell his home to move to a safer pocket of Afghanistan's sprawling capital.

Instead of being greeted by a prospective buyer at his realtor's office earlier this year, the 41-year-old pilot was confronted by a gunman who walked inside and, without a word, fatally shot the real estate agent in the mouth.

Zamaray reached for his sidearm but the gunman shot him in the head. The father of seven collapsed dead on his 14-year-old son, who had tagged along. The boy was spared, but barely speaks anymore, his family says.

Zamaray "only went there because he personally knew the realtor and thought it was safe," Samiullah Darman, his brother-in-law, told Reuters. "We didn't know that he would never come back."

At least seven Afghan pilots, including Zamaray, have been assassinated off base in recent months, according to two senior Afghan government officials. This series of targeted killings, which haven't been previously reported, illustrate what U.S. and Afghan officials believe is a deliberate Taliban effort to destroy one of Afghanistan's most valuable military assets: its corps of U.S.- and NATO-trained military pilots.

In so doing, the Taliban -- who have no air force -- are looking to level the playing field as they press major ground offensives. The militants are quickly seizing territory once controlled by the U.S.-backed government of President Ashraf Ghani, raising fears they could eventually try to topple Kabul.

Reuters confirmed the identities of two of the slain pilots through family members. It could not independently verify the names of the other five who were allegedly targeted.

In response to questions from Reuters, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid confirmed the group had killed Zamaray, and that it had started a program that will see Afghan Air Force pilots "targeted and eliminated because all of them do bombardment against their people."

A U.N. report documented 229 civilian deaths caused by the Taliban in Afghanistan in the first three months of 2021, and 41 civilian deaths caused by the Afghan Air Force over the same period.

Afghanistan's government has not publicly disclosed the number of pilots assassinated in targeted killings. The nation's Defense Ministry did not respond to requests for comment. The Pentagon said it was aware of the deaths of several Afghan pilots in killings claimed by the Taliban, but declined comment on U.S. intelligence and investigations.

Afghan military pilots are particularly attractive assassination targets, current and former U.S. and Afghan officials say. They can strike Taliban forces massing for major attacks, shuttle commandos to missions and provide life-saving air cover for Afghan ground troops. Pilots take years to train and are hard to replace, representing an outsized blow to the country's defenses with every loss.

Shoot-downs and accidents are ever-present risks. Yet these pilots often are most vulnerable in the streets of their own neighborhoods, where attackers can come from anywhere, said retired U.S. Brigadier General David Hicks, who commanded the training effort for the Afghan Air Force from 2016 to 2017.

"Their lives were at much greater risk during that time (off base) than they were while they were flying combat missions," Hicks



A member of the Afghan air force marshals in an A-29 Super Tucano at Hamid Karzai International Airport near Kabul, Afghanistan, January 15, 2016. Picture taken January 15, 2016. REUTERS

said.

Although Taliban assassinations of pilots have happened in years past, the recent killings take on greater significance as the Afghan Air Force is tested like never before.

Just last week, U.S. forces left America's main military bastion in Afghanistan, Bagram Air Base outside Kabul, as they complete their withdrawal from the country 20 years after ousting the Taliban following the Al Qaeda attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

"Pilots are on top of the Taliban's hit list," the senior Afghan government official said.

That Afghan official and two others, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they're working to protect pilots and their families, moving some to on-base housing and relocating others to safer civilian neighborhoods.

A White House National Security Council spokesperson strongly condemned "all targeted assassinations in Afghanistan" and stressed U.S. commitments to continue providing security assistance to the Afghan military.

The Afghan Air Force is heavily dependent on U.S. training, equipment and maintenance as well as logistics to ensure a reliable pipeline of munitions and spare parts. The Pentagon has yet to fully detail how it will keep Afghan aviators flying after the U.S.-led mission formally ends in coming weeks, as ordered by President Joe Biden.

The Pentagon told Reuters it would seek to provide Afghanistan with extra aircraft to ease the strain of combat losses and maintenance downtime.

David Petraeus, a former CIA director and former commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan, warned that failure of the United States to provide enough support for the Afghan military could be disastrous.

"We are potentially consigning Afghanistan and the Afghan people to a civil war," Petraeus said in an interview.

Washington is moving to evacuate interpreters who worked for the U.S. military, but it's unclear if the Biden administration would risk doing the same for Afghan forces, like pilots. Some officials believe offering an exit strategy for elite Afghan troops could accelerate a feared collapse following the U.S. withdrawal.

U.S. intelligence assessments have warned that the Afghan government could fall in as little as six months, two U.S. officials told Reuters.

"No one wants to have the (Afghan forces) preemptively throw in the towel," another U.S. official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

PRECIOUS, OVER-STRETCHED

Two Afghan Air Force pilots were killed on June 7 while trying to evacuate troops wounded during a surge of fight-

ing against the Taliban insurgency.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for shooting down their Russian-made, U.S.-financed Mi-17 helicopter. Local media identified the deceased pilots as Milad Massoud and Abdul Alim Shahrayari. The Afghan Defense Ministry said in a statement that the aircraft crashed, but it did not say why, nor would it identify the pilots. An Afghan official, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed the chopper was shot down.

Both the crew and the aircraft were precious.

The Afghan fleet contained just 13 Mi-17 helicopters and 65 qualified aircrews of pilots and co-pilots to fly them, according to U.S. military data from April 2021 and November 2020, respectively.

Those data show the entire Afghan Air Force comprises 339 qualified aircrews and 160 aircraft -- less than a quarter of the fleet size of U.S. commercial carrier Southwest Airlines. The "usable" fleet is even smaller -- around 140 aircraft -- after accounting for aircraft undergoing maintenance, according to the same April data.

Built in America's image, the Afghan Air Force is equipped with UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters and lumbering C-130H transport aircraft, neither of which Afghans know how to maintain, according to a Pentagon report released in April. Those aircraft are serviced by U.S.-funded contractors, which also handle most maintenance for the rest of the fleet, including A-29 Super Tucano light attack aircraft, AC-208 Eliminator planes and MD-530 helicopters, according to that report.

A separate 2020 report by the Pentagon's Lead Inspector General warned that Afghanistan's fleet would stop being "combat effective" within a few months if the Afghan Air Force were to lose contractor support. The Pentagon has not said how many contractors will remain in Afghanistan.

Reuters contacted two large U.S. defense contractors that support the Afghan Air Force: Leidos Holdings Inc and DynCorp International, now part of Amentum Services Inc. Spokespeople for those companies declined to say how many contractors, if any, were still in Afghanistan.

In comments to Reuters, the Pentagon acknowledged the withdrawal of contractors could impact routine maintenance, something it was working to address. Spokesman Major Rob Lodewick said it had already become common practice to send aircraft abroad for heavy maintenance.

Petraeus said that's not only costly, but it's "impractical" in a wartime setting to fly aircraft out of Afghanistan for repairs. Remote instruction and meetings via video-conference also have natural limitations.

Along with Afghanistan's Special Forces, the Afghan Air

Force is a pillar of the nation's strategy for preventing a Taliban takeover of cities. In addition to providing air cover and performing bombing raids, pilots conduct medical evacuations, ferry supplies and transport troops for the country's over-stretched army.

Since Biden's April withdrawal announcement, Taliban militants have more than doubled the number of districts under their control in Afghanistan to 203, which is nearly half the country's 407 districts, according to the Long War Journal, an online publication associated with the conservative think-tank Foundation for Defense of Democracies in Washington. Reuters could not independently verify the data.

Western security officials said insurgent forces have captured more than 100 districts, but the Taliban say they have control of more than 200 districts in 34 provinces comprising over half the Central Asian country.

The U.S. military has stopped releasing its tally of Taliban-controlled districts and says that information is now classified. But on Thursday, a Pentagon spokesman acknowledged the Taliban had taken "dozens" of district centers.

Swift gains by the Taliban are putting more strain on Afghan Air Force crews and aircraft to repel the advances, four U.S. officials said.

Even before the latest wave of Taliban offensives, the Afghan Air Force was flying missions at a faster pace than anticipated, piling up maintenance checks that took more planes out of circulation, according to a May report by the Pentagon's Inspector General.

General Austin Miller, the commander of U.S.-led forces in Afghanistan, warned on June 29 that he was concerned about "overuse" of the Afghan Air Force.

"If you overuse the organizations, it's difficult for them to ... reconstitute," Miller told reporters. In remarks from the White House on Thursday, Biden said aid to Afghanistan's military would continue after the U.S. military mission ends on Aug 31. But Biden was hardly optimistic about Afghanistan's future, casting doubt on the two-decade-old project to

preserve a unified, centralized state. Still, he said a Taliban victory was not inevitable.

"I trust the capacity of the Afghan military, which is better trained, better equipped and more competent" than the Taliban, he told reporters.

STAY AND FIGHT?

It wasn't just Taliban death threats against him and his family that drove decorated Afghan helicopter pilot Major Naiem Asadi out of Afghanistan. Asadi said the Afghan Air Force had failed to do enough to protect pilots vulnerable to off-base assassinations.

"They spend a lot of money on (the training) of these pilots, but they can't spend any money on the pilots for their security," Asadi told Reuters in an interview, after arriving in New Jersey in June to start his bid for asylum.

Asadi complained that not all Afghan pilots got paid the same or even regularly. As a member of the ethnic Hazara minority, Asadi believed he was also passed up for promotion.

"They are not taking care of every pilot equally," he said.

The Afghan military did not respond to requests for comment on Asadi's case. Asadi did not show Reuters documentation to support his discrimination claims.

Experts say the morale of Afghan forces could prove critical in preventing collapse, given the momentum of the Taliban and the perceived weakness of the Afghan central government in key parts of the country.

On Sunday, more than 1,000 Afghan security personnel fled across the border into Tajikistan following Taliban advances in northern Afghanistan. Almost 300 flew back to Afghanistan on Wednesday, and officials in Kabul continue to express confidence in the Afghan security forces.

A review by a U.S. government watchdog found nearly half of all foreign military trainees who went Absent Without Leave (AWOL) while training in the United States since 2005 were from Afghanistan. The Pentagon eventually halted training of Afghan pilots inside the United States.

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State mulling plans to mobilise farmers engage in organic agriculture

By Francis Kajubi

AS global markets for organic produce grows dramatically in recent years, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives is encouraging the country's smallholder farmers to embrace the lucrative business.

Beatus Malema, Assistant Director for Crop Promotion, Agricultural Inputs and Cooperatives in the Ministry of Agriculture, Beatus Malema said that a special desk has already been formed at the ministry to facilitate the campaign which will unveil opportunities that ecological agriculture provides.

"This is just a starting point after a period of about two years of negotiations with stakeholders in the agriculture sector, the government strongly believes that organic agriculture is safe for the present and future generations on health and conservation," Malema said.

He said ecological agriculture will also free farmers from diseases caused by eating conventional commodities which involve use of highly toxic industrial inputs. He said at the second National Ecological Organic Agriculture conference to be held in Dodoma in October, stakeholders will discuss more on the topic and how best to exploit the global market.

Malema further noted that the country has already made investments in organic agriculture inputs mention Manyara based Minjingu Fertilizer Factory as one of them. "We have initiated a research projects at Sokoine University of Agriculture in relation to organic agriculture and its promotion," he added.



The Chairperson of Tanzania Organic Agriculture Movement, Dr Mwantima Juma.

According to him, for further initiatives in promotion of organic agriculture, the government is working on a plan to establish a center of excellence at Biha-wana in Dodoma that will provide inputs for organic farming. The center will be an addition to the present Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute (TARI).

"The ministry has for almost three years now been inviting farmers to showcase indigenous seeds during Nane Nane fair exhibition while emphasizing to extension officers at district level, to encourage farmers to collect and preserve indigenous seeds," he noted.

Commenting on the subject, Chairperson of Tanzania Organic Agriculture Movement, Dr Mwantima Juma said that organic farming represents to future of the country's agriculture industry. "We must protect the world, particularly our country, from the threats of conventional agriculture.

Let's think of people dying from cancer every year because of taking food originated from conventional farming which by 90 percent relies on industrial inputs," Dr Juma argued.

"We, stakeholders of organic agriculture are happy to see the government start playing its role in promoting it but we call upon the general public to prefer organic food for their health.

We also call upon farmers to start practicing organic agriculture since its produce are in big demand globally," she noted while asserting that it is high time for farmers to not only consider maximizing yields but also look at the effects of conventional farming.

Digital solutions indispensable in revitalisation of agriculture

By Smart Money Reporter, Tabora

USE of digital solutions in modern agriculture is indispensable hence farmers in the country should adapt to this fast-growing trend in order to improve efficiency and increase yields.

Tabora regional commissioner, Batilda Buriani said last week during the launch of YaraConnect, a digital farming solution enabling dealers to access expert information, that Yara Tanzania's innovation is an important supply chain to linkage to farmers.

"Tabora Region is highly dependent on agriculture, especially

tobacco farming. It is our hope that innovative technological solutions lie YaraConnect App will help farmers realise their goal of improved livelihoods," Dr Buriani said.

The Regional Commissioner noted that the Yara platform has the potential to not only bridge the information gap, but also make sheer geographical barrier non-starter by eliminating the need for farmers to physically move in search of extension services.

"I believe that now Yara will be able to relay vital information to stakeholders within the supply chain in time and easily give

updated information regularly to benefit farmers and suppliers," the RC said.

Briefing that RC, YaraConnect Digital Solution Manager, Deodath Mtei said the software, downloadable onto smartphones, enables dealers of Yara fertilisers to scan QR codes on its products sold and register points.

"We believed that YaraConnect software in Tabora will simplify routine roles for farmers in the region hence make the farming sector more efficient with higher crop yields," Mtei said adding that the platform also awards stakeholders who use it routinely.



Tabora regional commissioner Dr Batilda Buriani, (2nd R) and Tabora district commissioner Dr Yahya Nawanda (L) accompanied by Yara Tanzania officials when arriving to launch YaraConnect platform last week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

Ponzi plans cost Kenyans Sh1 billion, CMA reveals

NAIROBI

KENYANS have lost Sh1 billion buying into unregulated investment products marketed by entities promising high returns.

The Capital Markets Authority (CMA) Thursday told Parliament that about 500 investors have complained of loss of funds through online forex frauds, illegally pooled funds, cryptocurrency, real estate and ponzi schemes, ordered refunds and instituted criminal charges.

They lure unsuspecting investors across the country promising huge returns of up to 20 percent, the CMA says. The capital markets regulator takes action against entities that sell products that require regulation, but lack a licence or approval from the watchdog.

"The total number of individual investors that have lodged complaints with the Authority in the different unregulated products that have been investigated is approximately 500 with a sum total of over Sh1 billion," CMA chief executive Wyckliffe Shamiah told the National Assembly Finance Committee yesterday.

Most unregulated products are operated in obscurity and deal in products that resemble securities or capital market instruments. The regulator said it had acted on cases from public reports

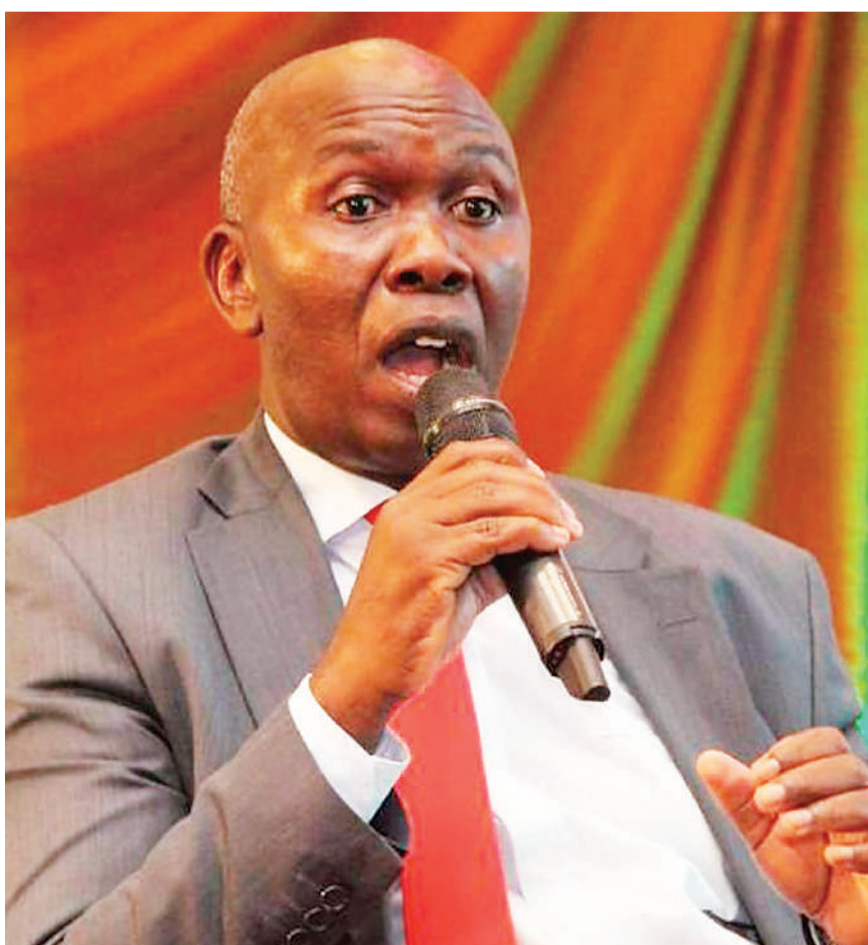
and those it identified through its market intelligence. The CMA hosts a whistle blower portal available on its website that enables members of the public to anonymously report any suspicious activity within the market. Mr Shamiah said yesterday the most common fraud were online forex schemes where unregulated firms pose as brokers and collect money from the public for buying currencies online.

Foreign-based firms also lure Kenyan investors, asking them to send their money to offshore accounts for buying and selling currencies, shares, commodities and metals like gold online, but fail to wire back the proceeds when they want to cash out.

The markets regulator yesterday named Iforex time, Trends Forex Traders, AutoTrade Markets, Everjoy Forex Institute, Interweb Global Fortune and Thika Forex Trading Lounge among 40 online forex traders under probe for operating without a licence.

"The Authority established that Mr Charles Kibue Mwaura operates from Nakuru where he collects funds of between Sh5,000 and Sh20,000 from clients and promises them a daily return of 10 percent from the day the money is invested," the CMA boss said.

He said others like County Capital were operating fund management services without a licence and was report-



Capital Markets Authority (CMA) CEO Wyckliffe Shamiah at a past event.

ed by a client who could not get her Sh4 million back. Last year, financial sector regulators, including the Central Bank of Kenya, the CMA and the Retirement Benefits Authority, warned of a rise of fraudulent and unregulated schemes. Some firms, including Women Invest-

ing in Entrepreneurship, Winnas Sacco and Choice Micro finance, were raising capital from the public by issuing shares without the regulators' nod while Wiseman Talent Ventures was selling cryptocurrency Kenicoin through a public offer promising 10 percent return.

Huawei details strategy to lead Africa's 'bits to watts' journey

JOHANNESBURG

THERE is a strong and urgent need to accelerate the growth of renewable energy across South Africa to ensure sufficient, affordable, reliable energy supply. The country also needs to drastically reduce its carbon emissions.

This is according to Huawei, which is backing renewable energy coupled with technology-driven data and intelligence. Huang Su, CEO of South Africa Digital Energy Business says that renewable energy is much cheaper than fossil-fuel-based options, with a kilowatt-hour of solar power costing less than a Rand in South Africa.

"It's clear then, that solar power should - and likely will - play a large role in the world's future power mix," says Su. According to Huawei, that's just one of the reasons it has invested heavily in smart photovoltaic (PV) solutions.

By integrating AI and Cloud, Huawei has incorporated its ICT expertise with PV for optimal power generation. This allows for the construction of highly efficient, safe, and reliable solar power plants with smart O&M and grid supporting capabilities, the company explains. "In Sub-Saharan Africa, more than 50% of the population still don't have access to electricity. Beyond that, thousands of hospitals and schools don't have a stable power supply. This can easily become disastrous," says Su.

While South Africa is the leading power on the continent when it comes to power generation, it is currently unable to meet all of its electricity demands all of the time Su adds. "There is still a massive gap to be bridged. We have to ensure we provide sufficient electricity to every African household." Su says. "All ICT requires power supply and Huawei has always provided that to one degree or another. Our efforts in the solar PV space are simply an extension of that." "Over time, Huawei will deploy more and more scalable power stations," he adds. "These power stations can be managed and maintained online, further reducing their carbon footprint. We are uniquely positioned to bring electricity, power supply, and data management together.

Water solutions firm donates solar powered water facility to 150 households at Kimbiji



A resident of Kimbiji Ward, Sanata Omary, carries a bucket of water after the launch of a solar powered facility donated by Davis and Shirtliff in Kigamboni District last week.

By Smart Money Reporter

OVER 150 households in Kimbiji Ward in Kigamboni District started new life with access to reliable supply of clean tap water thanks to a 7m/- investment made by Davis & Shirtliff Group.

Country Director of D&S, Benjamin Munyao said during a handing over ceremony this week that the solar powered automatic machine is a solution to Kimbiji Ward's water supply challenges.

"This self-propelled machine has capacity of pumping between 500 and 1000 litres of water per hour. The solar system makes it easy for the facility to operate for 24 hours," Munyao said.

He added "Over the 23 years of operations in Tanzania, we have been con-

verging people, technology and resources to improve lives in the country through cooperation and a resolve to find sustainable solutions to existing challenges."

A supplier of water related equipment in the market, D&S has contracted Africabo Limited to drill the well which has a depth of 35 meters, while the company itself installed an automatic pumping machine which uses solar energy to operate and a 300-meter tank.

One of the residents of the area Sanata Omary (30), said the water facility is an important investment in their lives. She said shortage of water forced them to wake up at 4am while leaving husbands

and children in bed.

"Taking a bath was a very luxurious thing to us. Children had to just wash their face before going to school. I had to search for water during night hours," an excited Omary said while thanking D&W for the support.

Speaking on behalf of Kigamboni District Commissioner, Pemba Mnazi Division Officer, Florence Msigwa challenged the residents to protect and maintain the facility. "Recently, at least six solar panels were stolen in different places of Kimbiji. I want you (residents) to guard and maintain the facility so that no one will steal the panels or destroy the facility," Msigwa said.



A clubfoot child relaxes at CCBRT Hospital in Dar es Salaam recently.

Telco donates 220m/- to support treatment of clubfoot children

By Smart Money Reporter

IN support of treatment for thousands of clubfoot children in the country, Tigo Tanzania Limited has given a grant of 220m/- to Dar es Salaam based CCBRT Hospital.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam this week after the agreement, Tigo Managing Director, Simon Karikari said the grant shows the telco's commitment to supporting the communities where it operates. "Clubfoot treatment in the country is a topic that needs publicity and as a respectable telco we are here today to change the narrative," Karikari said.

He added, "We need community participation and will-power to ensure every child with clubfoot in Tanzania receives timely and quality treatment using the Ponseti Method as a gold standard treatment hence providing them with equal opportunities to lead active and productive lives."

CCBRT's CEO, Brenda Msangi expressed gratitude to Tigo for the continued support. "Tigo Tanzania has set an example of the key role that the private sector plays in al-

leviating and resolving societal problems. CCBRT has, over the years, been able to tackle one of the most challenging aspects of clubfoot treatment - ensuring continued follow-up treatment," Msangi said.

She said through Tigo's innovation and support, CCBRT's SMS reminder platform can send mobile reminders to clients to promote follow up so that patients are fully treated, with little or no risk of reversal. "I would, therefore, like to urge other private sector players to follow their lead," Msangi said.

Recognizing the power and potential of SMS technology to improve patient communication and follow-up, CCBRT partnered with Tigo to develop an SMS patient reminder platform. Launched in 2013, it is an essential component of clubfoot care as attendance at weekly castings and follow-up appointments is crucial for successful treatment.

For the past three years of the Tgo and CCBRT partnership, close to 1,500 new clubfoot cases mostly children have benefited from Ponseti Method. This year's donation aims to identify at least 800 new clubfoot cases and support treatment including follow up for many more clubfoot patients.

KRA to hire 6,600 for war against tax cheats

NAIROBI

THE taxman plans to hire 6,604 more officers in three years in a bid to raise nearly Sh1 trillion additional revenue through the pursuit of tax cheats such as shrewd high-net-worth individuals and landlords.

The Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) is making another attempt to increase its workforce to approved staffing levels of 14,555 from the current 7,955 employees, it says in its strategic plan running between July 2021 and June 2024.

A total of 1,049 officers were recruited in three years through June 2021, a quarter of the 3,900 more workers the agency had targeted. The taxman earlier this year partly blamed understaffing for persistent shortfalls in revenue targets set by the Treasury.

This prompted the Finance and National Planning Committee of the National Assembly in January to direct the Treasury to provide funding for hiring 2,000 additional staff for the Kenya Revenue Authority. "To effectively implement this corporate plan, recruitment of staff to optimal levels will be paramount," KRA strategists wrote in the corporate guideline for the review period.

"The focus will be to bridge the staff gaps as well as address gaps in critical and highly specialised skills." The taxman collected an estimated Sh4.85 trillion in the three years through

June 2021, missing the revenue goal by Sh49.9 billion.

Active taxpayers grew 2.16 million to 6.1 million in the review period against a targeted growth of 3.06 million. The taxman has set sights on netting additional two million taxpayers in three years through June 2024, targeting to collect Sh6.83 trillion - comprising Sh1.90 trillion this fiscal year, Sh2.27 trillion in 2022/23 and Sh2.66 trillion in the one ending June 2024.

The KRA has identified real estate (landlords), high net-worth individuals, small-scale traders, especially those in informal settings and businesses operating online, among others, as sectors with high potential for growing revenue.

"We shall seal revenue leakages through a multi-faceted programme that will entail curbing corruption among our staff and tax evasion by taxpayers as we deploy our robust intelligence network to penetrate corruption and tax evasion cartels to bring to bear the consequences of evading taxes and engaging in corrupt practices," KRA commissioner-general Githii Mburu said on June 24.

The Intelligence and Strategic Operations unit of the KRA - tasked with detecting tax evasion schemes - will get 110 additional staff in the three years. This will bring the total workforce under the unit to 322, nearly four times from 80 staff in the 2018/19 fiscal year.



KRA commissioner-general Githii Mburu.

How Rwandan tech firm is driving digital payments across the region

KIGALI

AMONG the sectors that have experienced exponential growth and transformation in Rwanda in recent years is digital payments driven by local, regional and global firms.

Among the local firms that have played a role in the evolution and development of digital payments is Zubacx, which operates in Rwanda, and now has presence across five East African countries as well as distant markets such as Ghana and Gabon. The firm was set up 18 years ago and grew out of internal acquisition by individuals who have been in the electronic retail payments and IT industry.

Austin Bareme the Chief Executive Officer of Zubacx said that while at inception, their core business was supplying and supporting ATM terminals, they have since expanded to other solutions such as digital banking. Following their initial supply and support of ATMs, the firm gained inroads in regional markets allowing them transition to more digital payments solutions.

"The business has over the years, diversified its portfolio to include POS terminal solutions that cater to the cashless drive being promoted in various territories, airport passenger management systems-for which there is a significant growth projected in Africa in spite of the Covid-19 pandemic setbacks, new green energy solutions including facilitating digital and card payments for electric vehicles (EV), public transport solutions, digital identification and enhanced customer experience solutions among other products," Bareme explained.

The firm's diversification, he said, has been through strategic partnerships taking into consideration the identified market needs and dynamics. Among the key digital payments solutions beyond ATMs the firm has been behind include hardware and software solutions in the retail electronic payments sector and this covers facilitating payments at front end terminals (POS/ATM), enhancing cybersecurity, digital identification (KYC) and onboarding of clients, fraudulent transaction monitoring.

Other solutions include the incorporation of always evolving payment platforms including wearables and WhatsApp banking into the national payment systems. In the local and regional market, the financial sector, he said, is attempting to leverage off technology to increase both the scope and reach of services at a significantly lower cost compared to the more traditional methods like brick and mortar branches.

"One of the ways of achieving this is migrating in-branch services to personal devices which they would already be using for calls etc. In this regard, Zubacx looks to play a role in the evolution of this sector through the whole client cycle from client on boarding and registration, accessing services, securing their transactions and accounts against unauthorized access and fraud and getting instant feedback all through digital channels," Bareme said.

"This has the benefit of creating more efficiency in the sector as there is instant visibility on events as they occur and thus quicker resolution not to mention the wealth of data generated that allows for more product innovation through analysis of behavioral traits," he said.

Bar owners bask in brewer's Covid-19 pandemic stimulus package payments

By Smart Money Reporter

FOR Fredrick Mramba business has not been good since last year when the novel coronavirus first made contact in the country. "It has been a turbulent year because the virus has forced people to stay at home or simply buy some take away which is not good for pubs which hire a lot of people," said Mramba who attended Serengeti Breweries Limited's 2.3bn/- stimulus grants dubbed, 'Raise the Bar.'

The owner of Mramba Park in Dar es Salaam further noted that he heaved a sigh of relief recently after hearing about SBL's initiative as the country returns to global protocols on Covid-19 reporting and preventive measures.

"This SBL initiative is very timely because the coronavirus pandemic does not seem to go away any time soon," he remarked while stressing that pub owners appreciate the brewer's support which also assures them of the strong partnership from the brewer.

The Covid-19 pandemic has not only affected businesses but also the country's economy with growth falling to 4.8 percent last year, against a projection of 5.6 percent. The government has appealed to banks and corporations to support businesses which have suffered losses from the pandemic.

SBL through its Serengeti Trade Mark, is targeting to benefit 2,000 bars in the next two years. Under the 'Raise the Bar' project, SBL will help bars in Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Zanzibar navigate the rough waters of Covid-19 by providing material donations to ensure social distancing and other protective measures as per globally acceptable protocol.

During the project launch held in Dar Es Salaam last week, SBL Managing Director Mark Ocitti said that the strategy supports government's efforts requiring people and businesses to practice better hygiene standards to prevent all communicable diseases.

"Our bars and eateries constitute a critical part of the hospitality and service industry with their diverse employment of thousands of people who benefit many more indirectly. We have launched Raise the Bar project while bearing in mind that most outlets have recorded business slowdown resulting from the Covid-19 crisis," Ocitti said.

He said under the program, SBL will directly support bars and related alcohol selling outlets to strictly ensure that they adhere to Covid-19 safety regulations, as outlined in the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health.

He said Raise the Bar was designed explicitly after a global survey of bar owners to identify what they need to reopen after lockdown, indicated the



Fredrick Mramba from Mramba Park who represented beer distributors and bar owners in Dar es Salaam speaks during the launch of the Raise the Bar Project in Dar es Salaam recently. Photo courtesy of SBL.

need for such a stimulus package. Top priorities include the safety and hygiene of bar employees and their patrons as the virus mutates daily.

Registration of bars and related outlets have begun in Dar es Salaam online through the Diageo Bar Academy. Diageo is SBL's holding company.

"In addition, the project is expected to play an essential role in bringing people together to socialize better and sustain millions of jobs in the process," Ocitti added while inviting pub's in Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Zanzibar to sign up and get support.

SBL Corporate Relations Director, John Wanyancha backed his boss by saying that bar owners or managers should fill in all the legitimate information that will help them qualify for the support. "Such vital information include being legally registered as a business entity and having been operational for a minimum of 12 months," Wanyancha said adding that other legal requirements include having a business license, TIN certificate, liquor license and registration certificate and business name registration (for sole proprietor or partnership).

He further noted that the applicants must also demonstrate the way in which their businesses are or plan to Raise the Bar in the community. SBL recommends that on-trade outlets choose from promoting inclusion and diversity, including supporting women, promoting positive drinking and tackling harm or anti-social behaviour.

Leading billionaire's factory shudders as China cracks down

BEIJING

THE AGE of unfettered gains for China's ultra-rich now appears to be coming to an abrupt end. It was the kind of brazen PR stunt that Jack Ma might have dreamed up.

But this wasn't the flamboyant Chinese billionaire who disappeared from public view eight months ago. It was Mark Zuckerberg, bobbing up and down on a hydrofoil surfboard, clutching an American flag and exuding all the confidence of a man worth \$130 billion.

The contrast between the social media moguls' July 4th Instagram video and the day's big event in China could hardly have been starker. Regulators in Beijing had just hours earlier banned Didi Global Inc.'s ride-hailing service from app stores, delivering their latest hammer blow to an entrepreneurial elite that once seemed destined to challenge Zuckerberg and his US peers at the top of the world's wealth rankings. The age of unfettered gains for China's ultra-rich now appears to be coming to an abrupt end.

Even as the world's 10 wealthiest people added \$209 billion to their net worth in the first half of 2021, China's richest tycoons in the Bloomberg Billionaires Index saw their combined fortunes shrink by \$16 billion. Shares of their flagship companies sank by an average 13% during the period, the first time in at least six years they've recorded declines when the broader Chinese equity market was rising. Didi's stock has plunged 14% since its June 30 debut on the New York Stock Exchange, slashing the wealth of the company's co-founders by almost \$800 million.

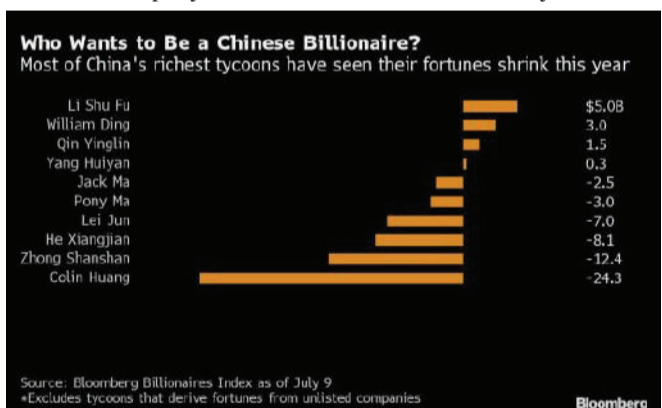
Behind the losses is a crackdown that has only intensified since November, when Ma's Ant Group Co. was forced to pull its blockbuster initial public offering at the last minute. Policy makers are tightening regulations on some of the most important facets of Asia's largest economy, from financial services to internet platforms and the data that underpins most big businesses in modern China. In the latest salvo, regulators unveiled new draft rules on Saturday that would require nearly all domestic companies to undergo a cybersecurity review before listing in a foreign country.

Beijing's motivations for the crackdown are varied. They include concerns about anticompetitive behaviour in the tech industry, risks to financial stability from lightly regulated lending platforms and the rapid proliferation of sensitive personal information in the hands of large corporations.

But another undercurrent running through many of the government's latest initiatives is a not-so-secret desire to rein in the power of China's tycoons, some of whom have amassed an enormous amount of influence over the \$14 trillion economy. As one government official familiar with the leadership's thinking described it, Beijing wants to prevent its billionaires from becoming a force as strong as the family-run chaebol that dominate South Korea's economy and many aspects of its politics.

Adding to Beijing's resolve is the Chinese public's growing concern over rising inequality. At a major speech on his economic plans in October, President Xi Jinping acknowledged that the country's development was "unbalanced" and said "common prosperity" should be the ultimate goal.

The upshot is a new era for the country's billionaires and the investors who back them. Gone are the days when tycoons like Ma could confidently bend the rules to supercharge their companies' growth and challenge entrenched interests like state-owned banks. Outsized public personas – long seen as an asset for tech-company founders – now look like a liability.



VIEW FROM THE TOP

Prof Nalichako challenges NIT to train more experts to meet growing demand

By Smart Money Reporter

THE government has challenged National Institute of Transport to training more sophisticated manpower that will help run a modern transport and logistics industry saying the state is investing heavily in the industry.

Minister of Education, Science, Technology and Vocational Training, Professor Joyce Ndalichako said in Dar es Salaam this week that President Samia Suluhu Hassan's administration has already made it clear that it will continue all projects started by her predecessor, the late Dr John Pombe Magufuli.

"The government needs to see that higher learning institutions offer courses that go hand in hand with its plans. While addressing parliament, President Samia Suluhu Hassan said that the government is building eight ships, four will be on Mainland Tanzania and four for Zanzibar, so we need qualified workers to meet demand," Prof Ndalichako said during a ceremony when Tanzania Education Authority handed over aircraft training equipment to NIT.

While commending NIT for a good job so far, the minister pointed out that the state will continue supporting the country's only transport and logistics elite training institution. "I also commend the National Institute of Transport for being an example of a strategic higher learning institution providing high end training that reflects the vision of the Sixth Phase Government," she

noted.

Briefing Minister Ndalichako, TEA Director, Bahati Geuzye said the donated equipment worth 245.4m/- is for aircraft maintenance engineering practical training courses.

"This aircraft maintenance engineering training equipment is aimed at improving the teaching environment at NIT in the area of aviation which is crucial for the country," Geuzye said while adding that TEA will continue backing the transport institute's transformation journey.

In a vote of thanks, NIT Rector Professor Zacharia Mganilwa said the institute has since 2015 trained 75 aircraft maintenance engineers and has already agreed with European plane maker, Airbus to be one of its affiliated training centers in Africa.

"NIT will be the Airbus training centre for Africa which has now convinced us to start courting American plane maker, Boeing to also endorse us," Prof Mganilwa said. He further said that currently some 49 bachelors and 26 diplomas in aircraft maintenance engineering have graduated from the institute since establishment of School of Aviation Technology in 2015.

"The aircraft maintenance engineering is offered abroad with a fee ranging between 200-300m/- per head but at NIT this is being offered for only 6m/- per year," he revealed saying the transport institute's plan is to eliminate the existing gap of aviation engineers in the country which is estimated at more than 60 percent.



Education, Science and Technology minister, Prof Joyce Ndalichako (L) is briefed on new aircraft engineering training equipment donated by Tanzania Education Authority at Mabibo campus at Dar es Salaam over the weekend.

WORLD

South African ex-leader Zuma faces court hearing amid looting, killings

JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa's top court began hearing a challenge by former president Jacob Zuma against a 15-month prison term yesterday as police said six people had been killed and over 200 arrested in related protests and looting since last week.

Sporadic violence and looting continued yesterday, after a weekend of unrest by pro-Zuma (pictured) protesters, mainly concentrated in his home province of KwaZulu-Natal (KZN). Some disturbances spilled into the country's largest city Johannesburg.

Zuma, 79, was sentenced for defying a constitutional court order to give evidence at an inquiry investigating high-level corruption during his nine years in office until 2018.

The decision to jail him resulted from legal proceedings seen as a test of post-apartheid South Africa's ability to enforce the rule of law, including against powerful politicians.

In the virtual hearing, Zuma's counsel asked the court to rescind his jail term, citing a rule that judgments can be reconsidered if made in the absence of the affected person or containing a patent error.

Legal experts say Zuma's chances of success are slim.

Television channels showed footage yesterday of a fire at a mall in Pietermaritzburg, in KZN. The channel said the highway leading to the city had been closed to prevent further violence.

"The NatJOINTS (government intelligence body) has intensified deployments in all the areas in Gauteng (the province including Johannesburg) and KwaZulu-Natal affected by the violent protests, as the damage to property and looting of stores continued overnight," the agency said in a statement.

It said the bodies of four people were found - at least two of them with gunshot wounds -



in Gauteng. Two deaths had occurred in KZN, and all six were being investigated.

Zuma's imprisonment marks a significant fall for an important figure in the liberation-movement-turned-ruling party, the African National Congress (ANC). He was once jailed by South Africa's pre-1994 white minority rulers for his efforts to make all citizens equal before the law.

Zuma's core supporters, echoing his stance, say he is the victim of a political witch hunt orchestrated by allies of his successor, President Cyril Ramaphosa.

Ramaphosa said on Sunday there was no justification for violence and that it was damaging ef-

orts to rebuild the economy, hurt by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The corruption inquiry that Zuma has refused to cooperate with is examining allegations that he allowed three Indian-born businessmen, Atul, Ajay and Rajesh Gupta, to plunder state resources and peddle influence over government policy. He and the Gupta brothers, who fled the country after his ouster and are believed to be living in Dubai, deny wrongdoing.

Zuma also faces a corruption case relating to a \$2 billion arms deal in 1999 when he was deputy president. He denies the charges in that case.

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Suspected mastermind in Haiti president's assassination arrested

PORT-AU-PRINCE

HAITIAN police said on Sunday they had arrested one of the suspected masterminds in the assassination of President Jovenel Moise, a Haitian man whom authorities accused of hiring mercenaries to oust and replace Moise.

Moise was shot dead early on Wednesday at his Port-au-Prince home by what Haitian authorities describe as a unit of assassins formed of 26 Colombians and two Haitian Americans, plunging the troubled Caribbean nation deeper into turmoil.

National Police Chief Leon Charles told a news conference the arrested man, 63-year-old Christian Emmanuel Sanon, flew to Haiti on a private jet in early June, accompanied by hired security guards, and wanted to take over as president.

He did not explain Sanon's

motives beyond saying they were political, but added that one of those in custody had contacted him upon being arrested. Sanon, in turn, contacted two other "intellectual authors" of the assassination, Charles added.

"The mission of these attackers was initially to ensure the safety of Emmanuel Sanon, but later the mission was changed...and they presented one of the attackers with an arrest warrant for the president of the republic," Charles said.

Public records online show a man with Sanon's name worked as a doctor in Florida, but it was not immediately clear if it was the same man.

Nor was it clear why Sanon would want to topple Moise, whose murder is the latest in a string of reverses for the struggling country, which has sought international help.



Suspects in the assassination of Haitian President Jovenel Moise are presented to the media by Haitian authorities in Port-au-Prince on July 8, 2021. (AFP)

Washington has rebuffed Haiti's request for troops, though a senior US official said on Sunday it was sending a technical team to assess the situation. Haitian police have arrested 18 Colombians and 3 Haitian Americans, including Sanon, over the murder, Charles said. Five Colombians are still at large and three were killed, he added.

The suspected assassins told investigators they were there to arrest him, not kill him, the Miami Herald and a person familiar with the mat-

ter said earlier on Sunday.

A source close to the investigation said two Haitian Americans, James Solages and Joseph Vincent, told investigators they were translators for the Colombian commando unit that had an arrest warrant. But when they arrived, they found him dead.

The news follows reports that some of the Colombians had said they had gone to work as security personnel on Haiti, including for Moise himself.

The Miami Herald reported

that the detained Colombians said they were hired to work in Haiti by Miami-based company CTU Security, run by Venezuelan emigre Antonio Emmanuel Intriago Valera.

Charles indicated that CTU had been used to hire at least some of the Colombian suspects, but gave no details.

Neither CTU nor Intriago could immediately be reached for comment.

One phone number associated with the company in public records sent calls to an answering machine that made a reference to the fictional TV character Jack Bauer, who fought terrorism in the series 24.

The recorded message ran, "Thank you for calling CTU Security. For Tony Intriago, please leave a message or send a text. For Jack Bauer, wait for the next season. Thank you for calling and have a great day."

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Xinjiang teachers slam claims of 'forced boarding' of students

URUMCHI

OFFICIALS and teachers in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region have debunked claims of "forced boarding" of ethnic minority students by sharing their stories and views on local education.

At a press conference on Sunday, Eljan Anayat, a spokesperson for the Xinjiang regional government, said some United States and Western anti-China forces have fabricated lies of "forced boarding" of students in Xinjiang in an attempt to smear the region and find excuses for "using Xinjiang to contain China."

Mirgul Maimaitimin, a local elementary school teacher,

said that it is entirely up to the students and their parents to decide whether they will attend boarding school.

"Parents can visit their children any time in the school, while students spend weekends, summer and winter vacations at home with their parents," she said. "There is no such thing as 'forced boarding.'"

She noted that the schools provide a good learning and living environment.

Tusungul Turdi, a kindergarten teacher from Akto County whose own daughter is at a secondary school, said her students and her daughter all benefit a lot from Xinjiang's free education that also covers boarding



In this undated file photo, children play in Dove Lane, in the old town of Tuancheng in Hotan, Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region. XINHUA

schools.

"I am glad to see my child grow up happily under such an

environment," she said.

"In fact, boarding schools in Xinjiang are no different from

those in other areas of the world," Eljan Anayat said.

Xinhua

Afghan forces repel Taliban assault on provincial capital

KABUL/MUMBAI

AFGHAN security forces, with the help of air strikes, repelled an assault by Taliban fighters on the provincial center of a key northern province bordering Tajikistan on Sunday, officials said.

The Taliban assault was the latest in a string of offensives that has seen insurgents capture territory across Afghanistan as US-led foreign forces are in the final stages of withdrawing troops after almost 20 years of fighting.

"The enemy's offensive

attacks were repelled, and they suffered heavy and unprecedented casualties, as a result of which 55 enemy soldiers were killed and 90 were wounded," the governor of Takhar province Abdullah Qarluq said.

Reuters could not independently confirm his account.

More than a dozen Taliban fighters were killed in air strikes by the Afghan Air Force on hideouts on the outskirts of Takhar's provincial center, Taluqan, Afghanistan's defence ministry said on Twitter.

"The Taliban attacked Taluqan from four directions last night (Saturday), but were faced with strong resistance from security forces and (local) people," Khalil Asir, spokesman for Takhar Police Command, told Reuters.

Taluqan is just the latest provincial capital to come under Taliban pressure. Earlier this week Taliban fighters entered the capital of the western province of Badghis, seizing police and security facilities and attempting to take over the governor's office



Afghan militia forces stand guard at an outpost as they patrol against the Taliban fighters in the Tange Farkhar area of Taloqan in northern Takhar province on July 6, 2021. AFP

before special forces pushed them back.

Insurgents have made a

fresh push to gain territory in recent weeks, emboldened by the departure of for-

eign forces.

The Pentagon believes that after taking dozens of district centers, the Taliban will make a push for provincial centers.

In southern Afghanistan, too, clashes continued.

India said on Sunday it had temporarily repatriated officials from its consulate in Kandahar, a major city in southern Afghanistan.

"Due to the intense fighting near Kandahar city, India-based personnel have been brought back for the time being," Arindam Bagchi,

chief spokesperson at India's foreign ministry, said in a statement.

"India is closely monitoring the evolving security situation in Afghanistan," Bagchi said, adding that India's consulate in Kandahar was being run by local staff temporarily.

Taliban officials said on Friday that the Sunni Muslim insurgent group had taken control of 85 percent of Afghanistan's territory. Afghan government officials dismissed the assertion as propaganda. Agencies

CPC always puts people, lives first

IN disaster relief, to take people's lives and safety as the top priority has remained a firm commitment of the Communist Party of China (CPC).

After a 6.4-magnitude earthquake jolted Yangbi Yi Autonomous County in southwest China's Yunnan province and a 7.4-magnitude earthquake hit Madoi County of Golog Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, northwest China's Qinghai province, in late May, the State Council's earthquake relief headquarters took swift actions to implement the decisions made by the CPC Central Committee. Its subordinate organizations also acted quickly, sending 10 work teams to the quake-hit areas.

The Ministry of Emergency Management dispatched two working groups to the two places. A joint earthquake response was immediately launched.

The working groups, together with the local governments, carried out search and rescue work in a thorough manner so ensure that no village, household and people was left behind. They did their utmost to rescue and treat wounded people, bringing the number of casualties to the lowest level.

They transferred quake-affected people to safer places and helped them settle down in a timely manner, guaranteeing the basic livelihood of these people while satisfying their need for epidemic control materials and medical supplies. Such efforts manifested the notion of putting the people and their lives in the first place adopted by the CPC.

Thanks to such efforts, many schools in Madoi County have resumed classes, with students having classes inside 184 tents that serve as temporary classrooms, while quake-stricken people in Yangbi, once a stop along the ancient Tea Horse Road, are provided with enough food, clothes, safe temporary homes and clean water.

Back in 2008, a picture in which a soldier held in his arms a baby he had just saved from the earthquake that jolted Wenchuan County in southwest China's Sichuan province touched the whole country. The innocent look of the child, together with the joyful smile seen on the face of the soldier made the picture powerful even today.

The rescue teams were the first to arrive at the disaster areas after the earthquakes occurred in Lushan, Jiuzhaigou and Changning in southwest China's Sichuan province, and Ludian in Yunnan province.

The CPC members always charged forward in disaster relief, just as they had promised to do so. In every disaster, the CPC and the central government always put people's lives and safety first by doing their utmost as long as there's still a ray of hope.

In the fight against the COVID-19 epidemic, the country did not give up hope, but did its best to save all infected patients, the youngest being an infant who was infected just 30 hours after being born and the oldest a 108-year-old patient. In 2020, when floods swept southern China, CPC members, including those from the Central Committee of the CPC, and those from local Party organizations, all contributed their efforts to the fight against the floods.

Facts have proven that the ultimate purpose of the CPC in leading revolutions, and carrying out construction and reforms is to create a better life for the people.

The CPC will remain committed to this aspiration no matter how hard it is challenged and pressured, how huge sacrifices it has to make and how big the price it has to pay.

People's Daily

Russia blasts France's discriminatory remarks on COVID-19 vaccines - diplomat

MOSCOW

MOSCOW condemns Paris for the discriminatory remarks made by French Minister of State for European Affairs Clement Beaune on Russian and Chinese COVID-19 vaccines, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova wrote on her Telegram channel on Sunday.

Earlier on Sunday, Beaune voiced regret that Greece allowed passengers inoculated with vaccines produced in Russia and China to enter its soil.

"We condemn France for such discriminatory remarks of its high-ranking representative, which revive in Europe the spirit of neo-Nazi segregation," Zakharova wrote.

According to the diplomat, given that this is not the first such remark by the French Foreign Affairs Ministry, this is not Beaune's personal opinion but the country's political stance. Zakharova also emphasized that the French Foreign Affairs Ministry has no right to dictate to the countries which vaccines to use.

Such remarks also show that France "feels sorry as it has failed to develop its own vaccine." "The efforts by a French company, which tried so hard, but was unable [to do this] have failed. We feel sorry for France's failure. Clement Beaune could have fairly said: France was unable to produce its own vaccine, we envy everyone has managed to do this, we were tasked with using propaganda methods to counter the success of those states, which have demonstrated to the world the achievements of their science," she stressed.

Zakharova also pointed out that Marie Paule Kieny, who heads France's committee on the COVID-19 vaccine, considers Russia's Sputnik V to be effective.

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SPORT



Marathoner, Alphonse Simbu, will represent Tanzania in the Tokyo Olympics.

Tanzania's Olympics team for dual Covid-19 tests before flying to Tokyo

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

The Tanzania team to the Tokyo Olympics will undergo two Covid-19 tests before flying to Japan, in order to ensure that the three athletes in the entourage, together with accompanying officials, meet the required international health safety standards.

That came to light here just as the country's three Olympics envoys were being given a state send-off from the Arusha base where they are camping, ready to represent the country in Japan for the international sporting event.

The Olympics' team physician, Mwanandi Mwanjemwa, said Tanzania is taking great care on the envoys' health and, regarding Covid-19, the three athletes will undergo the first tests on July 26 at Kilwa Road Police in Dar es Salaam 96 hours before departure.

"The second corona tests will be held 72 hours before they fly to Tokyo, that is on the 27th of July, while the third test is expected to be conducted upon arrival in Japan," Mwanjemwa, who is also the Olympics' local Coronavirus Liaison Officer, said.

The official revealed: "We maintain daily communication with the Olympics Committee in Japan reporting the health status of our sportsmen to ensure that they are fit. They also have smartphones

through which they can maintain Online Covid-19 Checking (OCHER)."

Tokyo Olympics kick off from July 25 2021 and will climax on August 8 this year.

Team captain, Alphonse Simbu, said few as they are, the athletes will perform at their best in order to ensure that they return with medals.

Deputy Minister for Information, Culture, Arts, and Sports, Pauline Gekul, handed the national flag to the Olympics envoys, Failuna Abdi Matanga, Alphonse Felix Simbu and Gabriel Geay, who will be flying to Japan in a few days from now.

Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC)'s Secretary General, Filbert Bayi, said the committee, which oversees the preparations, has also footed all the related bills, including return air transportation costs, accommodation, sporting gear and the 30 days' preparatory camp in Arusha.

"The Tanzania Olympic Committee has spent over 91.6m/- to cover the preparations," he disclosed.

He said the team will be taking off from the Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA) in Dar es Salaam, but the sporting gear has already been flown ahead to Tokyo.

Deputy Minister for Information, Culture, Arts, and Sports, on presenting the national flag to the Olympic team, lauded TOC for undertaking the preparatory costs and saving the government from incurring the heavy burden of bills.

State of emergency begins in host city Tokyo as Games near

TOKYO

OLYMPIC host city Tokyo entered a new state of emergency yesterday, less than two weeks before the Games begin amid worries about whether the measures can stem a rise in COVID-19 cases.

Organizers last week announced that spectators would be banned from nearly all venues. Spectators from abroad were already banned months ago, and officials are now asking residents to watch the Games on TV to keep the movement of people, which could spread contagion, to a minimum.

Opinion polls have consistently shown the Japanese public is concerned about going ahead with the Games during the pandemic.

Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga's handling of the pandemic - including an initially slow vaccination rollout - has eroded his support. The issue is especially sensitive ahead of a national election and a ruling party leadership race due later this year.

"We would ask people to support athletes from home," Chief Cabinet Secretary Katsunobu Kato said on a Sunday TV program.

The Games, postponed from last year because of the pandemic, run from July 23 to August 8, while the state of emergency - the capital's fourth - lasts until August 22, shortly before the Paralympics begin.

The government and organizers had long

seen the Games as a chance to display Japan's recovery from a devastating 2011 earthquake and nuclear crisis.

On Saturday, the governor of Fukushima prefecture, site of the nuclear disaster, said spectators would also be banned from softball and baseball games there, reversing an earlier decision.

RISE IN TOKYO INFECTIONS

World No. 1 tennis player Novak Djokovic said on Sunday he was "50-50" about competing at the Tokyo Olympics following the organizers' decision to ban fans from attending and limits on the number of people he can take to the Games.

Some of the sport's biggest names, including Rafa Nadal, Dominic Thiem, Stan Wawrinka, Nick Kyrgios, Serena Williams and Simona Halep have already said that they will skip the Games.

Japan has recorded more than 815,440 COVID-19 cases and nearly 15,000 deaths. Recent rises in Tokyo have been particularly worrisome amid a vaccination rollout that got off to a slow start and has faced supply glitches after speeding up. Only about 28% of the population has received at least one shot of a COVID-19 vaccine.

Tokyo recorded 502 new cases on Sunday, the 23rd straight day of week-on-week gains, and experts worry that the public has grown weary of restrictions, mostly voluntary, on activities.

SPORTS

Azam Media contract rewards leadership, redraws Yanga company format quest

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

WHILE arrangements were in top gear to change the club format at Young Africans SC, popularly known as 'Yanga', to a company format where it is the major shareholder and an appointed management that would actually run the club, the balance of forces could shift in a different direction.

The reason is the fact of clinching a club sponsorship pact for a total of 10 years recently signed with Azam Media, as this pact is not premised on any major changes taking place in club organization, as was the case with the MeTL sponsorship at the end of the street, home to age-old rivals, Simba SC.

If this huge sponsorship is consonant with current club structures, what need shall there be of members being asked to shift to an oligarchic, not popular, format?

There is a keen difference between the now operative company format at Simba and what was being envisaged for Yanga, in the sense that the format at Simba is one of quasi-privatization, where the club effectively 'belongs' to Mohamed Enterprises Ltd.

Yanga has a different format in mind, which seems to be realized at present with the television rights and initiatives contract, where there is now a second operator with a defined sphere of club activity, while GSM has the jersey franchise.

There is a third sphere which may be said to be conducted cooperatively between the leadership and GSM, namely in picking players for registration, as to when it comes to training and management, leadership is in control.

Strictly speaking, the club rank and file wishes for this kind of format to be maintained, the leadership thus remaining in control while different companies are handed defined roles in the club, which the leadership will oversee on a contractual basis.

Yanga already have attained that situation with two companies, GSM and Azam Media having specific roles in the club, but only GSM is sort of inside the club in like manner as MeTL operates in Simba, where it virtually merges with the club, its commercial identity, while GSM leaves Yanga with a more substantial leverage.



Yanga's chairman, Mshindo Msolla (2nd R), and Azam Media Limited's Chief Executive Officer, Tido Mhando (2nd L), holds contracts the two parties sealed in Dar es Salaam last week. Yanga entered into a 10-year media partnership with Azam Media Limited worth 41.8bn/- . Others are (L-R), Azam Media Limited's official, Yahya Mohamed, and Yanga's Acting Secretary General, Haji Mfikirwa. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

It has an autonomy that the Msimbazi Street club's leadership has since surrendered, as there can't be a contracted management and an active, managerial leadership.

That means the Yanga company format pursuit may have been sewn up before any actual ratification or general assembly to formalize it has been held, as it would appear to be the case, in that a meeting of the club executive committee would not have sufficed for that quest.

It no longer seems to be any need to have a supposed third investor - the sort of oligarchy of ownership and control that the club leadership had proposed, or rather let it be known in the media it is the ideal mode being sought after.

The troika that was being looked for would at least assure an inflow of resources comparable to MeTL with their archivals, and now it appears that Azam Media may single handedly nearly fulfill that quest, right away.

Yet, on a second look, there is a still room or critical need for a third investor, if current explanations of how the club is being run or the Azam Media rights contract is expected to furnish, assuming that the club targets having resource levels close to MeTL sponsorship.

On the basis of what transpires in discussions on the Azam Media sponsorship format, the money to be paid, while it is nominally comparable to MeTL for Simba, has a distinct touch to it in that it is paid in regular installments per month, estimated at 200m/- or less.

It means the club needs other sources to raise money to register good players at one moment, rapidly.

The MeTL sponsorship involves bulk amounts which don't have to be paid to bank directly but constitute a sort of bottom-line of club callable assets, thus if a player costs 200m/- the club just seeks out extra disbursement from the shareholders' assured back up fund apart from routine earnings.

As that isn't the case for Yanga's television rights

and proactive programs contract, a third investor could be linked up with GSM.

Azam Media thus retains exclusive rights in a totally different sphere of club activities, for once.

In a sense, this third sphere is linked with who sponsors the overall Premier League in the wake of the Vodacom (T) Ltd exit - and some pundits think it is Azam Media that ought to be given the job.

Whether or not that vocation will be conflictual in a sense with its exclusive rights contract with Yanga - while it has its own club that is a competitor to Yanga, namely Azam FC, is not strictly speaking an issue.

There was a time this matter was hotly debated, but one would recall that clubs or Yanga in particular had a wider field to choose from, while the times have since changed.

Azam Media could thus have a double role in Yanga, making it the company with the single most important presence in Yanga, a virtual merger.

How Simba SC dominated VPL again

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

IT came as no surprise when Simba SC clinched this season's Vodacom Premier League crown on Sunday night, at the expense of Tanga-based side Coastal Union who are fighting for their life in a tough relegation battle.

Simba were in control of the race for especially in the second half of the season, in the end comfortably fending off challenge from their crosstown rivals, Yanga.

While the crown was only confirmed with three games to go, its destiny was already known as early as March with around 10 fixtures of games.

Simba's 2020/21 campaign has been sensational for a variety of reasons.

French coach Didier Gomes' side became title winners for the fourth time in a row, in what has been a campaign that saw them go all the way to the CAF Champions League quarterfinals.

Simba have also reached their second consecutive Federation Cup final, where they are set to take on age-old rivals Yanga at Lake Tanganyika Stadium, Kigoma, on July 25. A double is likely possible. We take a look at a few pointers that helped Simba, alias 'Msimbazi Reds', separate themselves from the title pretenders, Yanga and Azam FC, and also swept off the rest.

Big spending

No club can match Simba for transfer expenditure over the last four seasons. It is safe to say a fat cheque book has been Simba's route to success since Tanzanian tycoon Mohamed Dewji returned to bankroll the club in 2017.

Dewji has pumped money into the teams to buy the best players available in Tanzania and neighbouring countries.

At the start of the season, Simba bought Chris Mugalu, Rally Bwalya, Joash Onyango and Bernard Morrison just to mention a few and these players have gone on to become integral parts of the well-oiled machine.

Squad depth



Simba SC's players jubilate shortly after they had notched a goal in the side's recent Vodacom Premier League match. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

In a season where squad depth is key, and the ability to keep players fresh and in-form at the right time is paramount, no team comes close to Simba.

Depth is something Simba doesn't lack. Whether in defence or attack, they have stockpiled some of the best players in the region. They always had a strong squad available for selection at any given time in the league.

The likes of Morrison, Kennedy Juma, Hassan Dilunga, Ibrahim Ajib and Beno Kakolanya would walk into the starting eleven in almost every other side in the league but at Simba they are playing a squad role as back up options.

Strong technical bench

Having a large group of players alone is not enough, there also needs to be an adequate number of coaches and other technical staff to manage the situation.

For a team of Simba's wealth and ambition, this is not an issue. They have strengthened the technical bench with quality local and foreign technicians.

The title winning technical bench consists of French head coach Didier Gomes, assistant coach Suleiman Matola, Brazilian goalkeeping coach Milton Nienov, Tunisian fitness coach Adel Zrane, team doctor Yassin Gembe, German physiotherapists Paul Gomes who departed before the end of the

campaign. Jallow Bakari and Zimbabwean performance analyst Calvin Mavhunga.

Experience

They say if you have done something, the next time usually becomes easier. Simba retained the core group of players who won the title in the past two years. The players know what it takes to win league games.

Clatous Chama, John Bocco, Shomari Kapombe, Mohamed Hussein, Pascal Wawa, Aishi Manula and other first II players are serial winners. They have seen it all, done it all.

Chasing records

At the start of the season, Simba aimed to lift all the domestic trophies on offer.

They won the season curtain raiser by overcoming Namungo in the Community shield. Although they came short in their CAF Champions League semi-final target they left an impression on the continent.

They are chasing another domestic double. A repeat of last season where they won both the Premier League title and the Federation Cup has been at the forefront of their campaign.

Chasing records means they kept on using key players even in games that many assumed they could easily have won with a weakened squad. They did not take that risk.

Déjà vu as penalties ruin another English dream

By James Olley, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

ENGLAND'S biggest demon still remains.

Gareth Southgate and his players have done so much this summer to redefine the country's relationship with major tournaments, but the biggest psychological ghost at the feast has wrecked another dream: The Three Lions lost another penalty shootout.

Chalk up another year of hurt. Southgate picked the second youngest squad at these finals in part because they were unburdened by the weight of history, but Euro 2020 now sits alongside 1990, 1996, 1998, 2004, 2006 and 2012 in the list of tournament exits by the cruelest possible method.

England have won just 22% of their major tournament shootouts (two of nine), the lowest ratio of any European nation to have been involved in three or more.

Southgate had done plenty to banish the fear of spot kicks in 2018, masterminding their first ever World Cup shootout success at the last-16 stage against Colombia. There was a conviction and a logic in their methodology that night that wasn't quite replicated Sunday at Wembley, as Italy edged an error-strewn shootout 3-2 after 120 minutes that ended 1-1.

Bukayo Saka (pictured) was inconsolable after his decisive miss, but aged 19 in his ninth international, it was the first penalty of his senior career.

Marcus Rashford is likely to be just days away from surgery on a shoulder problem that hampered his contribution during the tournament, restricting him to just 84 minutes. As a 120th-minute substitute, he touched the ball twice in extra time before striking his penalty against Gianluigi Donnarumma's right-hand post.

Jadon Sancho was left out of the matchday squad altogether for England's opening game against Croatia and started just once all tournament, but he ended up entering the fray alongside Rashford, seeing his penalty also saved by Donnarumma. Like Rashford, Sancho touched the ball just twice beforehand, ending the game as a makeshift full-back.

There is nobody better qualified than Southgate to comfort that trio after such individual disappointment, given his own penalty miss 25 years earlier in the old Wembley.

But equally, for someone so studious and detailed in his preparation, this felt like a ragged climax to a game in which England also ceded the early initiative.

No doubt informed by his own personal experience, Southgate sought to deflect any blame away from those who missed.

"What they have to know is none of them are on their own," Southgate said. "We win and lose as a team, and the penalty takers are my call. We've worked on them in training; that's my decision. That's not down to the players."

"Tonight, it hasn't gone for us, but we know they were the best takers we had left on the pitch. We tried to get those players onto the pitch. We'd already had to take a couple off during the game itself. So, yeah, of course it is going to be heart-breaking for the boys, but they are not to blame for that; that's my call as a coach."

"That's a process we've been through," the manager continued. "We've tracked what they've done with their clubs over a long period of time and then what they've

shown in training, as well. That's the process that worked for us in Russia and in the Nations League [beating Switzerland in 2019]. Tonight, it hasn't quite worked."

England came flying out of the blocks here in a raucous atmosphere made all the more chaotic by hundreds of fans storming the stadium and forcing their way into seats without match tickets.

Thousands of fans gathered along Wembley Way all day. An alchemy of lager, hash and patriotic optimism permeated the air. Some of those perhaps emboldened by their all-day session overwhelmed stewards by kicking down barriers or accessing the concourse through disabled entrances in certain sections.

The noise at kickoff was deafening yet elevated further as Southgate's tactical surprise of introducing Kieran Trippier for Saka and switching to a 3-4-3 shape yielded dividends inside two minutes.

Harry Kane fed Trippier, who crossed to the back post, where England's other wing-back, Luke Shaw, volleyed them in front. It was the Manchester United defender's first England goal and the quickest ever scored in a Euros final.

The combination of being overloaded in the stands and on the wings threatened to overwhelm Italy. England dominated the first half an hour, but Italy began to grow in influence; Marco Verratti, in particular, started to get a foothold in midfield.

The balance shifted even further after half-time, as Roberto Mancini introduced Bryan Cristante and Domenico Berardi, rotating his forward players with Lorenzo Insigne operating in part as a false nine.

England struggled thereafter. When reflecting on England's exit from the 2018 World Cup with an extra-time semifinal defeat to Croatia, Southgate cited a lack of bravery with the ball after going ahead, fatigue and his own culpability in being conservative with his substitutions.

For all the undeniable progress England have made, the same issues befell them here. Southgate changed England's shape by introducing Saka for Trippier. Jordan Henderson replaced the excellent Declan Rice.

Yet England were increasingly hanging on. Mason Mount had a good tournament, but he was lucky to survive into extra time, eventually being replaced in the 99th minute for Jack Grealish.

Yet just as Croatia began to monopolise possession back in 2018, Italy continued to look the more likely winner until it was left to penalties to settle a Euros final for only the second time in history.

This England team now have their own history to overcome. Consolation will come in their first final appearance for 55 years, a cathartic win over Germany, a barrier-breaking semifinal victory over Denmark and reconnecting with the fans while making a positive impact on issues that transcend sport.

"They've done more than any other team in the last 50 or so years," Southgate said. "So the players should be incredibly proud of what they've done. Tonight, it was hard, of course, to get so close; you know those opportunities in your life are incredibly rare." The FA have long targeted next year's World Cup in Qatar as the tournament England should be winning. Southgate claimed on Friday that he is not the finished article despite leading his team with integrity throughout. England are closer than they have been for some time. But some demons still remain.

Mancini promised Italy change. And he delivered



Roberto Mancini's Italy beat England on penalties to win Euro 2020. (Agencies)

By Gabriele Marcotti, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

ROBERTO Mancini had promised a change when he took over following the Italy national team's lowest point, after they failed to qualify for the 2018 World Cup. And he delivered.

While history will record him as the coach who led Italy to the 2020 European Championship (on June 11, 2021, but that's another story), his contribution is far greater. He turned a country's approach to their national team -- one of the few institutions all Italians share, from north to south, outside of the Catholic church, family and pasta -- into something few thought it could be: something fun, something courageous, something proactive, based on wanting the ball and taking risks with it. When you've enjoyed success on a grand scale -- four World Cups and, now, two Euros -- this is the proverbial U-turn in a super-tanker.

That would have been true regardless of the result of the spot kicks at Wembley. Penalty kicks may not be the lottery that the cliché says they are, but they're not football either. They're a different competition entirely. One that requires technical ability, guts, mental strength and maybe a little bit of devil-may-care craziness too, but it's not football.

And the judgement of Mancini -- and, for that matter, his opposite number Gareth Southgate -- does not and should not change based on who wins a shootout.

But, yeah, when you get this far and get to take home the cup it's that much sweeter. Particularly when you can go into your opponent's house and take it from them, after going down a goal, with your fans outnumbered five to one and without one of your best players in the tournament (OK, so Leonardo Spinazzola was there, limping around on his crutches, but he wasn't playing).

Oh, and let's remind ourselves of who was out there for most of extra-time. You had a centre-forward from nearly relegated Torino (Andrea Belotti), two guys from tiny Sassuolo (Manuel Locatelli and Domenico Berardi), Chelsea's third-choice left-back (Emerson) and Juventus' third-string winger (Federico Bernardeschi). Meanwhile, until two minutes from full-time, the likes of Jadon Sancho and Marcus Rashford watched from the sidelines ... but that's another story and one Gareth Southgate can explain in due course.

The penalty kicks may have de-

termined who takes home the trophy, but the way the previous 120 minutes unfolded determined who out-coached who. And Mancini won that one hands down.

England set up more conservatively than usual, with an extra full-back, Kieran Trippier, transforming the 4-2-3-1 of previous outings into a 3-4-2-1. England scoring after just two minutes played right into Southgate's hands and made an already difficult task even tougher for Mancini. It set up nicely for England to sit deep and hit on the counterattack with the speedy Raheem Sterling. It also allowed England's front three to effectively press Italy's midfield trio, the team's creative engine. Throw in an inspired Harry Kane and there was a real sense that England could add to their lead, particularly considering Italy looked ragged and struggled to find space, other than the occasional Lorenzo Insigne free kick and the odd run from the blistering Federico Chiesa.

Except England didn't drive home their advantage. Instead, they drove themselves further and further towards their own goal, perhaps hoping that some counterattack would materialise out of the ether. Mancini's possession game, while failing to blunt England's de facto line of seven (five defenders plus two holding midfielders) at least took the sting out of the game and saw them through to the break.

"That early goal we gave up hit us hard," Mancini said. "But we had the strength to get back into the game and, I think, deserved to win."

He pulled the trigger just before the hour mark. Off went Ciro Immobile (always fighting a losing battle) and Nicolò Barella, on came Berardi and Bryan Cristante. Insigne moved into a central position -- call it "false nine" if you like, though it was more like "real ten" -- and Chiesa and Berardi became the de facto strikers, cutting in from wide areas.

Insigne began to find space where previously there was none. Jordan Pickford had to make two tough saves in rapid succession, the first off a close-range Insigne effort, the second from the effervescent Chiesa. Then came the goal, with Leonardo Bonucci popping up to poke it home after Pickford deflected Cristante's header off the post. Scrappy? Maybe, but it had been coming. A few minutes later, a pinpoint ball over the top found Berardi, whose volleyed contact wasn't quite sweet enough -- otherwise it would have been a goal of the tournament contender.

The 90 minutes ended with a reminder that, for all the smiles and positivity, there's still that little bit of nasty lurking in Giorgio Chiellini's heart: when Bukayo Saka spun him by the touchline, he resorted to an old-school horse-collar yank to stop the counter. Saka is young enough that he could be Chiellini's son; maybe that's why the Italy captain looked down at him with the sort of look that said: "Sorry kid, this hurts me more

than it hurts you."

But there's more to Chiellini than that: In the first period of extra-time he was simply phenomenal in snuffing out a Raheem Sterling counter, his 36-year-old body a model of efficiency, if not flat-out speed. Chiellini celebrated the way Joel Embiid might after rejecting a shot. Sterling smiled and nodded as he ran back up the pitch -- even he appreciated the tackle. Chiellini would make another similar stop, one that was part experience, part witchcraft, on Sterling, England's last man standing, in the second half of extra-time.

Then came the penalties, with their cruel shifts in momentum. Belotti seeing his saved (advantage, England); then Rashford dribbling his out of play (deuce); Gianluigi Donnarumma saving from Jadon Sancho (advantage Italy); Jorginho seeing his strike hit the post, bounce off Pickford and then nestle in the goalkeeper's arms (deuce); and then Donnarumma's oversized frame snuffing out Saka for the win.

Mancini's men played some of the best football at the Euros. Not just that, with the exception of stretches of the Spain game, his side outplayed the opposition in every game. The final told its own story: Italy had 62% possession, outshot the opposition 20 to six and held England to a single shot on target -- Luke Shaw's goal.

He did it by making a hand-brake turn away from Italian football's history. He did it without having the most gifted squad at the Euros. He did it with x's and o's, but also with plenty of psychology and charisma. And his Italy side are now unbeaten in 34 matches, one shy of the record held by Spain.

"What made us special? Our belief and the relationships we developed with each other," Bonucci said. "We've been together for 50 days now and we're still not tired of each other. Even when we had time off and we got to see our families, we still hung out with each other. My wife pointed it out and asked me why the players were all together even when the families were around. We never got bored of each other. Normally, when you're away for that long, you want to go home. But we never felt that way. We wanted to go on, to be with each other until the very end. Until now."

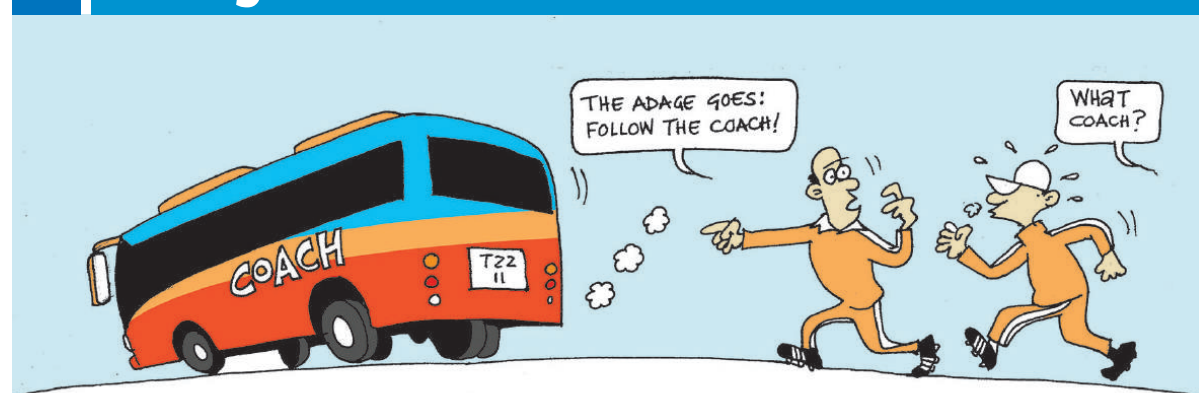
Now, it's over. Now they can go home. And they can take the cup with them.

Bonucci was asked if he really did shout "It's coming to Rome" into the cameras, a dig at the ubiquitous "Football's coming home" song favoured by the English.

"Absolutely, yes," he exclaimed. "We've been hearing that since Wednesday night, when they beat Denmark to reach the final. Sorry for them, but it's going somewhere else. It's getting on a big plane and going to Rome. We believed in this, we earned it and now it's right that we celebrate."



Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Some of players, who took part in this season's Kijitonyama Junior Tennis Tournament, in a group picture shortly after the event's completion at Kijitonyama tennis courts in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Simba SC head coach praises outfit's leadership

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC head coach, Didier Gomes, has thanked the club's Board of Directors' Chairman, Mohamed Dewji, and Chief Executive Officer, Barbara Gonzalez, for their co-operation in leading the side to defending the Mainland Premier League title.

A 2-0 victory over Coastal Union in a Premier League's match in Dar es Salaam on Sunday has Simba SC defending the top flight's title.

Gomes said Simba SC's leadership, led by the mentioned officials, trusted him and gave him great cooperation and that is why they won the championship with two games in hand.

Gomes has said he cannot be the best coach without the best players so he also praised his team for their resilience while saying they deserve to win the championship for the fourth time in a row.

The French coach said his team has improved this season and deserves to win the title because it is a team that has scored the most goals and conceded fewer than all other teams participating in the Premier League.

Gomes noted: "We must thank the Board's Chairman and CEO Barbara for the cooperation they gave me, the two believed I can coach this team and give it success. I also can't stop mentioning my players in this championship, you can't be the best coach without the best players we also had a strong squad."

"We deserved to be champions this season we were the best of all the teams," he stated.

The French gaffer also said he will make sure his squad continues to perform well in the remaining Premier League games and the Federation Cup as part of their 2020/21 goals.

Simba SC has collected 79 points to hold on to the first place in the league standings, with two games remaining against Azam FC and Namungo FC.

They also have a Federation Cup final against age-old rivals, Yanga, which will take place at Lake Tanganyika Stadium in Kigoma on July 25.

The tactician added: "We have not been very happy, considering we have lost to Yanga, but it is a matter of results. All that is left now is to see that all our matches, ranging from Premier League to the Federation Cup final against Yanga, are won."

Gomes noted: "We made it clear from the start that we need to win all the matches, win all the titles so the only thing we have now is to keep winning in all our matches."

"Losing the previous game does not mean we have no quality but we have work to do and the fans continue to support us," the tactician said.

Didier Gomes proud of Simba SC's consistency in VPL title triumph



Simba SC players participate in training in Dar es Salaam recently to prepare for the Vodacom Premier League. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

COACH Didier Gomes has described Simba SC's 2020/21 Vodacom Premier League title win as 'one based on consistency', as his side were crowned the top flight champions for the fourth season in a row.

Saturday's 2-0 victory over Coastal Union at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam confirmed Simba's 23rd Premier League title as Gomes spoke of a proud group of players who never disappointed him.

Speaking in a post match conference, the Simba head coach said: "You know it was a very good performance generally, we played very well. We deserved to win the league. Like I said before, this team

has a good future. We are very happy."

He disclosed: "I am very happy and also allow me to thank Simba owner Mohamed Dewji and CEO Barbara Gonzalez for having confidence in me. Winning the league was the first target of my mission. It is historical to win the league four times in a row."

He noted: "I am very proud. You cannot be a good coach if you don't have very good players. Tonight I thank my players because they never disappointed me."

"We have another target after two weeks but I think we need to find glasses or very good ophthalmologists for the referee. We have seen today that this guy has problems with his eyes."

The French tactician added

he believes the title was sealed in their formidable April-May run when they registered four straight wins in a busy fixture that was sandwiched between CAF Champions League and tough away trips to Mwanza, Kagera and Shinyanga.

He noted: "I think we won the title in May when we played four matches and won four times without losing. It was very important, it was very crucial for our season."

He disclosed: "In general, I think Simba deserves to win the league, we showed many good things. We were consistent, we scored lots of goals and also did not concede too many goals. It means this Simba team is really strong."

Yanga players join team's training camp

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

YANGA defender, Lamine Moro, has returned to camp, after a technical bench, headed by coach Nassreddine Nabi, met the management and agreed to let the player return to the squad.

Moro, also the side's skipper, was suspended for misconduct and he was not part of Yanga's squad for a long time, a situation which sparked outrage among the club's fans and members.

Yanga's Information and Communication Department's head Hassan Bumbuli confirmed reports of the return of the defender, who was once linked with a move away from the club following frustration with reports of misconduct that have not been fully explained by management. Bumbuli said after talks involving player, management and technical bench, Moro has been given greenlight to return to camp to continue preparations for the last two Premier League games as well as the Federation Cup final.

Moro appeared for the first time with the rest of Yanga players on Saturday, during a special ceremony organized by the club's sponsors, GSM, to congratulate the side following its victory over Simba SC in a top flight match, which took place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on July 3.

Meanwhile, Yanga keeper Metacha Mnata's issue is still in the hands of the team's leadership and he has not been allowed to enter the camp because he is serving a ban imposed by Tanzania Football Federation (TFF).

Ghanaian striker Michael Sarpong has also made his way back to the outfit to continue training alongside his teammates.

Yanga is currently preparing for the last two Mainland Premier League games, which will see them confront Ihefu FC and Dodoma Jiji FC, as well as the Azam Sports Federation Cup final match against Simba to be played at Lake Tanganyika Stadium in Kigoma on July 25.

Sarpong was suspended by the Yanga leadership after receiving reports of misconduct the player had committed from the technical bench headed by coach Nabi.

After a meeting held last weekend, the leaders and coach Nabi decided to bring the striker back to the team.

Another player, who is still out due to misconduct, is Rwandan midfielder Haruna Niyonzima.

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