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CUF promise: Our win will bring govt of national unity

By Guardian Reporter

THE opposition Civic United Front (CUF) will form a Government of National Unity (GNU) if it emerges as the best positioned party in the October 28 general election. The party's presidential candidate, Prof Ibrahim Lipumba, made this declaration at the official launch of the party's election campaign at the Nangwanda Sijaona Stadium in Mtwara yesterday, insisting also that he would supervise the process to get a new constitution. "I will make sure that I create a government which respects human rights; I am going to transform the economy, strengthen democracy and freedom. Supervise and improve the Tanganyika and Zanzibar union for mutual benefit," the candidate intoned. The CUF presidential running mate Hamida

Abduallah Huweishi said that the country's economy has deteriorated and poverty has increased due to lack of committed leaders. "So do not make a mistake in the forthcoming election. Go and vote for CUF so as to bring you development," she said. Along with the intention to create a government which respects human rights, freedom and democracy, the candidate said he would conduct reforms in the health, education and agriculture sectors so as to benefit the majority of Tanzanians. If elected, he would seek to improve the trade, business and investment environment to stimulate employment opportunities and spur the country's economic growth, he stated. He said the southern zone regions have been neglected for years, vowing that a CUF government will prioritize the development of

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ACT-Wazalendo Kinondoni candidate faces court action

By Guardian Reporter

SAED Kubenea (pictured), the opposition ACT-Wazalendo's parliamentary candidate for Kinondoni constituency in Dar es Salaam Region, risks court action over alleged illegal entry into the country and suspicions relating to money laundering. Director of Public Prosecutions Biswalo Mganga said in a statement yesterday that the former Ubungo (Dar es Salaam) legislator from the opposition Chadema was suspected to have violated the Anti-Money Laundering (Cross-Border Declaration of Currency and Bearer of Negotiable Instruments) Regulations of 2016 and Section 12 of the Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2006. He said Kubenea was arrested when crossing the Tanzania-Kenya (from Kenya) border at Namanga at the weekend aboard a passenger



bus with registration number T 645 DKR. According to the DPP, the suspect was heading to Arusha and had allegedly crossed the border to Kenya after arriving in Arusha from Dar es Salaam three days earlier - on September 2. He said the former legislator told the police upon interrogation that he spent one night at his brother's house on September 3 and that the following day he travelled to the Namanga border, where he received the sum of money from a Kenyan national. In the course of a police body, according to DPP Mganga, the suspect was found in possession of US\$8,000, 491,000 Kenya shillings and Tanzanian currency totalling 71,000/-. The DPP said Kubenea was also found with a ticket dated September 5, 2020 showing that he travelled on a Super Coach bus with registration numbers KCP 4230 from Nairobi to Namanga alongside a Memorandum of Understanding involving between Hali-Halisi (Tanzania) and Buni Media Limited (Kenya). The suspect also allegedly had a hotel receipt bearing the name Kubenea, Saed Ahmed showing that he slept at the 'After 40 Hotels Limited' in Nairobi from September 3 to September 5 as well as his passport. DPP Mganga said he had approved the prosecution of the former legislator on grounds

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Prof Ibrahim Lipumba, the opposition Civic United Front's candidate for the Tanzanian Presidency in the upcoming (late October) General Election, addresses his "inaugural" campaign rally at Sabasaba grounds in Mtwara municipality yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Gideon Boniface

By Henry Mwangonde, Mwanza

EARNINGS of up to US\$1 million (over 230bn/-) annually as profits from gold mining operations will be flowing to the Treasury on the basis of an agreement between the government and Barrick Gold Corporation, CCM presidential candidate Dr John Magufuli said yesterday. He said the agreement was a milestone in addressing mining related disputes, speaking at a campaign rally at the CCM Kirumba Stadium in Mwanza City. The agreement represents a joint venture arrangement which guarantees the government full participation in decisions on the three Barrick Gold mines-Bulyanhulu, North Mara and Buzwagi. The pact with the mining firm cleared the way for the country to more handily benefit from its natural resources, he stated. It allowed the government to obtain

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He asked voters in Mwanza to vote for him to fulfill his intentions of turning the city into an economic hub for the Great Lakes region

significant stakes in three gold mines, ending a long-running tax dispute and setting a usable framework for negotiations with other firms. The pact led to the formation of Twiga Minerals, a new firm set up to manage the Bulyanhulu, North Mara and Buzwagi mines and whose head offices will be located in Mwanza, the candidate noted. He said that plans are underway for to install a gold smelter in Mwanza with the capacity to refine 500 kilogrammes of gold sand per day. He asked voters in Mwanza to vote for him

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Juma Ali Khatib (R), the opposition ADA-Tadea candidate for Zanzibar Presidency in the upcoming (late October) General Election, presents endorsed nomination forms to Zanzibar Electoral Commission chairman Zanzibar Chief Justice (rtd) Hamid Mahmoud Hamid yesterday. Photo: Rahma Suleiman

Lissu supports Seif for Z'bar presidency

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

CHADEMA presidential candidate, Tundu Lissu yesterday voiced his support for ACT-Wazalendo candidate for president of Zanzibar, Seif Sharif Hamad. Lissu described Hamad as the only

presidential aspirant capable of defeating the CCM candidate in the quest for the top position in the Isles. "Let us all support the ACT Wazalendo presidential candidate. This doesn't mean that we have betrayed our candidates, but because the man is much respected and accepted by

Isles residents," the candidate affirmed at a campaign rally at Kibandamaiti grounds in Zanzibar. He pledged to protect citizens' rights at any cost, asking the Islanders not to make any mistake on October 28th. The rights of Zanzibar residents would only be realized

through the ballot boxes, he declared. He expressed dismay over the CCM National Executive Committee for picking the Zanzibar presidential candidate from a meeting in Dodoma, arguing that the presidential candidate for Zanzibar was supposed to be appointed by

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to enable him to fulfill his intentions of turning the city into an economic hub for the Great Lakes region.

Dr Magufuli listed a number of infrastructure development projects that his government intends to carry out in the next five years, which include the building of MV Victoria and MV Mwanza to ease transport in the lake and facilitate the freight of goods to neighbouring countries.

He said it costs around 130,000/- to ship a tonne of goods from Bukoba in Kagera to Mwanza but after construction of MV Victoria the cost will come down to around 27,000/-.

Singling out Mwanza as well located commercially, he said the government has a various plans for improving the city. "We want to put in place the right infrastructures to realize our target of turning it into the centre of business in the entire Great Lakes Region," the candidate specified.

Preparations are underway for construction of the Standard Gauge Railway from Mwanza to Isaka in Kahama District, Shinyanga Region, he pointed out.

The government intends to further expand Mwanza airport to receive international flights, extending the runway to 3.5 kilometers from 2.8 km at present, he said.

In the past five years efforts were made to link the city's suburbs more effectively by building roads to link the city centre with Usagara, Pansiansi and Buzuruga-Isamilo.

On health, Dr Magufuli said about 11.4bn/- has been used in the last five years to build dispensaries, health centres and buying essential medicines.

On agriculture, he said that Mwanza cooperative unions obtained a loan from the Tanzania Agriculture Development Bank to buy 33 tractors so as to modernize the agro-cooperative sector in the region.

The rally was the second major public meeting after whistle stop rallies on Sunday on his way from Musoma in Mara Region. The candidate took time to ask voters to elect CCM candidates for the parliamentary and councillorship seats.

The CCM Kirumba stadium which holds 35,000 people was arguably full as Mwanza residents from all walks of life thronged it as early as 6am to get a better view of the president and hear him from close range. Dr Magufuli is expected to hold a rally in Geita today.



Dr John Magufuli, the ruling CCM's candidate for the Tanzanian Presidency in the upcoming (late October) General Election, addresses a campaign rally in Mwanza city's CCM Kirumba Stadium yesterday. Photo: State House

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that his office reviewed the evidence presented and was satisfied that, while in Arusha, Kubenea did not sleep in any of the hotels or spend a night at his brother's house, as he claimed.

The DPP said the suspect illegally crossed from Tanzania to Kenya and back - on re-entering Tanzania on Saturday.

"I have approved the charges against former MP Saed Kubenea as per guidelines outlined in Section 59B (4) (a), (b) and (c) of the country's 1977 Constitution," the statement by the DPP's office elaborated.

Kubenea was elected Ubungo legislator in 2015, serving his full term - that is, until June 2020 when President John Magufuli dissolved the 11th Parliament. In the subsequent nominations for candidacy in the upcoming General Election, he crossed over from Chadema to ACT-Wazalendo - this time to vie for the Kinondoni parliamentary seat.

DRC's Tshisekedi invites region's presidents to security meeting

NAIROBI

Congolese President Felix Tshisekedi has invited neighbours to a regional meeting in the eastern part of the country to discuss peace and security.

President Tshisekedi's office said he has invited Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni, Rwanda's Paul Kagame, Burundi's Evariste Ndayishimiye and Angola's Joao Lourenço to a summit in Goma, North Kivu Province, some 1500 km east of the capital Kinshasa.

Jolino Makelele, the Minister of Communication and spokesperson for the Congolese government, said the meeting will focus on peace and security but also discuss relations among those countries.

"This high-impact mini-summit will look at three themes - peace and security in the region, diplomatic and political relations

among the states and the revival of economic activities in the current context of the fight against covid-19," he said at the weekend.

A meeting date has not been set but officials have rushed to finalise logistics as they await the leaders' confirmation of attendance. The meeting is, however, expected to take place this week.

Historic meeting

The themes, the government spokesman said, arose from a meeting of the Council of Ministers last Friday.

It resolved to instruct the ministers of Interior (Gilbert Nkankonde), Foreign Affairs (Marie Tumba), International Cooperation (Guillaume Manjolo), Defence (Aimé Ngoy Mukena) and Foreign Trade (Jean-Lucien Bussa) to list key elements to be discussed and DRC's position on them.

If all the leaders attend the meeting, it will

be their first one together in five years.

President Kagame had frosty relations with DRC's administration under Joseph Kabila and they often accused each other of fueling rebellion back home.

Last May, however, Mr Kagame toured Kinshasa to attend the burial of one-time opposition leader Etienne Tshisekedi, the father of the current president.

DRC has since applied to join the East African Community, reportedly on Rwanda's encouragement.

Rwanda also had frosty relations with Burundi under President Pierre Nkurunziza, who died earlier in the year.

Under the new leader, the two recently agreed on voluntary repatriation of refugees, signaling resumption of open communication channels.

AGENCIES



Tundu Lissu, the opposition Chadema's candidate for the Tanzanian Presidency in the upcoming (late October) General Election, addresses a campaign rally at Kibandamaiti grounds in Zanzibar yesterday. Photo: Rahma Suleiman

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Zanzibar.

Lissu claimed that most political decisions for Zanzibar are made by the government on the other side of the Union, "as Tanzania Mainland has for years been deciding who is to rule Zanzibar."

"We should all support the candidate who is likely to win the Zanzibar presidential election," the candidate urged, appealing

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to ACT Wazalendo followers to also vote for Chadema in the Union poll.

A Chadema-led government will form a peace and reconciliation commission that will help to heal sufferings the people have encountered as well as pursuing the constitutional review process.

Chadema presidential running mate Salum Mwalimu Juma said he would diligently advise the president as well as contribute to giving Zanzibar its full autonomy. An opposition government would compensate families which lost loved ones and bread winners in the 2001 post-demonstration

killings.

A Chadema-led government will also set free the leaders of the Uamsho group who are currently detained in the Mainland.

Addressing the rally, Chadema national chairman Freman Mbowe reiterated his appeal for a free and fair general election.

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these regions.

Since 2017, cashew nut farmers in these regions are no longer benefiting from agriculture as they are compelled to sell their produce at low prices, elaborating that cashew nut export sales have dropped to \$10m from \$530m in 2017, he told the rally.

"The Southern Zone regions have everything. There are plenty of gas resources here but the government is yet to utilize the resource to bring development in the regions and the country at large," he asserted.

He similarly pointed out that Mtwara and Lindi regions have massive acreage for modernized fishing and tourist attractions like beaches which need more investment to benefit the majority.

"My government will ensure that it brings potential investors to invest in the gas sector and other areas for the country's development," he specified.

He further said: "I will make sure that I conduct changes in the education sector by capacitating schools with enough Information and Communication Technology (ICT) which include deploying computers in schools for children to learn smoothly."

He was of the view that the country is still lagging behind in agriculture due to poor investment and political commitment.

"The current government has failed to invest much in the sector. The majority of our farmers are still poor despite spending much of their energy and funds on farms. I will transform the sector and make sure that farmers benefit from their sweat," the former university don elaborated.

Once elected, investing in women and children's development will be uppermost. "I will make sure that I invest in the first 1000 days of a child by promoting nutrition so as to have an intelligent generation for the country's development," he added.



Tanzania Social Action Fund (Tasaf) executive director Ladislaus Mwamanga pictured in Dodoma city yesterday addressing journalists at a seminar on progress in the implementation of the Fund's projects in Dodoma, Iringa, Shinyanga and Singida regions. Photo: Correspondent Shaban Njia

Majaliwa declares govt will continue working together with private sector

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has said the government will continue working together with entrepreneurs in all categories in the country aimed at strengthening the private sector for the nation's benefit.

He said the 2020/25 CCM election manifesto directs the government officials in the next five years to adopt positive view on the private sector, especially in the establishment of industries within the blue print for Business and Investment Environment Plan.

Majaliwa, who is also a member of CCM Central Committee was speaking on Sunday at a campaign rally at Majengo Ward in Moshi town, Kilimanjaro Region as he was seeking for votes for the party's presidential candidate Dr John Magufuli and the Moshi Urban parliamentary candidate Priscus Tarimo and candidates for the councilorship.

Majaliwa called on Kilimanjaro Region leaders to prepare a special forum for advertising attractions for investments in the region in various sectors, including the industrial sector.

He said the existence of many factories will ensure people, especially the youth to get employment.

Majaliwa also said the CCM government under President Magufuli's leadership will continue enforcing discipline of public servants and control corruption to make Tanzanians feel at home in their country.

He said the main responsibility of public servants is to serve the people without discrimination of any kind, hence he called on them to perform their duties diligently and ethically.

"I've come here to ask for votes for President John Magufuli. Ensure when you go to the polling centre to take the ballot paper and vote for him for the next five years, because you know the great things he had accomplished during the last five years," he said.

He mentioned some of his accomplishments as including the improvement of train transport which has brought down cost of travel for many people, citing that now Dar es Salaam-Moshi train passenger services are now four times a week and the fare is only 6,000/- as compared to the 40,000/- charged by passenger buses.

Majaliwa also brought together the Moshi constituency presidential candidate Tarimo and the loser at the nomination process Ibrahim Shayo who announced at the meeting that he will support Tarimo to ensure CCM wins the seat.

Juma Mwapachu appointed Exim Bank Tanzania's board chairman

By Guardian Reporter

EXIM Bank Tanzania has appointed Ambassador Juma Mwapachu as new chairman of the Board of Directors with immediate effect.

Amb Mwapachu takes over from Said Mwema who successfully completed his tenure in accordance with the lender's internal governance policy.

According to the bank's statement Mwapachu carries a wealth of experience through his long career in the government, parastatals, private sector and civil societies, regionally and internationally.

He currently serves as the director, board of directors, Heritage Insurance Tanzania Limited since 1998, member of the board of directors of Alliance Life Assurance Tanzania Limited since 2014

amongst others.

The bank's board of directors thanked Amb Mwapachu for his exemplary leadership and contribution as the director in the board of directors since 2011 whereas he ensured that the Bank continued to move forward both strategically and operationally.

The bank's Chief Executive Officer, Jaffari Matundu said: "His extensive experience, knowledge and proven leadership will further provide the bank with continued momentum to chart innovations, pursue future growth, and further strengthen our position as among the largest financial institutions in the country."

Amb Mwapachu holds a Bachelor of Law from University of East Africa (1969) a Post-Graduate Diploma in International Law from the Indian

Academy of International Law (1978), a Doctorate in Literature (Honoris Causa-2005) from the University of Dar-es-Salaam and a Doctorate in Political Sciences (honoris Causa-2012) from the National University of Rwanda.

His career pinnacle was being Tanzania's Ambassador to France (2002-April 2006), Secretary General of East African Community (April 2006-April 2011) and Chair of Committee of Chief Executives in the COMESA-EAC-SADC Tripartite (2008-2011). Ambassador Mwapachu was the Global President of the renowned Society for International Development (SID) from 2012-2016.

He has over the years, spearheaded the launch of various institutions like the Tanzania Chamber of Commerce,

Industry and Agriculture (TCCA), the Confederation of Tanzania Industries (CTI) and the East African Business Council.

Meanwhile, the board of the Bank has announced the appointment of Irene Madeje-Mlola as a new member of its board of directors.

Irene Madeje-Mlola holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from Netherland's Maastricht School of Management and ESAMI and a BCom from Dalhousie University in Canada.

She is a Certified Company Director with the Commonwealth Association for Corporate Governance and holds a Strategic Leadership in Inclusive Finance Certificate from Harvard School of Business.

Her areas of expertise include business transformation, financial

inclusion, project management and general leadership.

She is currently the director of operations at the financial sector deepening Tanzania overseeing the technical and operations division.

She brings with her a wealth of experience from various leadership and management positions held in the Financial and Telecommunications Sectors; having worked in strategic and leadership roles in multinationals such as Scotia Bank, Royal Bank of Canada, Barclays Bank, Vodacom, Airtel, and the Financial Sector Deepening Trust in which she has been instrumental in their transformation.

In her current role, Irene has participated in major transformations and internal positioning that paved the

way for the organization to catalyze financial inclusion and supported the country to achieve national goals.

She worked closely with the national council for financial inclusion to ensure women and youth are prioritized in the national strategy. Irene has extensive experience in both telecoms and banking where she has worked in senior leadership positions within and outside the country.

She led milestone transformations in the telecom sector where she oversaw the first full-fledged outsourcing of over 500 employees and paved way for efficient, nimble and effective business model for the organization.

The bank states that Irene embodies the spirit of innovation and strategic thinking which are vital to the growth of the bank.

DAR ES SALAAM STOCK EXCHANGE PLC



INVITATION TO ATTEND BASIC INVESTMENT AND SECURITIES TRADING (BIST) COURSE

This is to inform you that the Dar Es Salaam Stock Exchange PLC (DSE) is organizing a BIST Course. The training will take place from **12th October 2020 to 23rd October 2020 at the DSE Offices**. The course will also be delivered **Online** through <https://darexchangelearningportal.dse.co.tz/> On how to register, visit our website www.dse.co.tz

This course is aimed at enhancing skills and capacity of the securities industry market participants and investors.

The training program is designed to equip the trainees with among others; an Overview of the Securities Markets; Legal Aspects of Securities Markets; How to Convert Investment Capital into Shareholder Profits; Evaluating Management Performance; Financial Analysis; Investment Management; Investing and Trading in Securities Markets; the DSE Rules and CSD Operations.

During this course, you will understand how you can enhance your knowledge about Investing and Trading in Securities Markets alongside your current profession/work or increase your potential to be employed by or work as the DSE Licensed Dealing Member (Broker/Dealer), Custodian Banks, Investment Advisors or other major players in Capital Markets including the prospective investment banking industry.

Participants will access training materials online. An access code to training sessions and materials will be shared once a participant pays the course fee.

As part of the course you will receive a Certificate of Attendance.

Training Fee

Participants attending face to face training sessions are required to pay a fee of TZS 1,000,000/= A fee for those preferring an online training is only TZS 500,000/=.

Who Should Attend

The targeted audience for this course includes investment advisors, accountants, lawyers, bankers as well as employees of securities brokerage firms.

Kindly confirm your participation before 5th October 2020 to the undersigned:

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FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) No. RFI-621-20-HO-C3HP HIV/TB

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID)/Tanzania is seeking information/comments/input from capable and interested organizations in its design of a Health activity titled **"Comprehensive Client-Centered Health Program - HIV and Tuberculosis (C3HP HIV/TB)"**.

The purpose of this activity is to increase the demand for and use of quality integrated HIV/TB services, particularly by youth and women, leading to improved health outcomes. Two five-year awards are anticipated under a Contract mechanism. While one award will be unrestricted to any interested organization, the other will be restricted to Tanzania local organizations.

The full Request for Information (RFI), draft Performance Work Statement (PWS) and response requirements are available at the U.S. Government official website at <https://beta.sam.gov/>. Organizations that are unable to retrieve the RFI from the website can request an electronic copy (as attachment via e-mail) by contacting USAID at usaidtco@usaid.gov.

Please send your responses to usaidtco@usaid.gov no later than September 18, 2020, at 17:00 EAT; and insert **"RFI-621-20-HO-C3HP HIV/TB"** in the Subject Line of your email. Responders will not receive individualized feedback. Specific questions about the RFI should be directed only to the email address indicated above.

Issuance of this RFI does not constitute a solicitation.

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Dr Mwinyi: Solidarity vital for CCM to win in October

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR CCM Presidential candidate Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has called on the party's contestants for House of Representatives, parliamentary and Councillorship seats and all party members in general to work together to ensure CCM gets a resounding victory in this year's elections.

Speaking in Zanzibar at a meeting with all party aspirants seeking nomination in various elective posts, he said the party's preferential nomination has been concluded and what now remains is to work together to attain victory.

He called on fellow aspirants not to be contented with campaigns on the rostrums, they should go down to the people to seek votes for the party.

He also called on them to campaign down to various groups including bodaboda drivers, food vendors and other groups.

Zanzibar Second Vice President Amb Seif Ali Iddi who is also a member of CCM Central Committee called on the contestants who have been officially endorsed by the party and those who were not to understand that there was a huge task before them - ensuring CCM's victory.

He beseeched those who were not fortunate not to sulk, but should work together with other party members to ensure victory for the party.

He also stressed on all contestant to campaign for peace and security which has always been a pearl for the country in bringing development.

CCM's Deputy Secretary General for Zanzibar Dr Abdullah Juma Sadala 'Mabodi' said it was the responsibility for the leaders to advertise achievements of the party's 2020/25 Manifesto and to ensure the party wins resoundingly in this year's elections.

With only four days before the official launch of election campaigns here, Zanzibar's CCM Presidential candidate Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has called on fellow party cadres to unite and ensure they emerge victorious in

the upcoming October polls.

He told them to seriously work together and mount campaigns that will ensure the party claims nothing but clear victory come General Election slated for October 28, this year.

He said that the only way to win the elections is by the losers in the primaries and those who were endorsed by the party to work together. "The past competition in primaries should not in any way affect the campaign."

Dr Mwinyi put emphasis on unity and collaboration among candidates and all other party members and fans, warning that maintaining any split after the primaries may have a bad consequence on CCM in the October polls.

"Let us tirelessly work as a team. Leaders should lead us in a nationwide campaign that should involve 'bodaboda operators, food vendors (mama lishe), and all other groups so that we achieve our planned landslide victory," Dr Mwinyi pleaded as promised to serve people in Zanzibar to their expectations.

Member of the party Central Committee (CC) and Second Vice-President Ambassador Seif Ali Iddi also attended the meeting, an opportunity he also used to further drum for unity within the party and maintain peace and stability.

"Let us place issues of the primaries at our back, treat them as issues of the past. We should regard ourselves as winners and not losers. Our only task is to ensure victory in all positions in the upcoming election," Iddi told cheering attendees dominated by young fans.

He congratulated all CCM members who came-up to apply for nomination in party, saying the unsuccessful should not remain distressed and think of shifting to the opposition, he urged them to remain loyal to CCM and join hands for victory.

The Deputy Secretary General, CCM-Zanzibar, Dr Abdalla Juma Sadalla said the aim of yesterday's meeting was among party preparations for the elections, promoting unity and decent campaigns.



Nuru Bafadhili, the opposition Civic United Front's parliamentary candidate for Mkinga in Tanga Region, addresses a campaign rally in the constituency's Boshwa ward yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Boniface Gideon

Strong winds likely to blow across southern coast of Indian Ocean, warns meteorological authority

By Getrude Mbugo

STRONG winds reaching 40km/hr are expected to blow across the southern coast of the Indian Ocean for two consecutive days, a situation which may disrupt marine activities, the Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA) said yesterday.

According to the TMA forecasting services manager Samuel Mbuya, the anticipated strong winds expected from September 8 to 9, this year affecting Lindi and Mtwara regions.

He was speaking on the sidelines of the media workshop organized by TMA to discuss and share information on the forthcoming autumn (vuli) rain season. "Strong wind warning is issued

for some areas of the southern coast of Indian Ocean (Lindi and Mtwara regions). We are calling on the public to be careful as the winds and waves would lead to destruction of infrastructures and trees," Mbuya said.

The authority warned ocean users including fishers, transporters to take precautions during the two days.

"TMA has repeatedly been reminding members of the public to effectively use information on weather forecasts to mitigate climate change related disasters emphasizing them not to ignore the forecasts for their own sake," Mbuya said.

In her opening remarks, TMA director general Dr Agnes Kijazi commended media practitioners

for their continued support in reporting weather issues where she urged them to increase coverage and disseminate critical weather and climate information to vulnerable communities so as to reduce extreme weather impacts.

"Some of communities in the country are not reached with weather information, alerts issued by TMA, but if the media could take much time in disseminating the information, this will protect them a lot as they will take time to prepare themselves," she said.

During the event also TMA awarded three best journalists on weather reporting for the year 2020.

The winners are Theopista

Nsanzugwanko of Habari Leo newspaper who emerged the first winner, the second awarded went to Jerome Risasi from Clouds TV and third winner is Daniel Samson from Nukta Tanzania.

The first winner went out with a certificate and 1m/- cash, the second winner got a certificate and 700,000/- while the third winner got a certificate and 400,000/-.

TMA, the state-owned agency, one of its objectives and its mission is to provide quality, reliable and cost effective meteorological services to stakeholders' expectations thereby contributing to the protection of life and property, environment and national poverty eradication goal.

TANZANIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKERS UNION



Tender No. TALG/PROC/021/2020

For

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Invitation for Tenders

Date: 3rd September 2020

1. Tanzania Local Government Workers Union (TALGWU) has set aside funds for the operation of the financial year 2021. It is intended that part of the proceeds of the fund will be used to cover eligible payment under the contract for the PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF T-SHIRTS AND CAPS.

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3. Tendering will be conducted through the **Open Tendering** procedures specified in the TALGWU Procurement Rules of 2018, and is open to all Tenderers.

4. Interested eligible Tenders may obtain further information from and inspect the Tendering Documents at the office of the Tanzania Local Government Workers Union (TALGWU), Tender Board, P.O.Box 16097, Dar es salaam, located at Block 31 Tanga/Utete Street 1st Floor Ilala Dar es salaam from 08:00am to 04:00 pm on Mondays to Fridays inclusive except on public holidays.

5. A complete set of Tendering Document(s) in **English Language** and additional sets may be purchased by interested Tenderers on the submission of a written application to the address given under paragraph 4 above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tshs 200,000/=. **Payment should be made by depositing Cash at NMB Bank Account number 20606600115, payable to KATIBU MKUU TALGWU.**

6. All Tenders must be accompanied by a Bid Security of 2% of Bid Price in the Currency of the Tender or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible Currency.

7. All tenders in one original plus Two, properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes must be delivered to the address the Tanzania Local Government Workers Union (TALGWU), Tender Board, P.O.Box 16097, Dar es salaam, located at Block 31 Tanga/Utete Street 1st Floor Ilala Dar es salaam at or before 5th October 2020 at 10:00Am local time. "Marked Tender no. TALG/PROC/021/2020 Tenders will be opened promptly thereafter in public and in the presence of Tenderers' representatives who choose to attend in the opening at the TALGWU Office located at block no. 31 Tanga/Utete street Ilala.

NB Late Tenders, Portion of Tenders, Electronic Tenders, Tenders not received, Tenders not opened and not read out in public at the tender opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

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Rashid M. Mtima

GENERAL SECRETARY
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NEC cautions CSOs conducting voters' civic education to abide by guidelines

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE National Electoral Commission (NEC) has held talks civil societies organisations (CSOs) granted permission to provide civic education to voters to assist the community with the knowledge on how to use their

constitutional and democratic rights to elect leaders of their choice.

Opening the seminar in Zanzibar, NEC's Director of Information and Voters Education Giveness Aswile called on the CSOs to concentrate on voters' education as outlined in their permits

given by NEC.

She said they should not mix voters education with political campaigning for political parties and should not lean on any one side while providing voters' education.

"You have been given instructions of not using the permits given together with other organisations that have not been permitted by NEC," she said.

She said NEC understands that some of the CSOs given permits during the exercise to improve the Voters' Register used their permits with other organisations, adding that this was the main reasons for some of them had been sidelined in the current exercise.

"NEC will be closely following up, and any CSOs that will be found to violate the guidelines given will have their permits revoked," she said.

The Director of the Zanzibar Electoral Commission (ZEC) Faina Idarous Faina called on the CSOs that after the exercise they should not delay in submitting their reports to NEC.

Representatives from the CSOs said they will abide by all the instructions and guidelines given to enable voters use their democratic right in the October 28 elections.

A total of 14 CSOs in Zanzibar applied for permits from NEC to conduct Voter's education exercise, but only seven were given permits.

In regard to Tanzania Mainland a total of 245 CSOs were given permits out of that had 399 applied.

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA



IN THE FAIR COMPETITION TRIBUNAL
AT DAR ES SALAAM

APPEAL NO. 17 OF 2020

BETWEEN

MEDCO ENERGI GLOBAL PTE LIMITED.....APPELLANT

AND

FAIR COMPETITION COMMISSION..... RESPONDENT

(Notice pursuant to rule 16 of the Fair Competition Tribunal Rules, 2012)

TAKE NOTICE THAT an appeal has been lodged in the Tribunal against part of the decision of the Fair Competition Commission (FCC) Respondent herein, dated 18th April 2019 in the matter of Merger Application No. 11 of 2019 in which FCC ordered the Appellant to issue a binding undertaking in favour of Mr. Moto Matiko Mabanga and assume without fail all legal obligations (if any) that may be awarded to Mr. Mabanga by any relevant authority.

The Appellant contends, among other things, that FCC erred in law because the issue of Mr. Mabanga's interest if any in the subject matter of the merger was subject of the Court Proceedings before the Court of Appeal of Tanzania. Thus the Appellant prays for an order for quashing and setting aside the condition that the Appellant provide a binding undertaking in favour of Mr. Mabanga and assume without fail all legal obligations (if any) that may be awarded to Mr. Mabanga by any relevant authority as pre-condition for the Respondent to issue its merger approval to the Appellant.

BY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE any person who considers that he has sufficient interest in the outcome of the appeal may apply to intervene in the proceedings within seven days of the first publication of this notice to the Fair Competition Tribunal, 2nd Floor, Ministry of Science and Technology Building, Jamhuri Street, P.O.Box 79650, Dar es salaam

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of the Tribunal this 7th September, 2020

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TPRI seizes counterfeit pesticide from shops at Tunduma border town

By Guardian Correspondent, Tunduma

THE Tanzania Pesticide Research Institute (TPRI) has seized a consignment of counterfeit pesticide that was being sold at two shops in Tunduma border town in Songwe Region.

The pesticide was seized at the weekend when TPRI, Police and PCCB officials made an impromptu inspection at the town and three workers of the said shops were arrested.

Researcher and pesticide inspector from TPRI's headquarters in Arusha Marciale Mkombozi said they received information on the pesticide's entry into the town and decided to act on the tip.

He said after the inspection they found the consignment of the pesticide that did not satisfy the country's quality standard hence they were deemed hazardous to users.

"This pesticide has not been registered in the country by the registration authority - the TPRI, so we do not know its quality and the hazard it poses to users, hence we are supposed to remove them from the market, according to what the laws say," Mkombozi said.

He also called on other pesticide dealers to conduct business according to the country's laws to avoid prosecution that may end in heavy fines or imprisonment or both punishments.

TPRI Inspector for Southern Highlands Zone Emmanuel Mause called on people using pesticides to ensure they were genuine or counterfeit by looking at their registration marks.

He said to simplify the identification of TPRI registered or unregistered pesticide they have established a special digital procedure which people can scratch for a special number.

"We shall distribute the numbers via TTCL, and when a person scratches for that numbers and upload it in our website, he will discover that the pesticide he is about to buy had been registered or not," he said.

Tunduma Town Ward Secretary Edwin Nyilawila called on TPRI to educate leaders at lower levels on how to identify the registered or unregistered pesticides.



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A Tanzania Electrical, Mechanical and Electronics Services Agency (TEMESA) technician repairs street lights near the Selander Bridge section of Dar es Salaam's along Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Ewura underlines the importance of faster installation of prepaid meters

By Guardian Correspondent,

Mbeya

THE energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) regions in the southern highlands has advised regional, district and urban water authorities to hasten the distribution pace of prepaid meters so as aim to improve water supply service and bill collection.

The advice was given at the weekend by the EWURA Manager for the Southern Highlands Zone Karim Ally when speaking to The Guardian on the importance of the installation of prepaid meters for Mbeya, Ruvuma, Songwe, Njombe, Rukwa and Katavi regions.

He said the aim is to improve water supply service and bill collection, especially from government and private sector institutions.

He said prepaid meters are also beneficial to a water consumer because he uses water according to the money he has at any particular time.

Ally said up to now water and sanitation authorities including Mbeya Water, Sanitation Authority (MBEYAWSA) has installed 650 water prepaid meters, Songea (300 meters), Sumbawanga (5), Makambako (24), Makete (12) and Njombe (5).

He said apart from

regional water supply authorities, EWURA has been administering water authorities in small urban areas including Tunduma and Wanging'ombe, he said other water authorities administered by the EWURA include Chunya, Tukuyu, Rujewa and Kasumulu for Mbeya Region and Itumba - Isongole for Songwe Region and Namanyere for Rukwa Region.

Communication officer for MBEYAWSSA Neema Stanton said since the installation of the prepaid meters there has been a marked improvement in regard to bill collection while the demand for the meters was still high.

He said despite the achievements from the prepared meters, there was the challenge over the prices thereof, as one meter costs more than 300,000/-.



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MICRO- LENDING INSTITUTION WITH HEAD OFFICE IN NAIROBI CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER

A Micro-lending institution is looking for a Chief Operations Officer for its operation in Tanzania.

OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY:

Reporting to the Chief Executive Officer, the position is responsible for operations strategies and business growth to deliver effective and profitable operation of the business, and enhance the Company's profile in the market place.

He/She will be responsible lending and branch network management, product development, marketing, customer experience, policy development and application of internal controls.

KEY TASKS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Develop plans for business growth and profitability targets of the Company.
- Monitor and evaluate the branch performance to generate a healthy portfolio on a monthly basis, including client satisfaction metrics
- Supervise the field operations team comprising of marketers to ensure they perform their duties optimally.
- Ensure organizational quality through review, update, implementation and adherence to agreed policies, procedures and manuals.
- Prepare budgets, annual business plans and operational plans.
- Oversee credit risk framework, implement credit strategies, policies and procedures in the line with the company's corporate strategy and ensure compliance.
- Oversee preparation of Audited accounts and the monthly management accounts.
- Implement the microfinance plan focusing on increasing the outreach of the Company through opening of new branches, and development of new products.
- Oversee and manage the human resources department
- Supervise the finance department
- Produce reports for the board
- Lead in finance generation for onward lending to customers
- Ensure the institute is compliant in all aspects
- Any other duties as may be assigned from time to time

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- Market share growth
- Statutory compliance
- Return on Investment (ROI)
- Accurate investment advice on projects - time, scope and budgets
- Budget/forecast accuracy
- Timely planning/ cash management/investment advise
- Systems control

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- A Bachelor's /Master's degree in business administration, management, finance, economics, commerce or equivalent from a reputable university.

EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

- At least over 5 years relevant experience in comparable positions in terms of responsibility in microfinance or similar organization in an operations line-management role.
- Experience in credit origination and credit risk assessment in a lending environment coupled with mobilization and delivery channel development.
- Flexible and resourceful; the ability to work in a start-up.
- Acquaintance with the MIS & Accounting systems for day to day microfinance operations;
- A thorough understanding of microfinance performance metrics/indicators and the ability to interpret and process operations data;

BEHAVIOURAL COMPETENCIES LEVEL

- Analytical Thinking
- Customer orientation
- Entrepreneurship
- Communication skills
- Flexibility
- Holding people accountable
- Leadership and developing others

FUNCTIONAL COMPETENCIES

- Financial Acumen
- Budget formulation and monitoring
- Financial Analysis and Reporting
- Capacity building
- Financial Planning Management and Internal Controls
- Supply chain and Risk Management

Interested candidates who fully meet the above requirements should send their applications along with a detailed Curriculum Vitae indicating expected salary and their daytime contact to human.resources.dept2020@gmail.com before 25/9/2020.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Lake Rukwa Basin authorities vow to end destruction of water sources

By Guardian Correspondent,

Mbeya

LAKE Rukwa Basin Office has been forced to establish water consumers' communities with constitutions and by-laws to ensure all acts of environmental destruction at water sources, rivers

and Lake Rukwa itself are stopped.

This has been revealed by the Lake Rukwa Basin Board official Grace Chitanda when speaking on efforts by the

office to preserve water sources.

She said apart from these efforts, the office continues with efforts in preserving 16 water sources, eight of which are located in Mbeya City.

Chitanda said it was high time for the people to be at the fore front in ensuring water sources are preserved in the mentioned areas and should not wait for the government to do so.

She mentioned the rivers that empty their waters into lake Rukwa as including Momba, Katuma, Songwe, Rungwa, Rwiche and Muze adding that these have been faced with challenges unprofessional farming activities that result in too much silt entering the lake every year.

She said there will be a time when the water sources will dry up if the community will not take steps to fight the destruction.

She said Lake Rukwa once dried up in 1770 and some of its living organism disappearing.

She added that history also shows that in 1939 the lake was flooded following heavy rains.

She said measurements taken show that the lake has an average depth of four metres but in some areas the depth is nine metres, a very shallow lake compared with lakes in the country.

MEN'S EXCLUSIVE BOUTIQUE IN DAR ES SALAAM SHOP OPERATIONS MANAGER

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Organising merchandise in the shop
- Dealing with customer queries and complaints and suggesting solutions
- Monitoring daily stock movement and reports
- Vision to identify items and sourcing products from abroad
- Maintain current knowledge of market/trends
- Identifying potential customers
- Set and monitor store's budget, making every effort to maximize efficiency and profits
- Manage appropriate levels of stock and purchases while staying on budget
- Address customer complaints/feedback in a professional manner
- Performing store opening and closing operations.
- Liaising with head office
- Produce sales reports
- Supervise the production of weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual financial reports

QUALIFICATIONS

- Having minimum 5 years' experience in retail and management.
- Strong communication skills and interpersonal skills
- Being a team leader and with experience in managing people.
- Marketing, confident and outgoing.
- Sales skills and being business focused.
- Ability to work with minimum supervision.
- Ability to think as a business person.
- Experience in Clothes retailer shop is a plus.
- Age 30 years and above.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- Market share growth
- Increase in sales profitability
- Cost management
- Opening new outlets in Tanzania

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

- Minimum Qualification: Bachelor Degree

If you are up to the challenge, possess the necessary qualification and experience, please send your CV only quoting the job title to human.resources.dept2020@gmail.com before 25/9/2020. Kindly indicate your current/last remuneration and expected on your CV.

Only candidates short-listed for interview will be contacted.



Students of Arumeru District's Patandi Special School practise how to use Braille writing machines, as found yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Getrude Mpezya

COSTECH calls upon youths to value role of innovative research in addressing challenges

By Getrude Mbago

TANZANIA Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH) has challenged young Tanzanians to invest in innovative research and ideas which will be able to address challenges facing communities.

Director of Costech Amos Nungu told reporters recently in Dar es Salaam that the commission has been nurturing and supporting a number of young innovators to ensure that their ideas produce positive impacts.

He urged the youths to think beyond their traditional boundaries and come up with innovative ideas that would help solve various problems and contribute to the country's development.

According to him, the country has thousands of young people who have ideas that are aiming at changing the nation into a smart one by transforming the old ways of doing things and bringing technological solutions.

Nungu noted that youth can come up with more innovative ideas aimed towards finding practical solutions to challenges such as of health, agriculture and food security, communications and transportation safety, energy, education, environment and climate change among others.

"We have participated in the exhibition of higher learning institutions this year and we used the opportunity to educate the public about our responsibilities, we educated them on the importance of science and technology and how they can chip in and contribute well in the country's economic development," he said.

He also said that the commission has produced new guidelines which will be distributed to various institutions and researchers so as to help them conduct

their studies and projects smoothly.

"For example, we coordinate the area of issuing research permits in the country. So we have guidelines to guide us and researchers as well. We support universities, colleges and other fields on research and innovative projects, I am happy that even in this year's exhibition on higher learning institutions, majority of the varsities adopted technology, improved their systems and were able to conduct enrollment at the exhibition grounds," Nungu said.

He however hailed the pace of young people who embark on innovative projects but what is needed is closer supervision from experts so as to fulfill their dreams.

The director further expressed the commission's commitment and determination to develop a new generation of tech related youth by creating an enabling environment to spur individual income and the nation's economy.

"Development in technology goes hand in hand with competitiveness and this is where innovation becomes crucial," he said.



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By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

Mbalizi water project worth 3.4bn/- boosts water supply to 95 per cent

THE availability of piped water in Mbalizi Town in Mbeya Region has gone up from 30 to 95 percent following the implementation of the water project for the area.

The Director of Mbeya Urban Water and Sanitation Authority (MBEYAUWSA), Ndele Mengo said the project that began at Shongo water source is so far 97 percent complete.

He said the project involved the laying of pipes from the water source to a 150,000 litre water reservoir at Izumbwe that is 100 percent complete.

He said the laying of water pipes from the reservoir to residents' premises in Mbalizi and the construction of stand pipes in various residential areas was also 100 percent complete.

He said the situation has caused the decrease of water prices to the people from 500/- to 50/- for a 20/- litre container.

Mbeya Regional Commissioner

Albert Chalamila visited the project and said he was satisfied by its implementation and called on the people to take care of the water infrastructures to make them last long.

"This project has cost more than 3.45bn/- from President Magufuli's promise during his visit to the area in April last year, hence it is the duty of every one of you to protest its

infrastructure," he said.

Some Mbalizi Town residents thanked President Magufuli for keeping his promise in deed, the promise which has now come to fruition.

Maria Seme, a food vendor at Mbalizi Bus Stand said the availability of water has helped in the reduction of water charges as well as saving a lot of her time fetching water.

TANZANIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKERS UNION



**Tender No. TALG/PR/020/2019
For
LEASE OF TALGWU COMMERCIAL BUILDING**

Invitation to Tenders

Date: 3rd September, 2020

- The Tanzania Local Government Workers Union (hereafter referred to as "the Union") now invites sealed tenders for the lease of **TALGWU COMMERCIAL BUILDING**.
- Tendering will be conducted through the OPEN TENDER procedures specified in the TALGWU Procurement Manual, and is open to all Tenderers.
- Interested tenderers may inspect the **TALGWU COMMERCIAL BUILDING** at **Temeke Municipality near National Stadium and Opposite Dar Es salaam University College of Education (DUCE)**.
- Interested eligible tenderers may obtain further information from and inspect the Tendering Documents at the office of the Tanzania Local Government Workers Union (TALGWU), Tender Board, P.O. Box 16097, Dar Es salaam, located at Block 31 Tanga/Utete Street 1st Floor Ilala, Dar Es Salaam from 08:00am to 04:00pm on Mondays to Fridays inclusive except on public holidays.
- A complete set of Tendering Document(s) in **English Language** and additional set may be purchased by interested tenderers on the submission of a written application to the address given under paragraph 4 above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tshs.200,000/=. Payment should be made by depositing cash at NMB Bank account number 20606600115 payable to **KATIBU MKUU TALGWU**.
- All tenders in one original plus TWO copies, properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes must be delivered to Tanzania Local Government Workers Union (TALGWU), Tender Board, P.O. Box 16097, Dar Es salaam, located at Block 31 Tanga/Utete Street 1st Floor Ilala Dar Es salaam at or before 5th October 2020 at 10:00 am. Tenders will be opened promptly thereafter in public and in the presence of tenderers' representatives who choose to attend in the opening at the Tanzania Local Government Workers Union (TALGWU), P.O.Box 16097, Dar es salaam, located at Block 31 Tanga/Utete Street 1st Floor Ilala Dar Es salaam.
- All tenders must be accompanied by a bid security of 2% of bid price.
- Late tenders, portion of tenders, electronic tenders, and tenders not received, tenders not opened and not read out in public at the tender opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

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INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS

Date: 3rd September, 2020

- The Tanzania Local Government Workers Union invites bids from reputable and experienced Suppliers of goods and services for the Financial year 2021 as listed below:-

1	Printing Services
2	Supply of Computer and its Accessories
3	Supply of Stationeries
4	Supply and Repair Services of Air Conditioners and Fans
5	Motor vehicle Repair and Maintenance Services
6	Supply of Motor vehicle Tyres

- Interested applicants may obtain further information from and inspect the pre-qualification documents at the Tanzania Local Government Workers Union (TALGWU), Tender Board, P.O.Box 16097, Dar es salaam, located at Block 31 Tanga/Utete Street 1st Floor Ilala Dar es salaam from 08:00am to 04:00 pm on Mondays to Fridays inclusive except on public holidays.
- A complete set of pre-qualification documents in English may be purchased by interested Applicants on the submission of a written application to the address given under paragraph 2 above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **100,000/=Tzs.** or equivalent amount in freely convertible currency Payment should be by depositing Cash at NMB Bank account number 20606600115 payable to **KATIBU MKUU TALGWU**.

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Dodoma records increase in enrolment of Standard One pupils by 121 percent

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE Dodoma city council has outlined 14 achievements attained in the past five years in primary education including increased enrolment of Standard One pupils by 121 percent.

The City Director, Joseph Mafuru said this yesterday when speaking to this paper on the successes of the council for a period between 2014/15 to 2019/20.

Mafuru said that Standard One enrollment has increased from 13,277 students (101 percent) in 2015 to 16,874 pupils equivalent to 121 percent of the enrollment target set for 2020.

"During the five years under the leadership of President John Magufuli, we have recorded major achievements in the improvement of primary school education," he said.

He said the pre-primary enrollment rate has increased from 9,214 pupils (114 percent) in 2015 to 10,939 pupils (116 percent) in 2020.

Mafuru attributed the success in enrollment of pre-primary and

Standard One pupils to implementation of the free education policy.

"As a result of the free education policy, we are now receiving a subsidy of 918.2m/- from the central government, which is higher compared to 361.9m/- we received in 2015/2016.

In November 27, 2015 the government issued Circular 5 which implements the Education and Training Policy 2014 that directed public bodies to offer free primary and secondary school education to ensure that children in the country enjoy eleven years of free schooling.

Free education which includes the removal of all forms of fees and contributions supports government efforts to attain the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) related to primary education and Sustainable Development Goal 4 which requires countries to ensure that everyone completes free, equitable and quality primary and secondary education.

The City Director noted that the number of primary schools has increased to 141 among them, 94 are

state-owned and 47 private. He said the number of Standard Seven leavers have also increased from 8,237 in 2015 to 10,495 in 2019, an increase of 2,258 pupils. "Academic performance has increased from 62 percent in 2015 to 85.36 percent in 2019, an increase of 23.36 percent," he said.

On construction of school infrastructure, Mafuru said classrooms have increased from 839 in 2015/16 to 993 in 2019/20 equivalent to 19 percent.

He said the number of pit latrines at schools has increased from 1,028 in 2015/16 to 1,223 in 2019/20. Teachers' houses have increased from 156 to 171.

He also said that desks have also increased from 11,115 to 15,291 in the same period equivalent to an increase of 137.5 percent. Mafuru added that schools have received a total of 298,785 textbooks, including 46,678 teacher's guides while the student's book ratio is currently 1:3 compared to 1:7 in 2015.

The City Director said the council has constructed new primary schools in Mtemi, Mazengo, Mtube and Mnyakongo wards.



Zanzibar Electoral Commission director Thabit Idarous Faina pictured in Zanzibar yesterday addressing representatives of civil society organisations on the importance of imparting civic education to members of the public during the countdown to late October's General Election. Photo: Rahma Suleiman

Stakeholders concerned over high incidence of gender based violence

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

COORDINATOR of a non-governmental organisation—Women Wake Up (WOWAP), Nasra Suleiman has expressed grave concern over prevalence of high rate of gender based violence (GBV) towards young girls and women in Chamwino District, Dodoma Region.

"The situation of girls in Chamwino District is very pathetic as some parents are even encouraging their girl children to purposefully perform poorly in their standard seven examinations so that they can be married," Nasra said in an

interview.

"Due to poverty and illiteracy, most parents are considering their girl children as a source of income since forcing them to get married at early ages so as they (parents) can benefit through soliciting and receiving dowry prices," she said, adding:

"The district was also home of different atrocities against young girls, including rape cases, saying very unfortunately such cases have been solved 'under the households' secret carpets' between parents and some unscrupulous local government officials."

She expressed that in case some malpractice incidences are being reported to police stations, people within communities have always remained hesitant to appear in court or police station to testify for the occurrences of the atrocities due to poor traditions, the situation which she observed calls for serious interventions.

She however said WOWAP implements two major programmes that seek to fight against early pregnancies and early marriages, as well as combating against all forms of atrocities and Gender Based Violence

(GBV) towards girls communities.

Nasra observed that the two timely programmes, implemented in different wards within the District have so far played a major role in improving the situation.

"For instances, through the programmes we have managed to identify the girls that have been victimized by different forms of GBV, and then imparting them with useful training on how to change their mindsets, as well as giving them key entrepreneurship skills that have so far enabled them to venture into diverse income generating activities, including

tailoring," she disclosed.

She said the programmes are also based to train the vulnerable girls over their statutory rights in order for them (vulnerable girls) to stand at forefront in demanding for their rights, but also assist others in their future life.

WOWAP was established in 1996 and registered under Society Ordinance of 1954 of United Republic of Tanzania on 17th September 1998 registration No. SO No. 9575.

The NGO is based in Dodoma Regions and has a branch in Singida Region. Working in urban and rural areas, WOWAP has outreached

members in Dodoma Rural District and Kondoa District who have come together as a result of the training done in primary schools. Muslim and Christian religious leaders, teachers, Ward and Village Government officials have been mobilized to fight the elimination of female genital mutilation (FGM).

WOWAP therefore, is determined to be a catalyst of positive change of women participation in social and economic issues and promote a positive social attitude towards women and children through cultural means and consciousness raising.

TANZANIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKERS UNION



Tender No. TALG/PROC/0023/2020
For
PRINTING OF CALENDARS

Invitation for Tenders

Date: 3rd September 2020

- Tanzania Local Government Workers Union (TALGWU) has set aside funds for the operation of the financial year 2021. It is intended that part of the proceeds of the fund will be used to cover eligible payment under the contract for the PRINTING OF CALENDARS FOR 2021
- TALGWU now invites sealed tenders from eligible Suppliers for

S/N	LOT NO.	Description	Unit	Quantity
01	01	Printing of wall calendars(executive)	Pcs	1,000
02	02	Printing of table calendars	Pcs	1,000
03	03	Printing of wall calendars(Single page)	Pcs	45,000

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- All Tenders must be accompanied by a Tender Security of 2% of Bid Price in the Currency of the Tender or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible Currency
- All tenders in one original plus **TWO Copies**, properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes must be delivered to the address Tanzania Local Government Workers Union (TALGWU), Tender Board, P.O.Box 16097, Dar es salaam, located at Block 31 Tanga/Utete Street 1st Floor Ilala Dar es salaam at or before **5th October 2020 at 10:00am**. Tenders will be opened promptly thereafter in public and in the presence of Tenderers' representatives who choose to attend in the opening at the Tanzania Local Government Workers Union (TALGWU), P.O.Box 16097, Dar es salaam, located at Block 31 Tanga/Utete Street 1st Floor Ilala Dar es salaam
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Tender No. TALG/PROC/0022/2020
For
PRINTING OF DIARIES

Invitation for Tenders

Date: 3rd September 2020

- Tanzania Local Government Workers Union (TALGWU) has set aside funds for the operation of the financial year 2021. It is intended that part of the proceeds of the fund will be used to cover eligible payment under the contract for the PRINTING OF DIARIES FOR 2021
- TALGWU now invites sealed tenders from eligible Suppliers for

S/N	LOT NO.	Description	Unit	Quantity
01	01	Printing of Diaries	Pcs	1500

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Clean air important factor in health and the economy

AIR pollution is the presence of substances in the atmosphere that are harmful to the health of humans and other living beings, or cause damage to the climate or to materials. There are different types of air pollutants, such as gases (such as ammonia, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, nitrous oxides, methane and chlorofluorocarbons), particulates (both organic and inorganic), and biological molecules.

Air pollution may cause diseases, allergies and even death to humans; it may also cause harm to other living organisms such as animals and food crops, and may damage the natural or built environment. Both human activity and natural processes can generate air pollution.

Air pollution is a significant risk factor for a number of pollution-related diseases, including respiratory infections, heart disease, COPD, stroke and lung cancer. The human health effects of poor air quality are far reaching, but principally affect the body's respiratory system and the cardiovascular system. Individual reactions to air pollutants depend on the type of pollutant a person is exposed to, the degree of exposure, and the individual's health status and genetics. Indoor air pollution and poor urban air quality are listed as two of the world's worst toxic pollution problems in the 2008 Blacksmith Institute World's Worst Polluted Places report. Outdoor air pollution alone causes 2.1 to 4.2 million deaths annually. Overall, air pollution causes the deaths of around 7 million people worldwide each year, and is the world's largest single environmental health risk.

Productivity losses and degraded quality of life caused by air pollution are

estimated to cost the world economy \$5 trillion per year. Various pollution control technologies and strategies are available to reduce air pollution.

The very first International Day of Clean Air for blue skies was held last Sunday. The Day aims to raise public awareness at all levels individual, community, corporate and government that clean air is important for health, productivity, the economy and the environment; demonstrate the close link of air quality to other environmental and developmental challenges such as most and foremost climate change and the global Sustainable Development Goals; promote and facilitate solutions that improve air quality by sharing actionable knowledge best practices, innovations, and success stories and bring together diverse international actors working on this topic to form a strategic alliance to gain momentum for concerted national, regional and international approaches for effective air quality management.

The United Nations General Assembly adopted the resolution to hold an International Day of Clean Air for blue skies on December 19, 2019, during its 74th session and invited the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to facilitate the observance of the International Day, in collaboration with other relevant organisations. The Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) worked with UNEP and the Republic of Korea to advocate for the day in the lead up to the decision.

WHO is working with BreatheLife partners to coordinate activities for the day.

The first celebration set a precedent for an important and exciting new international day for clean air to be celebrated annually.

Literacy is not an end by itself, but a fundamental human right

INTERNATIONAL Literacy Day (ILD) 2020 which was held on September 8, this year focused on teaching and learning in the COVID-19 crisis and beyond with a focus on the role of educators and changing pedagogies. The theme highlighted literacy learning from a lifelong learning perspective and mainly focused on youth and adults. The recent COVID-19 crisis has been a stark reminder of the existing gap between policy discourse and reality: a gap that already existed in the pre-COVID-19 era and is negatively affecting the learning of youth and adults who have no or low literacy skills and therefore tend to face multiple disadvantages. During Covid-19, in many countries, adult literacy programmes were absent in the initial education response plans, so the majority of adult literacy programmes that did exist were suspended with just a few courses continuing virtually, through TV and radio, or in open air spaces. What is the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on youth and adult literacy educators and teaching and learning? What are the lessons learnt? How can we effectively position youth and adult literacy learning in global and national responses and strategies for the recovery and resilience-building phase?

By exploring these questions, International Literacy Day 2020 provided an opportunity to reflect on and discussed how innovative and effective pedagogies and teaching methodologies can be used in youth and adult literacy programmes during this pandemic and beyond. The Day also gave an opportunity to analyse the role of educators, as well as effective policies, systems, governance and measures that can support educators in providing effective instruction and learning. Through a virtual conference, a collective global discussion was initiated to reimagine the literacy teaching and learning of youth and adults in the post-COVID-19 era towards the achievement of the SDG4.

Therefore needless to say literacy is

a fundamental human right and the foundation for lifelong learning. It is fully essential to social and human development in its ability to transform lives. For individual, families, and societies alike, it is an instrument of empowerment to improve one's health, one's income, and one's relationship with the world."

The millions of adults and children who are illiterate are victims of discrimination; their basic human rights are being violated.

Lifelong learning is a process and should be the basis of educational policies. Learning does not stop when we graduate; hopefully, it colors our everyday activities and is not limited by age or gender. Literacy not only has academic applications, it also informs our consumer decisions, our on-the-job choices, and our decision making in a democratic culture. 8 September was declared international literacy day by UNESCO on 26 October 1966 at 14th session of UNESCO's General conference. It was celebrated for the first time in 1967. Its aim is to highlight the importance of literacy to individuals, communities and societies.

It is reported that some 775 million adults lack minimum literacy skills; one in five adults are still not literate and two-thirds of them are women; 60.7 million children are out-of-school and many more attend irregularly or drop out.

According to UNESCO's "Global Monitoring Report on Education for All (2006)", South Asia has the lowest regional adult literacy rate followed by sub-Saharan Africa. Countries with the lowest literacy rates in the world are Burkina Faso, Niger and Mali. The report shows a clear connection between illiteracy and countries in severe poverty, and between illiteracy and prejudice against women.

Celebrations of International Literacy Day have included specific themes, in line with Education For All goals and other United Nations programmes such as the United Nations Literacy Decade.

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It is time to end the controversial World Bank's doing business report

By Isabel Ortiz and Leo Baunach

ON 27 August the World Bank announced that it will suspend the Doing Business Report over data irregularities, until it conducts a review and audit. The halting of the report was welcomed by trade unions, academics and human rights groups.

The World Bank's Doing Business Report ranks countries based on business regulations in 190 economies. The more regulations are slashed, the better a country does in the ranking. Most indicators are based on a standardized case study such as the conditions facing a small firm in the largest commercial city - this study characterizes the country.

Global reports that present comparable international statistics are highly valued. For example, the much acclaimed Human Development Report of the United Nations' Development Program presents national progress on social development through a set of indicators updated annually. The Human Development Report serves to create pressure on governments to perform better on education, health and other social development areas by comparing achievements in the basic dimensions of human development across countries.

In contrast, the World Bank's Doing Business Report undermines social progress and promotes inequality. Since it was launched in 2003, the Doing Business Report has generated outrage for its anti-regulation bias. Inspired by the "Index of Economic Freedom" at the conservative Heritage Foundation, the report has encouraged countries to take part in the "deregulation experience" including reductions in employment protection, lower social security contributions (denominated as "labor tax") and lesser corporate taxation.

In the report, a country ranks better when its social security contributions are low, that is, when employees have lesser social protection benefits for their families and retire with low pensions. Countries also get better rankings if corporate tax is low, no matter if this will generate further inequality and starve resources for national sustainable development. For example, India has improved in the reports' international ranking as the government has eroded environmental and labor protections and reduced



corporate taxation, resulting in detrimental social impacts.

After the global economic crisis, the Bank suspended the publication's labor market flexibility indicator. However, the raw data was still published until attention from the US Congress stopped efforts to revive the indicator.

In 2013, an independent review panel established by the World Bank's executive board and led by Trevor Manuel recommended that the use of rankings be discontinued. The panel also recommended the permanent deletion of the labor market flexibility and tax rate indicators, as the latter penalizes countries that require business to pay taxes or make contributions to pensions and other social protection schemes that support households.

The World Bank's independent review panel also expressed concerns that the report, "tends to ignore the positive effects of regulation", highlighting "black box" data gaps and "cherry picking" of background papers. A key source of information for the report are surveys completed by corporate consultants and law firms - not businesses engaged in productive activities whose needs are usually different from the ideological prerogatives of the report, such as benefiting from a social protection floor and tax-financed investment in infrastructure.

Not only did Bank management

reject almost all the recommendations made by the 2013 independent panel, it continued to use the report to guide programs and loans in developing countries, a fact denounced by civil society think tanks. Meanwhile, questions began to circle about the integrity of report findings.

In January 2018, Paul Romer, the World Bank's chief economist, said that "political motivation" of Bank staff may have contributed to a decline in Chile's ranking under the social democratic President Michelle Bachelet. Romer resigned after Bank leadership disavowed his remarks. An audit commissioned by the Bank in 2018 found no evidence of interference, but detailed constant methodological changes that took the meaning out of ranking changes.

Next, it was discovered that a change in methodology (instead of reforms) explains most of India's rise in the rankings. The government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi lobbied for favorable methodology, and when rebuffed sought to "game the system" with reforms chosen to artificially increase their rank.

Last week, the report brought the latest scandal. "A number of irregularities have been reported regarding changes to the data in the Doing Business 2018 and Doing Business 2020 reports," said the World Bank on August 27. This means that interference is suspected in 2017 but

not uncovered in the 2018 audit.

Academics, legal experts and trade unions have pointed how the report's ideological and technical preferences work against economic and social development. The report is even at odds with the evolving approach of the World Bank, such as the "Balancing Regulations to Promote Jobs" manual.

Regardless of data manipulation, the Doing Business Report has always been an act of ideological interference in policymaking. If the Bank clings to this relic, it should at the very least remove the most regressive elements including those on social security contributions and corporate taxation, and follow the recommendations of the 2013 independent review panel.

These blunt indicators are against the Sustainable Development Goals, human rights and international conventions agreed by all countries. Continuing to use the profile and name of the World Bank to promote less worker protections, less social protection benefits and less corporate taxation will only increase inequality and worsen the effects of the COVID19 pandemic. It is time to end the Doing Business Report.

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The first clinical trial to support Vitamin D therapy for Covid-19

By Shin Jie Yong

A study from Spain finally presents the first clinical evidence for the use of vitamin D to treat Covid-19. The study, "Effect of Calcifediol Treatment and best Available Therapy versus best Available Therapy on Intensive Care Unit Admission and Mortality Among Patients Hospitalised for COVID-19: A Pilot Randomised Clinical study," was published in The Journal of Steroid Biochemistry and Molecular Biology this August 29.

It's called a pilot because the sample size is still small, but its randomisation and prospective design still make it a robust research.

What the study did and found

Researchers randomly allocated 76 confirmed cases of Covid-19 into either oral calcifediol (50 patients) or no-calcifediol control (26 patients) groups on the day of the hospital admission.

Oral calcifediol was given at high doses at 0.532 mg on the first day and then at 0.266 mg on the third and seventh day, and then weekly until discharge or admission to the intensive care unit (ICU). Calcifediol, also called 25-hydroxyvitamin D3, is the main metabolite (effector) of vitamin D3.

All patients also received the best available standard care at that time, which was hydroxychloroquine plus azithromycin. Note that this study was conducted a few months ago when hydroxychloroquine has not yet been proven as ineffective for Covid-19, the study authors admitted.

Both calcifediol and control groups had similar baseline characteristics in terms of age, sex, comorbidities (lung, cardiovascular, and kidney diseases, type 2 diabetes and immunosuppression), and clinical biomarkers of disease severity (oxygen levels, C-reactive protein, interleukin-6, ferritin, D-dimer, lactate dehydrogenase, and lymphocyte count).

The only difference is that the control group had a higher prevalence of hypertension than the calcifediol group (57.69 per cent versus 24.19 per cent).

Results revealed that 13 out of 26 pa-

tients (50 per cent) in the control group were admitted to ICU, and two died in the end. In the calcifediol group, only one out of 50 (2 per cent) required ICU admission, and none died.

These results were statistically significant, equating to a 93 per cent reduction in odds of ICU admission after adjusting for possible confounders - including hypertension.

"Our pilot study demonstrated that administration of a high dose of calcifediol... significantly reduced the need for ICU treatment of patients requiring hospitalisation due to proven Covid-19," the study authors noted.

They added: "Calcifediol seems to be able to reduce the severity of the disease, but larger trials with groups properly matched will be required to show a definitive answer."

There are a few more questions about the study, the first being: What does the study not tell us? All patients received standard care.

Thus, it is not known if calcifediol would be effective on its own. And calcifediol is a medical drug used to treat parathyroid problems, so it is unclear if normal vitamin D supplementation would achieve the same effect.

The researchers also did not measure the vitamin D3 levels of the patients, but they were probably deficient based on prior population data.

Still, it remains uncertain if vitamin D3 levels would affect the efficacy of calcifediol treatment for Covid-19. And other possible confounders in this study that the researchers did not measure are obesity, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status.

Second: Why calcifediol over native vitamin D3?

Calcifediol is the actual hormonal effector of vitamin D3. Upon contact with sun rays (UV-B spectrum), the skin makes vitamin D3, which can also be taken as a supplement.

The liver then converts vitamin D3 into 25-hydroxyvitamin D3, also called calcifediol or calcidiol that has wide-ranging effects on the immune system and other physiological systems. In this

sense, calcifediol is a better biomarker for the body's stores of vitamin D3.

Calcifediol is also 3.2-fold more effective than native vitamin D3 supplements in restoring low blood levels of vitamin D3. Because normal vitamin D3 needs to undergo liver processing first, which is not required for calcifediol. Another perk of calcifediol is its higher intestinal absorption rate.

Third: Is the study in line with prior clinical evidence?

The clinical trial from Spain provided the strongest evidence to date that vitamin D3 therapy could work for Covid-19. These results support prior cohort and observational studies that found low vitamin D3 levels (calcifediol) in the blood as an independent risk factor for severe Covid-19.

Low vitamin D3 status not only increases the risk of greater Covid-19 severity but of positive diagnosis as well.

In a paper published September in JAMA Network Open involving 489 Covid-19 patients, those likely deficient in vitamin D3 had a 1.77-times increased risk of testing positive for Covid-19 than those with likely sufficient levels.

The term 'likely' is used because vitamin D3 levels were measured one year before Covid-19 testing.

This result agrees with a previously published paper in Nutrients in April where investigators found that, in a sample of 107 Covid-19 cases in Switzerland, those tested positive had significantly lower vitamin D3 levels (median 11.1 ng/ml) than those tested negative (22.0 ng/ml) for SARS-CoV-2. And vitamin D3 measurement was done three days after the testing.

Fourth: How does vitamin D3 help fight Covid-19?

A recent breakthrough has uncovered that Covid-19 kills by bradykinin storm, in addition to the cytokine storm. The RAS regulates blood pressure and fluid volume and breaks down bradykinin.

According to the bradykinin hypothesis, SARS-CoV-2 dysregulates the RAS via its interaction with the angiotensin-



converting enzyme 2 (ACE2) receptor.

This leads to the accumulation of bradykinin, which makes blood vessels leaky. This poses multiorgan consequences; for example, it causes leakage of fluid and immune cells into the lungs and breakdown of the blood-brain-barrier.

From a mechanistic standpoint, vitamin D3 and Covid-19 both target similar physiological systems - namely, the renin-angiotensin system (RAS) and immune system.

The research team that formulated the bradykinin hypothesis then proposes vitamin D as a potential treatment for Covid-19.

This is because vitamin D is one of the very few hormones that regulates the RAS and prevents bradykinin accumulation. Vitamin D also acts as an immunomodulator that keeps inflammation at bay while supporting functions of B-cells and T-cells, which are essential in fighting infections and generating immunological memory.

Finally, there is a pilot randomised controlled clinical trial that supports vitamin D3 therapy for Covid-19. Oral calcifediol

(the main metabolite of vitamin D3) reduced the risk of ICU admission by 93 per cent compared to no calcifediol in Covid-19 patients.

Specifically, 50 per cent of patients in the control group were admitted to the ICU, and two died in the end. But only 2 per cent of patients receiving calcifediol required ICU admission, and none died.

This clinical trial supports prior evidence that low vitamin D3 status increases the risk of more severe Covid-19 and positive Covid-19 diagnosis.

Further, mechanistically speaking, there is no reason why vitamin D3 could not be helpful. Vitamin D3 regulates the RAS and immune system, both of which are critical determinants of how one responds to Covid-19.

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

	Notes	2019 TZS	2018 TZS
INCOME			
Revenue Grants	6	26,375,954,438	25,742,066,605
Release of Capital Grants		2,491,943,143	2,418,279,281
		28,867,897,581	28,160,345,886
EXPENDITURE			
Staff cost	7	8,442,941,314	6,402,674,855
Equipment	8	399,599,468	1,007,342,706
Administrative expenses	9	779,881,001	4,565,766,004
Travel and other transport costs	10	3,457,052,782	2,067,333,991
Other expenses	11	13,296,479,871	11,698,949,049
Depreciation	12	2,491,943,143	2,418,279,281
		28,867,897,581	28,160,345,886
Results before tax		-	-
Other comprehensive income			
Translation differences		266,893,180	(201,830,426)
Total comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		266,893,180	(201,830,426)

FUND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

	AFYA KWANZA	NHLS	GF	Central Fund	UNAIDS	UMN CCS	CAPSELE	Grand Total
EXPENDITURE								
Staff Cost	5,595,224,305	1,528,420,547	1,319,296,462					8,442,941,314
Equipment	289,475,662	110,123,807	-					399,599,468
Administrative expenses	701,326,701	40,787,026	6,523,799					748,637,526
Travel and other transport cost	1,384,070,595	569,119,568	1,502,650,470	1,212,149				3,457,052,782
Other direct expenses	7,172,108,476	2,956,250,709	3,119,750,796	6,385,486	366,235	19,664,204	53,197,441	13,327,723,347
Depreciation	2,491,943,143							2,491,943,143
Grand Total	17,634,148,883	5,204,701,656	5,948,221,527	7,597,635	366,235	19,664,204	53,197,441	28,867,897,581
INCOME								
	17,634,129,711	4,847,051,905	6,162,759,430	69,393,903	17,589,909	22,035,722	114,937,000	28,867,897,581

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

	Notes	2019 TZS	2018 TZS
ASSETS			
Non current assets			
Property and equipment	12	7,376,791,642	9,207,677,825
Current assets			
Staff Advances		317,484,071	159,469,369
Receivables		33,838,003	-
Cash and cash equivalents	13	3,626,488,411	3,731,008,189
Approved project fund receivables		-	-
		3,977,810,485	3,890,477,558
TOTAL ASSETS		11,354,602,127	13,098,155,383
FUND BALANCE AND LIABILITIES			
Fund balance			
Accumulated fund balance		4,095,351	4,095,351
Translation reserve		469,290,950	202,397,770
		473,386,301	206,493,121
LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities			
Capital grants	15	7,376,791,642	9,207,677,825
Current liabilities			
Deferred revenue	6	3,241,382,831	2,668,697,574
Payable	14	263,041,353	1,015,286,863
		3,504,424,184	3,683,984,437
Total liabilities		10,881,215,826	12,891,662,262
TOTAL NET ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		11,354,602,127	13,098,155,383

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 30 June 2020 and were signed on its behalf by:

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30/06/2020

By Shin Jie Yong

ABOUT 5 per cent of hospital admissions are due to adverse drug reactions (ADRs), such as headaches, drowsiness, nausea, depression, weight gain, cognitive impairments, hallucinations, agitation and cardiac irregularities.

Established risk factors for ADRs include old age, liver and renal issues, and female sex. Over two-thirds of ADRs cases are females. Female patients also have nearly a two-fold increased risk of ADRs.

Although sex-specific differences in drug metabolism exist, both sexes are still medicated the same. Hardly any adjustments to dosage were practised.

"Most drugs are prescribed to women and men at the same dose," integrative biology emeritus professor Irving H. Zucker and psychoneuroimmunology professor Brian J. Prendergast wrote in their 2020 paper printed in *Biology of Sex Differences*, entitled "Sex differences in pharmacokinetics predict adverse drug reactions in women."

In this research, the professors reviewed over 5,000 medical papers on

Drugs have side-effects, but women get more of them – Why?

drugs approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA). They found that 86 drugs are metabolised differently in males and females.

However, 86 is still an underestimate as there are other drugs with sex-specific effects in clinical practice - only that they lack pharmacokinetics (the study of drug metabolism) data. A 2017 research review, for instance, estimated that 30 per cent of drugs lack sex-specific pharmacokinetics data.

Over 90 per cent of these 86 drugs have an ADR bias towards women, examples including anxiolytics, antidepressants, cardiovascular medications and painkillers.

Why? The main reason is that these drugs have a slower clearance rate in females than males with the same dosage. So these drugs remain active for longer in the blood circulation of women.

These sex-specific differences in pharmacokinetics are also not explained by body weight, which is another known

factor affecting drug metabolism.

An example is the popular sleeping pill zolpidem, marketed as Ambien, which that persists longer in the system of females than males. Women taking zolpidem often experience drowsiness and profound cognitive deficits the next morning, which might lead to driving accidents. But the FDA has already cut the prescribed dosage of zolpidem to women by half in 2013.

Why do drugs have sex-specific effects?

One reason is inherent biological sex differences. Women generally have a lower gastric pH and emptying rate, plasma (a blood component) volume, body mass index, lean body mass, organ blood flow, organ sizes and total body water.

There are also variations in the immune system and hormonal reactions between sexes - all of which contribute to disparities in drug metabolism, distribution and absorption.



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zolpidem - as discussed above - was approved in 1992. And clinical trials still face the underrepresentation of females.

A machine reading study extracted sex data from 43,135 published reports and 13,165 clinical trials between 1966 and 2018. Analyses unveiled male overrepresentation in seven out of 11 disease categories: HIV/AIDS, chronic kidney diseases, cardiovascular diseases, neoplasms, digestive diseases, neurological disorders, and hepatitis.

Only the musculoskeletal disorders category had female dominance. The remaining three groups - diabetes, mental disorders, and respiratory diseases - had more balanced sex representations.

Females underrepresentation in research

Why do current drugs have a strong ADR bias against females? Research shows that the number one reason may be a result of the underrepresentation of females in clinical trials. Therefore, any positive outcomes from a clinical trial may only be applicable to males, and less so in females.

Only as recently as in 1993 did the FDA lift the ban of women of childbearing age to participate in clinical trials. The ban was initially made in 1977 in response to the disaster of thalidomide, a drug to treat pneumonia or nausea during pregnancy, that later caused thousands of birth defects.

Although the ban was revoked, most prescribed drugs today were approved

by the FDA before 1993; for example, zolpidem - as discussed above - was approved in 1992. And clinical trials still face the underrepresentation of females.

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A research review of 107 clinical trials conducted in the US in 2015 - funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) - calculated that 72 per cent of trials did not consider sex as a factor in their analyses. So these trials would not know if the drug(s) of interest had any sex-specific effects.

"When it comes to prescribing drugs, a one-size-fits-all approach, based on male-dominated clinical trials, is not working - and women are getting the short end of the stick," Professor Zucker noted, adding: "Neglect of females is widespread, even in cell and animal studies where the subjects have been predominantly male."

I can vouch for this; the majority of neurobiology or brain research used male animals. This is to avoid the con-

founding effects of hormonal fluctuations in females, we think.

It is not just neurobiology; in fact, "female subjects are underrepresented in animal research across disciplines", stated a 2018 review in *Current Opinion in Behavioural Sciences*.

However, such an assumption is unfounded, and the review title speaks for itself: "Inclusion of females does not increase variability in rodent research studies."

Is lowering drug dosage the answer?

"The common practice of prescribing equal drug doses to women and men neglects sex differences in pharmacokinetics and dimorphisms in body weight, risks overmedication of women, and contributes to female-biased adverse drug reactions," professors Zucker and Prendergast wrote, adding: "We recommend evidence-based dose reductions for women to counteract this sex bias."

Lowering drug dosage is a solution, but not an easy one - and this owing to the lack of pharmacokinetic data on women. If the drug becomes useless or not useful enough to relieve symptoms at a lower dosage, then there is no point.

Blindly reducing drug dosage in women is not practical. Any dose limitations must be evidence-based, as the professors said. Finding the lowest safe, effective dose is tricky, which relies on the field of precision dosing.

To sum up: Women are twice as likely to face adverse drug reactions (ADRs) than men at the same dosage, owing to biological and lifestyle differences that affect drug metabolism.

Knowing this, why are most drugs prescribed at the same dose to both sexes? The reason is the underrepresentation of women in clinical trials.

Thus, any clinical results better predict how men respond to the drug and less so about women's response. On top of that, numerous trials also did not count sex as a factor in their analyses, so data of sex-specific drug reactions for many medications have been lacking.

This makes evidence-based reductions in drug dosage, yet not compromising on efficacy, difficult in women.

First published in *Microbial Instincts*. Shin Jie Yong, a published academic author, is a neurobiology postgraduate.



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR PROVISION OF VARIOUS SERVICES TO BE PROCURED BY GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED, 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 services and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of various services for any of the below listed services.

Scope of work:

Provision of Various Services

Reference Number	Description of Services
GGME0956	Provision of Advertising Services on Newspapers
GGME0957	Provision of Advertising Services and Awareness Campaigns on Televisions
GGME0958	Provision of Advertising Services and Awareness Campaigns on Radio
GGME0963	Maintenance of Printers and Photocopiers
GGME0979	Supply and Delivery of Info warning signs
GGME0976	Provision of Road Signs Marking and Painting Services

1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	2.5%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	2.5%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	2.5%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	2.5%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	2.5%
Company Shareholding Structure	2.5%
List of Directors	2.5%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission and details of capability of the contractor to hire local resources and procure local goods	2.5%

FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	20%
Audited & certified financial statements (2018-2019)	6.7%
At least 2 references from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position	6.7%
Confirmation of Credit for a period not less than 30 days	6.7%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	10%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	2.5%
Environment Compliance Certificate	2.5%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	2.5%
Safety and Environmental Policies	2.5%

PAST EXPERIENCE	10%
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)	2.5%
Signed contracts/LPOs (prove of above)	2.5%
Acceptance certificates/completion certificates (proof of the above)	2.5%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	2.5%

TECHNICAL CRITERIA	40%
Technical Capability	
Total Score in %	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the REFERENCE NUMBER of the service they intend to express interest on 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 22 September 2020 (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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Interested career job opportunities

WFT-Trust would like to inform the interested applicants on the extension of the deadline for the following job vacancies which were advertised on the different media outlets on 1st Augusts 2020. The new deadline is 14th September 2020.

1. Senior Program Officer Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning
2. Senior Program Officer Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights
3. Program Officer Communications
4. Consultancy for conducting a Baseline survey for the implementation of WEMA-PLUS Project

To learn more about the job vacancies, minimum requirements and how to apply kindly visit our career page. <http://wft.or.tz/who-we-are/join-us/>

Interested applicants should send their application letter accompanied by resume with names and addresses of 3 professional referees (including telephone and e-mail) through email: info@wfttrust.or.tz or deliver to physical address: Women Fund Tanzania, Rufiji street, Plot No. 1714, Msasani Peninsular, Near Namibian Embassy.

NOTE: Those who have already applied in response to the initial announcement either online or by physical submission to WFT Trust office in Masaki do not need to re-apply as their applications will be considered.

'Tanzania emerges regional star with dozens of irritating levies abolished'

THE Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) was founded in November 1998 with a globalised world economy having presented multifaceted opportunities and challenges for governments and business firms the world over. Three years later the Tanzania National Business Council (TNBC) was formed. The two institutions were formed to promote public private dialogue (PPD) so that Tanzania could face challenges presented by the globalised world economy and also

benefit from emerging opportunities. The PPD has helped the private sector agree with the government on how to eliminate 233 irksome levies in the past four years. Our Correspondent interviewed TPSF's acting executive director, Zachy Mbenna (pictured), on the significance of the two institutions in developing the national economy and in facing challenges presented by the globalised world economy.



four years --- between fiscal year 2017/2018 and 2019/2020. We are proud of this achievement; it is big one.

Q: Now that you are talking about SADC, I want to remind you that TPSF was chairing the SADC Business Council until recently before handing over to Mozambique. Do you have anything to talk about?

A: Yes there is something to talk about. Our membership in the SADC Business Council is beneficial. SADC Business Council is a regional body where regional policy issues are discussed to promote regional cooperation and intra-trade. I said in recent past that when Tanzania was chairing the SADC Business Council it was in a unique position to help Tanzania make its opportunities known to SADC countries; it had a unique opportunity to connect Tanzania's private sector to counterparts in the SADC region so that they can create business partnerships. And this has happened.

Q: What is TPSF's mandate?

A: Our mandate is to function as an apex and focal private sector organization in Tanzania. As an apex and focal private sector organization we have to enhance private sector development and ensure there is effective engagement with the government; in short we have to ensure there is effective PPD I have earlier referred to. We have to engage effectively other stakeholders in matters of development policy and in the provision of services to our members.

Q: Why are you forceful about your blue print for regulatory reforms?

A: The Blue Print for Regulatory Reforms has been a very welcome development. It seeks to improve business environment. This Blueprint provides Government with main framework for a holistic review of business-enabling environment (BEE) in order to improve the business climate in Tanzania. It presents key challenges affecting the business environment in Tanzania along with a set of recommendations for reform to put in place a more business-friendly environment.

Many policies have been reformed by our engagement of the government and other stakeholders. For example the fiscal policy, or the tax regime, has been reformed for the good of our nation; these reforms sought to make the private sector work effectively and in a friendly environment. A good number of regulatory constraints have been addressed as a result of implementing the BP on regulatory reforms. As I reported earlier some 233 levies which had been a burden to the business community have been abolished. However, the business environment is not static, it is dynamic. New constraints do emerge hence making TPSF's engagement with the government continuous.

Q: What is the relationship between TPSF and TNBC?

A: Correct. Both of us work together to strengthen the PPD. We have a close history. It is the TPSF that convinced the government to establish the TNBC. We needed a platform that is well-structured to enhance PPD. In the TNBC you have that kind of well-structured platform.

The TNBC Executive Secretary is one of our Board Directors. This keeps the two institutions closely engaged and informed of each other's strategies and objectives. We are very close.

Q: Tell us something about TPSF's representation in the TNBC's meetings.

A: The TPSF has the mandate to suggest private sector representatives in the TNBC meetings. Using its cluster-based membership structure, TPSF forms its board of governance. Cluster representation is important in ensuring good representation in the TPSF itself. Cluster chairpersons automatically form our board of directors. These directors, or cluster chairpersons, represent their members in TNBC meetings. These directors present views and concerns of our members in all key sectors of the economy in TNBC meetings. The TPSF picks companies, associations and individuals it deems have such a big contribution to our nation's economic growth to attend TNBC meetings. From this explanation you can see how the private sector is well represented in the TNBC meetings.

Q: How do you sum up TPSF's major achievements?

A: I have just said that it TPSF that convinced the government to form the TNBC.

Twenty members from the public sector and another 20 from the private sector form a good platform I always talk about. The president of the United Republic is the Chairman of the meetings of the council and the co-chairman is the chairman of TPSF. This council meets twice every year to discuss the business environment and investment climate. Formation of the TNBC was one of our laudable achievements.

The TPSF has launched the Sector Skills Council (SSC) with a view of bridging existing skills gaps in Tanzania. This effort seeks to equip the workforce with skills that are required for the jobs of today and those of tomorrow. We consider this to be a strategic concern that will help Tanzania to realize the envisaged industrial economy come 2025. Employers are feeling the impact of the talent shortage and they foresee this skills gap getting even worse over the coming years. To prevent the situation from worsening, the government mandated TPSF to coordinate the establishment of SSC. This is another big achievement.

I have talked about the establishment of the Blue Print for Regulatory Reforms to improve business environment. We need a more business-friendly environment for the good of our nation.

Q: Can TPSF talk independently to foreign stakeholders?

A: It can; it does. TPSF engages foreign stakeholders with a view to see the private sector flourish and contribute to enhancement of Tanzania's economic growth or Tanzania's gross domestic product (GDP) and development. I have once said that we have had very productive engagement with European Union. Our foundation has been instrumental in facilitating cooperative efforts Tanzania has had with foreign missions represented here. One such good foreign stakeholder is the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

PROJECT CONCERN INTERNATIONAL – PCI



PROCUREMENT OF SUNFLOWER OIL PRESSING MACHINES INVITATION FOR QUOTATIONS / BID

To: All suppliers of Sunflower Oil Pressing Machines

1. The Project Concern International (PCI) is an International non-governmental organization legally registered in Tanzania under the Companies Act and in compliance with NGO Act of 2002 through certificate of compliance number 00001392.

PCI received a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to implement a school feeding program in 231 schools in Bunda, Butiama and Musoma Rural Districts from 2017 – 2021. It is estimated that this program directly benefits 170,587 pre-primary and primary school pupils and an estimated 2339 teachers in 231 schools, and indirectly benefit community members of the selected wards. PCI intends to use part of this grant for procurement of sunflower oil pressing machine to promote local production of sunflower oil for school feeding and consumption at household level.

2. Project Concern International (PCI) now invites sealed tenders from eligible national suppliers registered in Tanzania.

3. You are hereby invited to submit your price quotation/ bid for executing supply and installation of 12 oil pressor machines.

Specification: 205 kg/hr, 30hp induction motor with gear box, main body fabricated using 20mm thick mild steel plates, stainless steel sheets oil trays, hoppers to be 2mm thick sheets, cage bars hard surfaced by chrome.

Bids to include transport costs and installation at user sites in Butiama, Bunda and Musoma Districts in Mara Region, together with an intensive 5-day training sessions for operators. Include option for diesel or electrical operations.

4. Bidding will be conducted through PCI Procurement Procedures.

5. All quotations/ bids in **one original and one copy**, properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes marked **Procurement an Installation of Oil Pressing Machine for production of sunflower Oil in Bunda Butiama and Musoma Districts**, must be delivered to the address:

**Program Director
Project Concern International (PCI) Tanzania
Plot No. 3 & 4 Block G
Lake Side Road
P.O. BOX 484, Musoma - Tanzania**

6. Deadline for submission of quotations is 14th September 2020 at 10:00am Quotations/ bid should be submitted to PCI regional office;

**Plot No. 3 & 4 Block G
Lake side road near Musoma central police or former VI tree offices
Musoma, Mara
Mob: 0765 941 692 / 0754 761 357**

7. Project Concern International reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the applications without assigning any reason thereof.

8. Late bids, bids not received, shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstance.

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TENDER NOTICE

The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) intends to have Construction works for Community water supply Project and Improvement of Sleeping mass shelter

Therefore, the Danish Refugee Council in Kibondo request interested suppliers to submit their bid for the above works.

The bidding documents can be collected at the Danish Refugee Council Office in Kibondo from 7th September, 2020 during the working days from hours. **8:00 Am to 4:30 Pm** in the following address: Old IRC Road Area, Kibondo. You can also call on: **+255627428470** or through email jackson.maseke@drc.ngo to receive the soft copy by email.

The closing date for the submission of the bids is 28th September, 2020 at 4:30 Pm for water supply project and 21th September 2020 for Improvement of Sleeping mass shelter.

The ITB will be opened on **29th September, 2020** for Water supply project also on 23rd September 2020 for Sleeping mass shelter at 10:00 AM at DRC Kibondo Office, PO Box 177 Kibondo by the DRC Tender Opening Committee.

You can return your bid form through RFQ.TZA@drc.ngo OR DIRECT TO THE DRC KIBONDO OFFICE otherwise is void

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THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA



IN THE FAIR COMPETITION TRIBUNAL
AT DAR ES SALAAM

APPEAL NO. 18 OF 2020

BETWEEN

FUEL MASTER (T) LIMITED.....APPELLANT

AND

STAR OIL TANZANIA LIMITED..... 1ST RESPONDENT

ENERGY AND WATER UTILITIES REGULATORY
AUTHORITY (EWURA).....2ND RESPONDENT

(Notice pursuant to rule 16 of the Fair Competition Tribunal Rules, 2012)

TAKE NOTICE THAT an appeal has been lodged in the Tribunal against the whole decision of the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) 2nd Respondent herein, dated 31st October, 2019 in Complaint No.GA/71/309/61 in which EWURA found that the Appellant was only entitled to the refund of Tshs. 75,680,000.00 for undelivered petroleum products and award of a Tshs. 5,000,000.00 as a general damages resulting from the breach of contract by the appellant and thereby declining to award Tshs. 381,926,000.00 as profit loss as it was specific damages that is required to be proved specifically.

The Appellant contends, among other things, that EWURA erred in law and fact in holding that the Complainant, Appellant herein, fail to prove the loss suffered. Thus, the Appellant ask the Tribunal to allow the appeal and award the appellant compensation to the tune of Tshs. 381,926,000.00 or any such amount the Tribunal deem it fit to grant as loss and or compensation resulting from undelivered petroleum products.

BY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE any person who considers that he has sufficient interest in the outcome of the appeal may apply to intervene in the proceedings within seven days of the first publication of this notice to the Fair Competition Tribunal, 2nd Floor, Ministry of Science and Technology Building, Jamhuri Street, P.O.Box 79650, Dar es salaam

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of the Tribunal this 7th September, 2020

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Working hard to bring happiness, promote progress for humankind

By Song Tao

“THE Communist Party of China (CPC)”, proclaimed General Secretary Xi Jinping, “strives for both the wellbeing of the Chinese people and human progress”.

The world today is undergoing major changes unseen in a century. Certain countries, amid the global spread of COVID-19, increasingly resort to unilateralism, protectionism, bullying and political smear. Across the globe, there emerges greater deficit of governance, trust, peace and development, resulting in mounting uncertainties and destabilising factors. Yet it should also be noted that peace and development remain the theme of our time, together with mutual respect and win-win cooperation as an unstoppable trend.

Standing on the right side of history, the CPC is committed not only to rallying the Chinese people and leading them in running our own affairs well, but also to building a community with a shared future for mankind to promote world peace and common development. Moreover, the CPC rises above the Cold War mentality and opposes power politics as it endeavours to nurture and contribute to the lofty cause of world peace and development.

The CPC: a firm practitioner of the “people first” and “life first” philosophy.

As General Secretary Xi Jinping stated, to seek happiness for the Chinese people, share weal and woe and maintain close ties with them is the original aspiration and the lasting pursuit of the Party. Over the past seven decades and more since the founding of the People's Republic of China, the CPC has led the Chinese people in bringing about rapid economic growth and long-term social stability, both of which are applauded miracles rarely seen worldwide. Chinese people's sense of fulfillment, happiness and security has been growing constantly. The year 2020 will mark a historic moment for China as the building of a moderately prosperous society in all respects will be completed and the battle against poverty will be won under the strong leadership of the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core, eliminating once and for all absolute poverty, a problem plagued the Chinese nation for several thousand years. China's achievements in poverty alleviation have been acclaimed by personages from political parties around the world as “a miracle in the history of human development”.

China's response to the recent outbreak COVID-19 speaks volumes about the CPC's governance philosophy of putting people first and its core value of serving the people wholeheartedly. At crucial moments of crisis, the nature and distinctive feature of a political party and a political power can be best judged by the paramount item on its agenda. In the face of the sudden outbreak, General Secretary Xi Jinping has been personally directing and planning China's response efforts. The CPC has all along been adhering to the governing philosophy of “people first” and

“life first” by prioritising people's health and safety. All available resources were mobilised in an all-out effort to treat and save each and every patient. More than 39 million Party members fought tirelessly at the frontline. Among the 40,000 plus medical workers sent from around the country to assist Hubei, 56.1% are Party members. Nearly 400 Party members sacrificed their precious lives in protecting people's health and safety. In the words of political parties and their leaders from many countries, China's response efforts under the leadership of the CPC has demonstrated the Party's profound care for its people and the humanitarian spirit.

History and reality have repeatedly shown that the CPC has always shared weal and woe with the Chinese people and maintained close ties with them. The Chinese people are in the best place to make such judgment. According to a recent trust barometer report released by a well-known public relations firm in the US, 95% of the Chinese public trust the Chinese government, the highest among all countries surveyed. The strong bonds between the CPC and the Chinese people are inseparable as flesh and blood. Any attempts to smear the Party or to drive a wedge between the Party and the people are doomed to fail. Putting people first and serving the people wholeheartedly always remain the deepest hallmark and the most distinctive feature of the CPC.

The CPC: a staunch guardian of lasting peace and universal security

As General Secretary Xi Jinping pointed out, we Chinese Communists know only too well how precious peace is, hence we are resolved to uphold peace. The CPC was born with the peaceful genes that have long run in the blood of the Chinese civilisation. It has led the Chinese nation to a path of peaceful development, which was later solemnly incorporated in the Party Constitution and the Constitution of the People's Republic of China. The CPC is committed to settling disputes and differences through dialogue and consultation. It always stands ready to work with world political parties to seek political settlements of international and regional hotspot issues and to meet global challenges including, among others, terrorism, public health crisis and climate change. Many political parties and their leaders pointed out that the CPC, which has never waged a war of aggression in the past seven decades since it came to power, remains an important force for world peace.

The world today is undergoing profound and complex changes. Extremism, terrorism and separatism still manifest themselves. Traditional and non-traditional security threats are increasingly interwoven. All of these present more complicated and severe challenges to world peace and tranquility. The CPC will continue to pursue peaceful development, blaze a new trail in international relations that favours dialogue over confrontation, partnership over alliance. The CPC will never seek hegemony, engage in expansion, or pursue its own sphere of influence. At



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the same time, it always stands ready to resolutely defend its national independence, sovereignty, security and dignity, and will never yield to any external pressure.

The CPC has devoted major efforts to working with world political parties to maintain regional and global peace and stability. By enhancing mutual trust on security issues with political parties of neighbouring countries, facilitating communication and cooperation with them, the CPC has succeeded in helping stabilise the situation in the South China Sea, which has won extensive acclaims from the international community. Over 240 political parties and political organisations and 280 well-known think-tanks and NGOs from over 120 countries have stood up for China's stance on the South China Sea issue. Despite continuous attempts by a handful of countries outside the region to instigate tensions on the issue, countries in the region have remain cool-headed and calm in analysing and handling the situation. Many political parties in the region and their leaders offered to inform China of their express position that they will not be fooled by the tricks of certain countries to stir up trouble in the South China Sea as they know the troublemakers will leave unscathed after setting the fire but it's the countries in the region and their peoples who will suffer. The CPC will continue to strengthen solidarity and cooperation with political parties of neighbouring countries to pursue friendly coexistence and shared development. Together we will work to maintain peace, stability, prosperity and development of the region.

The CPC: a firm defender of fairness and justice with a strong sense of responsibility.

General Secretary Xi Jinping stated that justice is a lofty goal that people of all countries pursue in conducting international relations. However, fairness and justice are still far away from being realised in contemporary international relations. World political parties need to demonstrate their sense of responsibility, uphold international fairness and justice, defend multilateralism, build an open world economy and foster a more fair and equitable international order. Political parties of many countries speak highly of the CPC's efforts to promote international cooperation against COVID-19 and to provide anti-epidemic assistance for the rest of the world while certain countries have been busy scapegoating others and wantonly wielding the stick of sanction. It is easy to tell who is doing the right thing and who is not. More than 240 major political parties from over 110 countries and international political party organisations have issued a joint open letter with the CPC to oppose the politicisation of public health issues, which helps pool strong political consensus for enhancing international anti-epidemic cooperation and building a global community of health for all.

Acting in line with the Chinese tradition of valuing righteousness and credibility, the CPC has adhered to the principle of upholding justice while pursuing shared interests in its international exchanges. In pursuing justice, we never succumb to power, nor do we make benefits thereof the first con-

sideration. We have readily shouldered our due responsibilities and played our due role. The CPC unequivocally stands for equality among countries, irrespective of their sizes, resolutely oppose any form of hegemony and bullying, firmly defend and pursue multilateralism, and promote multi-polarity and greater democracy in international relations. Our stances and actions have been widely acknowledged by political parties around the world with enthusiastic response. In conducting international exchanges, the CPC values good faith and sincerity, and has thus made many true friends and good friends. At the height of COVID-19 in China, political parties and personages from various sectors of various countries extended their helping hands. Along with ensuring steady progress in containing the epidemic at home, the CPC has reciprocated the kindness we received by providing needed assistance for over 200 political parties and organisations to the best of our ability. Together, we have set a shining example of world political parties overcoming difficulties with solidarity and mutual support. What's been promised must be done. This is our Party's fine tradition in international exchanges and a distinctive feature of major country diplomacy with Chinese characteristics. As leaders of many developing countries put it, the assistance promised by some countries is more often than not lip service, or comes with harsh political strings. It's another case when it comes to the CPC. It does mean what it says in helping other developing countries.

The CPC: a committed promoter of mutual benefits and common development.

As General Secretary Xi Jinping stressed, it is the relentless efforts of the Chinese people that have made China what it is today! In rallying the Chinese people and leading them through the extraordinary journey, what our Party relies on are the fine traditions of self-reliance and hard work, the strong awareness of fulfilling our responsibility, and the pioneering spirit of “crossing the river by feeling the stones”. Meanwhile, by coordinating domestic development and opening up to the outside world, linking China's development with that of the world, integrating the common interests of the Chinese people and those of other peoples, our Party has made an important contribution to the world economy and global development. It is the prevailing view of world political parties that the CPC strives for both the wellbeing of the Chinese people and that of people around the world. China's reform and opening up, which has changed China's destiny and promoted the development of the region and indeed the world, will continue to deliver benefits to all mankind.

Staying committed to an opening-up strategy of win-win cooperation, the CPC actively works for an open world economy. To address unbalanced development which constitutes the biggest imbalance confronting the world today, the CPC initiated and promoted the Belt and Road cooperation on the principle of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits, to provide an important platform for all countries to achieve mutual benefits and common development. With concerted efforts of all parties, the Belt and Road is becoming a model of cooperation for meeting challenges through solidarity, a model of health for protecting people's safety and wellbeing, a model of recovery for restoring economic and social activity and a model of growth for unlocking development potential. In many countries, political leaders and general public alike have spoken highly of the Belt and Road Initiative. They all share the view that the BRI is by no means the “spheres of influence” or “debt trap diplomacy” portrayed by certain politicians, but a transparent major initiative that leads all countries to common prosperity, and opens up bright prospects for enhancing the common wellbeing of the humanity. It lives up to its reputation as “the greatest development initiative of the 21st century”.

In promoting development, it is better to teach a man how to fish than to just give him fish. The CPC attaches great importance to drawing on its own practices to explore the law governing the evolution of human society and sharing with other countries what it has learned. It is committed to exchanging governance experience with political parties of other countries. Since its 18th National Congress, the CPC has invited tens of thousands of representatives of foreign political parties to visit China,

and held discussions and exchanges in various formats with world political parties. In-depth discussion for experience-sharing and closer cooperation have been conducted on topics such as community-level party building, anti-corruption, targeted poverty alleviation, ecological conservation, economic development, and improvement of people's livelihood. Political parties and their leaders from many countries stated that the CPC has not only shared with the world the dividends of economic growth but also the dividends of thoughts and ideas without reservation, offering good reference for other countries, especially developing countries, in their explorations of development paths suited to their own national conditions.

The CPC: a champion in upholding openness, inclusiveness, and mutual-learning among civilisations.

General Secretary Xi Jinping stressed that no two political systems are entirely identical, and a political system cannot be judged in abstract terms without regard for its social and political context, its history, and its cultural traditions. The leadership of the CPC and the socialist system with Chinese characteristics are the choice made by history and by the people. Since its founding, our Party has clearly manifested its political nature as a Marxist political party, which is the scientific foundation and basic reasoning for our full confidence in the path, theory, system, and culture of socialism with Chinese characteristics. We are committed to our own path. We do not want to “import” models from other countries, nor do we want to “export” the Chinese model, still less will we ask other countries to copy the Chinese practice. Our practice of not drawing lines along ideologies in our international exchanges has won wide recognition and praises from political parties worldwide.

Political party leaders from many countries concur that a better future for mankind needs to be underpinned by the harmonious coexistence, exchanges and mutual learning among different civilisations, cultures and social systems; and that to attribute disputes between countries to differences between civilisations and systems and use it as an excuse to align with the “like-minded” and alienate those with different views, and to allow the strong to bully the weak will only gravely undermine the current international order, or even risk plunging different civilisations into estrangement and conflict.

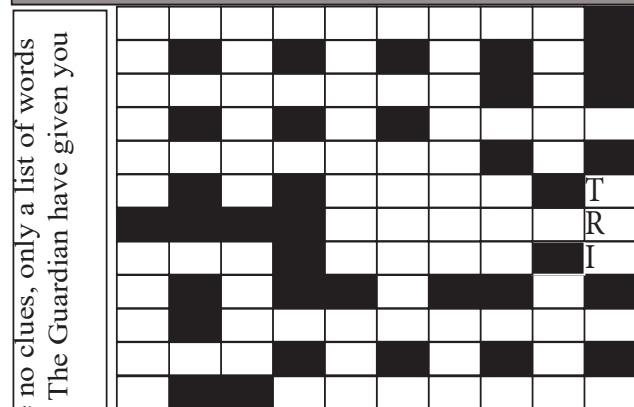
The CPC always embraces and approaches the achievements of other cultures with an open mind and a broad perspective. It is important that we overcome cultural misunderstanding, clash and supremacy through exchanges, mutual learning and coexistence. In recent years, the CPC has actively explored the building of a new type of party-to-party relations that seeks to expand common ground while reserving differences and enhances mutual respect and mutual learning. We have maintained regular contacts with nearly 600 political parties and organisations in 168 countries and regions, and built a multi-form, multi-level international network for party-to-party exchanges and cooperation. The success of the CPC in Dialogue with World Political Parties High-Level Meeting, widely acclaimed by the international community, has demonstrated the great political inclusiveness and moral appeal of our Party, representing a major contribution to the advancement of world political civilisation.

General Secretary Xi Jinping stressed that “the CPC is the largest political party in the world. It must behave in a way commensurate with this status”. As a major party that is going to celebrate the centenary of its founding, the CPC is committed to taking Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era as its guide to actions. Bearing in mind the overarching strategic task of rejuvenating the Chinese nation as well as the profound once-in-a-century changes the world is undergoing, the CPC will, as always, contribute its significant share to world peace and tranquility, common development for humanity, and exchanges and mutual learning among civilisations. Working together with political parties around the world, the CPC will strive for gathering mighty synergy toward building a community with a shared future for mankind, and for creating a better tomorrow for the entire world.

(Song Tao is the Minister of the International Department of the CPC Central Committee)

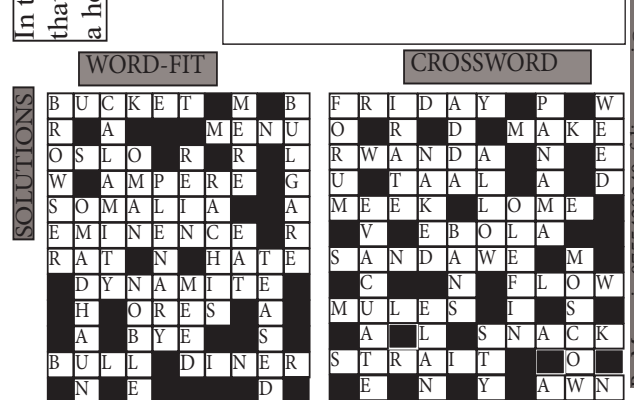
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THE GUARDIAN SIMPLE WORD FIT // THE GUARDIAN CROSSWORD --00 133 00--



In this puzzle you have no clues, only a list of words that all fit into the grid. The Guardian have given you a head start

3 letters SEE, ASS, TRI, SUE, ROT
4 letters RARE, ECTA, ALHA, NENE, SURE,
5 letters SHARE, AMUSE,
6 letters MEDDLE, UTOPIA, ZEALOT, YACKER
7 letters CENTRAL, LAICIZE, DROUGHT
8 letters TIGRINYA, INTRENCH, RESTRICT
9 letters MOUNTAINS



WORD-FIT

CROSSWORD

CLUES: Across

1 Evil spirits
5 Togo's Capital
6 a risky or daring journey
9 the size of a dose of a medicine
11 the person who leads
12 a wooden frame for holding an artist's work in progress
13 primeval
14 A very longtime
16 not previously known
18 a cereal
19 central
20 the subject of a talk

Down:

1 grow or cause to grow and become larger
2 damage property
3 insect infests human skin and hair
4 the sale of goods to the public for consumption
5 one of the limbs for walking on one's own
7 not often
8 perfume
15 stiff hairs- like or bristle-like structure
16 the state of being famous
17 a position of an object



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Mtwara RC counsels NMB to target teachers with tailor-made products

By Smart Money Reporter, Mtwara

BANKS including NMB Bank plc should come up with tailor made products that target teachers and prevent them from acquiring loans unnecessarily which affects their progress in life.

Mtwara Regional Commissioner, Gelasius Byakanwa said last week during an NMB Teachers Day for this year that many teachers are struggling to repay multiple loans some of which taken unnecessarily from loan sharks hence the need to wean them.

"Thank you NMB for bringing this training to teachers so that they should learn the discipline of acquiring loans to invest in profitable businesses and not consumption," Byakanwa who officiated the event said.

He said because of poor loan expenditure many teachers are suffering with their families because of the burden of repaying such loans which simply squandered. "Stop borrowing unnecessarily to avoid the burden of repaying the loan which does not generate any income," he advised.

The Mtwara RC commended NMB for organizing the forum and extending banking services to teachers saying it is President John Magufuli's order to have formal banking services extended to the majority of Tanzanians including those in rural areas.

He also dared the teachers to stop fearing



Teachers in Mtwara Region attend NMB Teachers Day last week. Photo courtesy of NMB.

to borrow and invest in sustainable income generating projects that will help them improve their standards of living. "Learn to invest in farming, livestock keeping and even fisheries to make money," the Mtwara Regional Commissioner noted.

Briefing participants of the annual meeting, NMB's Senior Manager for Retail Banking, Ally Ngingite said the bank has been training its customers on financial discipline before disbursing loans so that they should invest and not consume.

"NMB's pride is not only to give loans to teachers and other clients but to get borrowers who invest in opportunities that will lead to their growth as individuals, the bank as an institution and the national economy," Ngingite said.

He said the country's largest bank has 3.2 million customers of which 2.5 million are connected to its digital platforms including thousands of teachers. The NMB Senior Manager named the digital platforms as NMB Mkononi, NMB Pamoja Account, NMB Mortgage Loan and NMB Bancassurance, among others.

The bank's Southern Zone Manager, Janeth Shango backed Ngingite's arguments saying teachers in Mtwara Region are good and reliable clients of the bank.

"Because of their partnership with NMB, Mtwara teachers have done well in this year's national advanced level examinations with the region emerging number two nationally," Shango said noted while also commending RC Byakanwa's administration for championing better learning environments in public schools.

UNCTAD report says FDI flows to African nations hit by COVID-19

By Francis Kajubi

THE novel coronavirus will reduce foreign direct investments to Africa from last year's US\$45 billion to an average of US\$30 billion this year.

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development's World Investment Report titled 'International production beyond the pandemic' said the downturn will be exacerbated by low oil and commodity prices.

"FDI flows to Africa are forecast to decline by 25 to 40 percent based on gross domestic product growth projections and a range of investment-specific factors. In 2019, FDI flows to Africa already declined by 10 percent to US\$45 billion," the UNCTAD report said.

The UN agency also warned

that investment in global value chain for intensive manufacturing industries will be among the hardest but will in turn affect efforts to promote economic diversification and industrialization on the continent.

Relatively, UNCTAD said global FDI flows will also decrease by up to 40 percent this year from US\$154 trillion last year to about one trillion dollars this year. The global FDI is projected to decrease by a further 5-10 percent in 2021 before some recovery in 2022.

"A rebound in 2022, with FDI reverting to the pre-pandemic underlying trend, is possible, but only at the upper bound of expectations," the report cautioned.

Multinational enterprise profit alerts are an early warning sign with the top 5000 MNEs worldwide, which account for most of global FDI, having seen expected earnings for the year revised down by 40 percent on average.

Lower profits will hurt reinvested earnings, which account for more than 50 percent of FDI on average. "After an increase in 2018, FDI flows to Sub-Saharan Africa decreased again by 10 percent in 2019 to US\$32 billion. FDI to West Africa fell by 21 percent to US\$11 billion in 2019 largely driven by the steep decline in investment in Nigeria," the report underlined.

In the same year, FDI flows to East Africa decreased, by nine percent to US\$7.8 billion as in-

flows to Ethiopia contracted by a fourth to US\$2.5 billion. Central Africa received US\$8.7 billion in FDI which was a decline of seven percent mainly due to the fall in flows to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Southern Africa was the only sub-region that received higher inflows in 2019 with a 22 percent increase to US\$4.4 billion but only due to the slowdown in net divestment from Angola.

FDI inflows to North Africa decreased by 11 percent to US\$14 billion, with reduced inflows in all countries except Egypt. Egypt remained the largest FDI recipient in Africa in 2019, with inflows increasing by 11 percent to US\$9 billion.



UNCTAD secretary general Dr Mukhisa Kitui.

African Union-backed app seeks to speed up border re-openings

ADDISABABA

TWO major African public bodies are promoting a new technology that could connect the continent's Covid-19 testing centres and ease a reopening of travel across the region.

The African Union and the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention are encouraging member states to integrate the mobile-based PanaBIOS platform that would allow results from facilities across the continent to be centralised. So far, only Ghana is using the service.

"Ghana is being used as the pioneer," the West African country's communication minister, Ursula Owusu-Ekufu, said in the capital, Accra. "The learnings from the uptake of the app and the usage of the app will be shared with the Africa CDC and be applied by other African countries," she said.

Most African nations have either kept their borders closed since the pandemic began to spread or reopened with tight restrictions. Some require multiple negative coronavirus tests and, in some cases, self-isolation at a designated hotel at the expense of the traveler. Ghana, which resumed international flights Tuesday, still requires a pre-arrival and on-arrival test to gain entry.

PanaBIOS may eliminate the need for travellers to take repeated tests so long as they are coming from a country that's also signed up to the platform, Preston Asante, a spokesman, said at the Ghanaian launch. The implementation of the technology,



Africa CDC director, John Nkengasong.

developed by Koldchain, a Kenyan startup, is being funded by AfroChampions, an organization that brings together some of the biggest companies on the continent.

Reviving economy

Easing travel restrictions is vital for the success of an African Union-led plan to implement the world's largest free-trade zone, which is now due to start in 2021 following a delay caused by the pandemic. A full deal could cover a market of more than 1.2 billion people with a combined gross domestic product of \$2.5 trillion. All but one of Africa's 55 countries – Eritrea – have signed up to the

agreement.

"The reopening of the points of entry and exit which have been temporarily closed to mitigate the spread of the Covid-19 is necessary," the African Union said in an emailed response to questions. The bloc proposes a reopening at least one month before the trade deal takes effect, it said. The Africa CDC is keen to "facilitate the movement of people while at the same time ensuring critical public health measures are in place," its director, John Nkengasong, said last month.

Sanofi and GSK hoping to price Covid-19 vaccine at under €10

PARIS

A CORONAVIRUS vaccine that Sanofi is developing with Britain's GlaxoSmithKline is likely to be priced at less than €10 (\$11.80) per shot if it is approved for use, Sanofi's chief in France said on Saturday.

"The price is not totally set ... We are assessing production costs for the coming months ... We will be below €10," Olivier Bogillot told France Inter radio. Drugmakers and government agencies are racing to come up with vaccines for the new coronavirus and treatments for Covid-19, the respiratory diseases it causes which has killed more than 879,000 worldwide and wrecked economies.

Asked about rival AstraZeneca, which is expected to price its shot at about €2.50 in Europe, Mr Bogillot said: "The price gap for us can be that we use all our internal resources, our own researchers, our own research centres. AstraZeneca outsources part of its production."

A Sanofi spokeswoman said in an emailed statement on Sunday that a final price would only be decided when the vaccine reaches its final testing stage. "We anticipate being able to determine a final price at the time of our Phase III trials, when we know more about dosing. At this stage, any figure is imprecise. Less than €10 is only one of the hypotheses we are working on."

Earlier this week, Sanofi and GSK said they had started a clinical trial of their protein-based coronavirus vaccine candidate, with the ambition of reaching the final testing stage, also known as Phase III, by December.

If the results are positive, Sanofi and GSK hope to get the vaccine approved in the first half of next year. Sanofi is also working on another coronavirus vaccine candidate with US group Translate Bio that will use another technology known as messenger RNA.

Lindi communities plead with state for gazetting of their forest reserves

By Correspondent Beatrice Philemon

COMMUNITIES in Mtama District of Lindi Region are up in arms with authorities demanding that their virgin natural forest be gazetted so that it earn them money to finance development projects.

The Chiodya And B villagers whose main occupation is farming have already allocated their village land forest reserve which they have been guarding jealously to prevent illegal logging but now want legal backing to enable them sustainably harvest their hardwood rich forest.

Briefing journalists who were on a field visit to the areas last week, Chiodya A and B Village Chairman, Juma Chijinga said both villages have already endorsed their land use plans with allocations for the forest reserve where sustainable log harvest will produce timber for selling.

"What we need from the government right now is to help us declare our forest as a reserve so that we can earn revenue to invest in community development projects similarly to other villages within the region," Chijinga said.

He pointed out that hundreds of youth in the area have no work to do as sesame farming has been badly affected by poor roads which has prevented traders from accessing the villages to buy the commodity. "Our villages are also famous for oranges cultivation but the problem is the same, poor roads are keeping customers away and even if they reach us then prices are determined by the traders," he said.

The Chiodya Village Chairman further noted that with such bottlenecks agriculture is attracting less young people hence threatening the future of the villages food security. "More revenue from hardwood harvesting will enable us to repair roads and allow traders access to our commodities," Chijinga argued noting that their peers in Lindi District are already enjoying increased revenue thanks to the government's decision to gazette their villages' forest reserves.

Under a Community Based Forest Management Project, several villages in Lindi Region have been gazetted to prevent illegal logging while at the same time allowing communities to sustainably harvest hardwood and earn revenue legally.

The villagers have undergone training on participatory forest management, timber measurement in terms of volumes and cubic meters, processing of forest products and use of modern machinery for log processing into timber.

"Using modern machines will help us improve quality, quantity and value of timber that we produce from our forest reserves," the Chiodya A and B Chairman added.

Seconding his village chairman, a young man from Chiodya A, Suleiman Mwilole said many young people are struggling in destitution because agriculture is no longer rewarding due to poor roads. "We cultivate sesame and oranges but customers can't access our villages because of bad roads," said the 26 year old young farmer who called on the government to gazette



Lindi district commissioner, Shaib Ndemanga (in specs) presenting a government gazette with Notice No. 487 published in June 2020 to Mahima Village chairperson, Maimuna Swalehe (R) at a ceremony held at the village recently. Photo: Beatrice Philemon.

their village forest.

"We need legal powers to conserve and sustainably harvest from our forest reserve to earn revenue that will be invested in projects such as repairing of major roads connecting the village to Lindi District," Mwilole argued.

He pointed out that the two villages which also cultivate maize, pigeon peas and millet are de-touched from markets hence the commodities are left to rot or sold to middlemen at through away prices which discourages young farmers.

"Apart from such challenges, we are also burdened by taxes which choke the profit margin of our commodities," he stated while giving an example that for every 5/- that a trader pays for an orange, taxes gobble 3/-.

Mwilole's observation was backed by a village government member, Amina Mkongo who said although both villages have active farmers producing all types of commodities, poor road infrastructure has been a major hurdle to access markets for commodities.

"Bad roads have meant that transport costs are very high hence denying smallholder farmers better earnings from their commodities," Mkongo said adding that selling timber from the designated forest reserve will enable them invest the proceeds in infrastructure improvement.

According to her, villagers usually use motorcycle taxis to travel to Mtama Urban paying between 20 and 24,000/- for a return trip covering seven kilometres. "Paying between 20 and 24,000/- as fare for 'Bodaboda' to go to Mtama District headquarters which is very expensive for an average Tanzania to afford," she argued saying women and children also suffer because a health centre is also located there.

Lindi District Commissioner, Shaibu Ndemanga who recently announced that through Government Notice No. 487 published in June, nine villages in his district have their forest reserves officially recognized by the state. Ndemanga named the villages as Mahima, Kiwawa,

Ruhoma, Milola Magharibi, Kinyope, Likwaya Muungano, Mkombamisi and Makumba.

"This is an important step towards making these villagers own their forests and use them sustainably by adopting forest management plans," Ndemanga naming Mahima Village as one of them already making progress since the legal recognition.

"Right now the village will have a mandate to own the forest reserve and harvest trees sustainably by developing bylaws that support management plans," he added noting that the forests are directly under the Village Natural Resources Committees.

He commended Mahima villagers with 3,125 acres for conserving their forest through establishment of village land forest reserve for several years which led to government's decision to grant them legal recognition. The Lindi DC also thanked partners including Tanzania Forests Conservation Group for backing the villagers achieve the feat.

Consumer confidence improves in third quarter as lockdown eases

JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH African consumers regained some confidence in the economy in the third quarter after consumer confidence hit a 35-year low in the previous quarter, a survey showed on Monday, as the country businesses from the lockdown.

The consumer confidence index (CCI), sponsored by First National Bank and compiled by the Bureau for Economic Research, edged up to minus 23 points in the quarter from minus 33 points in the second quarter.

According to the survey, the partial recovery took place as consumers were able to resume work and add to household finances, which spurred spending on some durable goods. However, big-ticket purchases such as vehicles and furniture were still low priority.

"The gradual lifting of restrictions and the resumption of economic activity as South Africa moved from level 4 of the risk-adjusted strategy in May to level 3 in June and level 2 in August have finally allowed most consumers to go back to work and earn a living," FNB chief economist Mamello Matikinca-Ngwenya said.

The survey, however, reinforced economists' view that the Covid-19 crisis and economic restrictions were a blow to consumers' ability to spend – and that it may take years for the confidence and household incomes to rebound. Between March and June, South Africa enforced one of the world's strictest lockdowns, forcing mines, manufacturers, retailers and services to shut down or operate under tight regulation.

Last month, South Africa re-opened its borders for leisure travel, lifting the bans on the sale of alcohol and tobacco products and permitting visits to family and friends in small groups. The BER switched to telephone call surveys in the third quarter of 2019, and the 500 respondents are representatives of the racial and household income composition of the urban adult population of South Africa.



FNB chief economist Mamello Matikinca-Ngwenya.

China's August exports rise as trading partners ease corona virus containment restrictions

BEIJING

CHINA'S exports rose for the third consecutive month in August, eclipsing an extended fall in imports, as more of its trading partners relaxed coronavirus lockdowns in a further boost to the recovery in the world's second-biggest economy.

Exports in August rose 9.5 per cent from a year earlier, customs data showed on Monday, marking the strongest gain since March 2019. The figure also beat analysts' expectations for 7.1 per cent growth and compared with a 7.2 per cent increase in July.

Imports however slumped 2.1 per cent, compared with market expectations for a 0.1 per cent increase and extending a 1.4 per cent fall in July. The strong exports suggest a faster and more balanced recovery for the Chinese economy, which is rebounding from a record first-quarter slump thanks largely to domestic stimulus measures.

"China's exports continue to defy expectations and to grow significantly faster than global trade, thus gaining global market share," said Louis Kuijs of Oxford Economics. "The import data disappointed, pointing to the need for caution as we assess growth of China's domestic demand."

A private survey on manufacturing activity last week showed Chinese factories reported the first increase in new export orders this year in August as overseas demand slowly revives. The pick-up in business also led to a further expansion in production, marking the sharpest gain in almost a decade.

China's export performance, boosted by record shipments of medical supplies and robust demand for electronic products, has not been as severely affected by the global slowdown as some analysts had feared. But imports unexpectedly slipped further into contraction, suggesting softer domestic demand.

Copper imports in August eased from the previous month's all-time high, as an arbitrage window to bring in overseas metal shut and demand from key consumption sectors slowed. Coal imports slipped 20.8 per cent from the month before. China posted a trade surplus of \$58.93 billion last month, compared with the poll's forecast for a \$50.5bn surplus and \$62.33bn surplus in July.

The outlook is still far from rosy as external demand could suffer if virus control measures have to be re-imposed by trade partners later this year on a resurgence of the epidemic. China also is looking to reduce its reliance on overseas markets for its development as US hostility and the pandemic increase external risks that could hamper longer-term progress.

Already heightened US-China tensions are expected to escalate ahead of the US presidential election. China remains well behind on its pledge to boost purchases of US goods under an agreement that was launched in February. China's trade surplus with the US widened to \$34.24bn in August from \$32.46bn in July.

Top US and Chinese trade officials reaffirmed their commitment to a Phase-1 trade deal in a phone call last month. "Both sides see progress and are committed to taking the steps necessary to ensure the success of the agreement," the US Trade Representative's Office said.

It last week extended tariff exclusions for a wide range of Chinese goods such as smartwatches and some medical masks but only through the end of 2020, a move that may create some leverage for Washington in the bilateral trade negotiations but increasing uncertainty for businesses.

External trade rebounds on easing global restrictions

NAIROBI

KENYA'S expenditure on imports in July rose 14 per cent month-on-month to Sh138.76 billion, signalling increased trade activity in the economy as countries continue to ease measures put in place to reduce the spread of Covid-19.

Data from the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) also reveals a continuous increase in the country's export earnings to Sh52 billion in July from a low of Sh43 billion April. July's consumption of imported goods was the second highest this year after January's Sh155 billion. The country's import bill fell to a low of Sh108 billion in May as a result of the pandemic.

Consequently, due to the lower imports in the April to June period, the trade deficit for the first seven months of 2020 narrowed by 19.5 per cent to Sh546 billion from Sh678.9 billion reported over a similar period last year. At the onset of the pandemic global trade volumes were expected to fall, reversing gains made in inter-regional trade, which has been growing over the years.

"Shutdown in mass production and supply chain disruptions due to the rare twin supply-demand shock will cause further uncertainty in Africa, a continent already grappling with widespread geopolitical and economic instability," said the World Bank in June.



A cargo ship approaching Mombasa Port. Kenya's expenditure on imports in July rose 14 per cent month-on-month to Sh138.76 billion.

In a bid to control the spread of the virus, Kenya in April instituted measures that included travel restrictions from countries that were hard hit by the virus, and a ban on importation of second-hand clothes, which was only lifted last month.

Non-food industrial suppliers accounted for 39 per cent (Sh54.5 billion) of the country's July imports, indicating that businesses were coming back to activity. They were followed by machinery and capital equipment imports, which took up Sh26.7 billion in the month.

On the export side, food and beverages

remained Kenya's biggest earner, bringing in Sh21 billion during the month and Sh153 billion in the first seven months of the year. China remained Kenya's top import source, accounting for Sh34 billion in July and Sh193 billion in the seven-month period, followed by India at Sh15 billion and Sh192 billion, respectively.

In the seven months to July, Pakistan which is the biggest consumer of Kenya's tea, beat Uganda as the biggest destination of Kenyan goods, importing Kenyan goods worth Sh32.4 billion ahead of Uganda's Sh30.2 billion.

Kilimo-Viwanda Scholarship Programme churning out experts in agricultural sector



Serengeti Breweries Limited managing director Mark Ocitti (L) addresses the media when he launching 'Kilimo-Viwanda' Scholarships in Bagamoyo earlier this year. Right is Kaole Wazazi College of Agriculture principal, Sinani Simba. File photo.

By Smart Money Reporter,

AS the government targets to turn the country's into a semi industrialised economy by 2025, some private companies are in the forefront of backing such efforts through investment in agriculture.

Experts argue that in order to have a successful industrial revolution, an agrarian revolution must happen first because commodities which feed industries as raw materials come from farming.

Serengeti Breweries Limited is championing an agrarian revolution through its 'Kilimo-viwanda' Scholarship Program which targets to train youths coming from poor families in areas where the brewer sources its raw materials.

One such beneficiary of the program is Sarah Hassan whose rags to riches story is unique. "Life is tough when you are born and raised in poverty. It becomes even tougher when you have no access to education, an important tool that can liberate someone from abject poverty," said Hassan whose story can drive a tender soul to near-tears.

The twenty-two-year-old young lady never saw her father because he passed away when she was still a infant. She lived with her mother together with four sisters in Iramba District of Singida Region until at age seven when her mother too passed away. After her mother's death, she went to live with her grandmother.

"Life was equally tough as my grandmother was old and depending on rain-fed subsistence farming which quite often failed," she said adding that her mother's death also led to

disintegration of the family, with her siblings going their own ways. Her elder sister went to Arusha where she managed to secure a job at a horticultural farm and took her as life was unbearable with an aged grandee in Singida.

She started living with her sister in a small rented room with no electricity when she was ten years old. "I took advantage of the government's free education program, studied very hard and was able to get into secondary school," she narrated.

After completing form four, she applied for a course in agriculture at Iringa-based Saint Maria Goretti Agriculture Training Institute where she was enrolled but failed to join as her sister could not afford to pay fees. "I had to postpone joining the college and assist my sister to raise my school fee for the following academic year," Hassan noted.

Following a year-long struggle to raise the required school fees for the first semester, she luckily heard the college principal announcing funding available under SBL's 'Kilimo-viwanda' Scholarship program.

"I immediately applied for the scholarship and thank God, I was successful. With the scholarship I was a brighter future unfolding for me," said the young lady who has since graduated from college and leading a decent life.

Dozens other youth coming from poor families are currently benefiting from the brewer's scholarship program countrywide. Ten such students who were with Hassan at Saint Maria Goretti, have written a letter to express their appreciation to SBL's management and staff while explaining what the scholarships means to their future.

Dated 11th July 2020, the letter, signed by all the ten beneficiaries reads in part: "We, students from Saint Maria Goretti Agriculture Training Institute, would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to SBL for supporting our education during this difficult period. We really needed this assistance which has now shaped our future. If we had not received this scholarship, our academic future would have been unpredictable. The scholarship has given us a reason to believe in a brighter future. Our poor families too are very grateful. May God bless you all!"

But beneficiaries of the scholarships are also studying at Moshi-based Kilacha Agricultural and Livestock Training Centre in Kilimanjaro Region. One of them is 25-year-old Domina Minja who was raised by her single mother which forced her to engage in odd jobs to raise money for her college fees.

"In 2016, I was forced, due to lack of fees, to postpone my studies because my peasant mother could not afford the fees. I had to seek odd jobs with meagre payment to raise money for my college fees. It was sweet news when I learnt that I was a proud recipient of SBL's 'Kilimo-viwanda' Scholarship," narrated the young woman who has since stopped worrying about where her fees will come from.

SBL's 'Kilimo-viwanda' Scholarship Program has been supporting 30 students annually who are attending classes at Kaole Wazazi Collage of Agriculture in Bagamoyo District of Coast Region and Igabiro Training Institute of Agriculture in Bukoba District of Kagera Region.

Kaole Wazazi College of Agriculture's Principal, Sinani Simba said training of the young agriculture technicians is one of the priorities spelt out in the Agriculture Sector Development Program Phase 2, as a prerequisite to increase productivity and boost incomes of smallholder farmers.

The brewer's Corporate Relations Director, John Wanyancha said SBL has allocates 120m/-annually to bankroll 40 students pursuing agro-related disciplines at the named tertiary colleges with an objective to reduce shortage of technical officers in the agriculture sector.

"Our scholarship program is tailored to benefit students from underprivileged backgrounds who cannot afford to pay for their studies. We believe this program will go a long way in strengthening the existing pool of agricultural experts in the country which is necessary in helping farmers increase productivity and ultimately their incomes," Wanyancha said.

Companies effect payments of 'carbon debt' to erase past sins

COPENHAGEN

COMPANIES routinely set targets for reducing their greenhouse gas emissions. But a new kind of environmental target is emerging that has been likened to paying reparations to victims of past injustice. The idea is to eliminate not only current pollution but also to account for and counteract climate damage from the corporate past.

The first big company to make such a pledge was Microsoft Corp. In January it announced plans to remove enough greenhouse gas to zero out its emissions and energy use dating back to its founding in 1975—some 27.3 million tons of carbon dioxide. Now on Tuesday, Velux A/S, a Danish maker of roof windows, pledged to eliminate carbon dioxide that matches its estimated emissions since its founding in 1941. That effort, along with a new 2030 climate goal, would allow Velux to claim "lifetime carbon neutral" status by its centenary in 2041.

The idea of measuring historical CO has been gaining traction, particularly following the 2015 Paris Agreement that emphasised the need for equity between rich and poor countries in the effort to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. Wealthy nations have historically emitted far more greenhouse gas than poorer nations, and so the Paris framework asserts a responsibility for them to take the lead.

The UK, for example, became the first country to adopt a target for zeroing out greenhouse gases by 2050, in part because of its past pollution. Despite making up only 1% of the global population today, the UK is responsible for between 2% and 3% of global temperature rise, according to the UK Committee on Climate Change. Some companies are starting to think along similar lines.

"You're trying to eliminate prior damage," says Cynthia Cummis, director of private sector climate change mitigation at the World Resources Institute. Measuring and eliminating historical carbon, she says, is similar to paying reparations—and sometimes, it seems, nearly as controversial to implement and difficult to measure.

For Velux, these payments for emissions of its past will take the form of investments in forest conservation projects, which can act to reduce carbon dioxide by preventing deforestation. Microsoft also backs forest projects as well as other nature-based methods, and the software giant created a \$1 billion climate investment fund to bolster carbon-removal technologies, a nascent field that works to pull planet-warming gases from the atmosphere.

Accounting for the past is a tricky matter, with virtually no independent assessment at the corporate level. A project by the Climate Accountability Institute, a watchdog group, tracks the historical emissions of the world's biggest oil companies. The group's data, which goes back to 1965, ranks Saudi Aramco at No. 1 with past emissions equal to nearly 60 billion tons of carbon dioxide. Exxon-Mobil, Chevron, BP and Shell all rank in the top seven.

There's no comparable data for most

other industries. An early adopter of climate action, Velux has been recording its own operational emissions since 2007. This left a gap covering its energy use data between 1941 and 2006, without an easy way to account for those emissions. "Our strategy is fully homegrown, so it's totally our own people who have come up with how ambitious should we be," said David Briggs, chief executive officer of Velux.

To estimate the footprint of its first Danish factory in 1941, the privately held window maker took the emissions factor of coal-reliant Poland in 1990—which was the worst in Europe—and then added 10%. The carbon intensity of electricity has improved dramatically since World War II, driven by the first oil crisis in 1972. But it's hard to calculate accurately because countries vary in the rate at which they've switched to cleaner fuels, and Velux now operates in 40 countries.

The final figure came to about 4 million tons of CO equivalent in its historical operations and electricity use, known in carbon accounting terms as Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions. These estimates have been verified by the Carbon Trust, an organisation that tracks carbon footprints. Velux added a 25% safety buffer, assigning itself a total of 5.6 million tons through 2041.

The company joined with environmental charity World Wide Fund for Nature to work on forest conservation projects in Uganda and Myanmar that will start to repay the carbon debt over the next two decades. Briggs said that Velux won't claim any carbon credits from those projects. Many companies, rather than reduce their carbon output, will buy credits to meet targets. If one of the forestry projects fail or under-delivers, Briggs added, the safety buffer in its carbon accounting makes for allowances. "This is not offsetting," Briggs said. "This is our— I hesitate to use the word—but this is our gift to society."

For both Microsoft and Velux, the goal is to eliminate only those past emissions from direct operations and electricity. The vast majority of corporate emissions often come from either the supply chain or through the use of products, which is known as Scope 3. For Velux, this category accounts for about 94% of emissions. Briggs said the company plans to halve those emissions by 2030, largely by finding ways of reducing the energy intensity of making aluminum and glass, a process that emits much of its carbon.

Like Microsoft, Velux won't seek to eliminate its past supply chain emissions. The old data would be too sketchy to measure. That's fine with World Resources Institute's Cummis, who thinks companies ought to first work on decarbonising their current business operations before tackling past pollution.

Perhaps the biggest impact of these early carbon-debt plans will be to encourage other companies and even governments to follow suit. "Companies often do what they can to influence the direction of policy," Cummis said. "It could be interesting to see how you could translate that into a national target."

VIEW FROM THE TOP

Why more Ugandan farmers aren't adopting drought-tolerant maize

By HyeJin Lee

MAIZE is one of the most important cereal crops in Uganda. In particular, smallholder farmers rely on it for food and as a cash crop. They also grow it as an important export crop.

Over the years, total maize production in Uganda has gradually increased, from roughly 800,000 tonnes in 2000 to 2,575,000 tonnes in 2019. But this is largely due to a steady expansion of maize acreage, little from improved productivity.

Low productivity is one of the biggest challenges facing Uganda's maize industry. The reason for this is that, as most maize farmers are smallholders, their use of agricultural technology, such as fertiliser and improved seed, is very limited. There are also concerns that changes in temperature and rainfall—specifically increases in temperature and decreases in rainfall—will further affect maize production.

To address these challenges, in 1991 Uganda released improved maize varieties with drought tolerance. Although it depends on the conditions of the maize growing areas, studies indicated that compared with local varieties, drought-tolerant maize can increase yields by 15%. It also reduced the probability of crop failure by 30%.

But, even after 30 years, drought-tolerant

maize has yet to be widely adopted by smallholders. In one study, which covered 1,000 households, just 14% used the modified seed in their fields. I set out to understand why smallholders did or didn't plant drought tolerant maize. To do this I used available literature, policy documents and reports.

I found that the constraints to adoption included: Different farmer characteristics such as wealth or education level; A lack of information or understanding about the seeds; The attributes of the seeds themselves and whether they meet the farmers' needs; and Counterfeit seed and fertiliser in markets.

For drought-tolerant maize to be more widely adopted, it's crucial that policymakers support smallholders with effective information campaigns and subsidies. They must also ensure the markets for the seed and complementary fertiliser are reliable and meet farmer needs.

Current constraints

There are two seed systems in Uganda. One is formal and the other informal. Through the formal system, improved seeds, including drought-tolerant seeds, are developed under the National Agricultural Research Organisation. The National Seed Certification Services regulates the formal seed sector from variety listing to seed certification for commercial seeds that private seed



A farmer inspects his maize in Uganda.

companies distribute. But in Uganda, 85% of seeds planted—which includes local maize varieties—are through the informal system.

Most maize farmers in Uganda are resource-constrained smallholders. Thus, their decision to adopt the drought-tolerant maize may be influenced by perceived economic risks. The seeds of the local maize varieties that farmers use are ones that they've saved from previous harvests, and may cost them nothing. In 2015, modified maize seed cost up to Ush6,000 per kilo (about US\$1.60)

depending on the variety, while the local seed cost nothing.

However, a study calculating the costs and benefits of modified seed found that the drought-tolerant maize could be more economically beneficial. For instance, local maize could require more labour costs due to less resistance, if any, to pests, weeds and diseases. Also, the higher yield of the improved maize could compensate for the higher seed and fertiliser costs. This suggested that the reason for low adoption

by smallholders may not be financial.

Information and education

A number of factors determine whether small-scale farmers adopt a new seed or not. Farmers need information on how the seeds work, and will decide whether or not to use them based on this. Whether a farmer has relevant information is based on the farmers' network, specifically, contact with extension services, NGOs or cooperative memberships. Their understanding is also affected by levels of education or farming experiences. If the farmer decides to cultivate the new seed, it must be physically available, accessible, and affordable.

However, studies also show that even when critical conditions are met—farmers have awareness, access and can afford the seeds—universal adoption is highly unlikely. One of the reasons for this is because farmers prefer traditional varieties. This could be because the traditional varieties may be more resistant to pests, taste more familiar or mature faster. There's also evidence that some drought tolerant varieties don't suit certain local conditions.

Counterfeit seeds are another issue. Between 30% and 40% of seeds traded in Uganda are thought to be counterfeit. Farmers will be less likely to take the risk of using modified seeds if they believe they might be counterfeit.

WORLD

US attorney-general accused of lying on China election threat

WASHINGTON

THE Democratic chairman of the House of Representatives Intelligence Committee on Sunday accused US Attorney-General William Barr of lying when he said China posed a bigger threat to November's US election than Russia.

"That's just a plain false statement by the attorney-general," Adam Schiff told CNN. "What Bill Barr just did in that statement was just flat out mislead the American people."

Barr, named attorney general by President Donald Trump last year, told CNN on Wednesday that China

was more of a threat than Russia when it comes to alleged interference in the US elections. "I've seen intelligence. That's what I've concluded," he said, without offering details.

Trump's national security adviser, Robert O'Brien, made a similar comment on Friday, also without providing details.

Asked if Barr was lying, Schiff said: "That is basically what he is doing. And I hesitate to say that, but it is the reality."

"Apparently Bill Barr is ready to do anything or say anything to help Donald Trump."



US Attorney-General William Barr

Barr's office did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Trump's rival in the Nov 3 election, former Vice President Joe Biden, said on Friday he did not agree that China was the biggest threat to the election and that such an assessment was not consistent with intelligence briefings he had received.

Trump, who long touted friendly ties with Chinese President Xi Jinping as he sought to make good on trade deal promises, has made getting tough on China a key part of his re-election campaign, while accusing Biden of being soft towards Beijing.

US intelligence found that Russia orchestrated a cyber campaign to sway the 2016 presidential election Trump's

favor and there have been reports hackers may try to influence the Nov 3 election.

The top US counterintelligence official, William Evanina, said last month that Russia, China and Iran would all attempt to interfere in the election.

He said Russia was already going after Biden and what it sees as an anti-Russia US "establishment," while "Kremlin-linked actors" were trying to boost Trump's candidacy via social media and Russian television. He said his agency assessed that China would prefer that Trump not win re-election. **Agencies**

The state that has others green with envy

NEW YORK

AS several states in the United States deal with rising cases of COVID-19, one state, Vermont, has bucked the trend as well as the hardest ravages of the initial pandemic.

Known for its small villages, low population, rolling hills, maple syrup, autumn foliage, skiing and for being the home of the former Democratic presidential contender Senator Bernie Sanders, the Green Mountain State in New England has avoided the coronavirus toll that has hit other states, especially its neighbors New York and Massachusetts.

Massachusetts to the south has had more than 119,000 coronavirus cases and more than 8,830 deaths, and New York to the west, once the epicenter of the virus in the US, has had more than 440,000 cases and more than 32,900 deaths. The US has had more than 6 million confirmed cases of the virus and more than 184,800 deaths.

By Saturday, Vermont had had 1,647 infections and 58 deaths, and 143,088 people had been tested for the virus since mid-March, the state health department said.

Those numbers have put a national spotlight on the state, with media coverage that has asked how it has performed so well compared with others.

The state's motto is "Freedom and Unity", and the latter, health department officials say, is part of the answer. They also give credit to Republican Governor Phil Scott.

"Neighbors are concerned about neighbors," said Tracy Dolan, deputy commissioner of the state health department. "They help each other out, making sure that people can get to the grocery stores. We have a good Meals-on-Wheels program for the elderly, and there is positive peer pressure to wear masks. ... We're in good shape."

Residents have "a high level of trust" for public health experts and listen to information on TV and public radio, she said. Many are used to stocking up on supplies to cope with harsh winters. Some grow vegetables and chickens, and this discipline has helped them adapt to quarantining. Public health science

Dolan also singled out strong leadership from state health officials and from the commissioner of health, Mark Levine, and praised Scott for paying attention to science. "The governor has been really open to understanding and paying attention to public health science and has listened closely to it and has been guided by it."

Preemptive action by Scott and the state health department officials and Vermont being a rural state with a low population aided the success, she said.

It is the second least-populous state, with 623,989 people. Residents are 92.4 percent white, 1.4 percent African American, 1.9 percent Asian, 0.4 percent American Indian and 2 percent Latino.

In May Scott said Vermont was "the envy of the nation" because of how it had handled the pandemic.

"We took a lot of steps early, and we didn't waste a lot of time, and Vermonters accepted that," he said in June, heaping praise on the state's residents. "And they also complied with all the measures."

Scott declared a state of emergency on March 13 and the order was extended on Aug 14 to Sept 15. He has allowed local discretion for size limits on gatherings and sales of alcohol.

Scott said that one of his most important decisions was to shut bars and restaurants before St Patrick's Day. He also shut hotels and put homeless people in motels and camper vans. **Agencies**

'Hotel Rwanda' hero was not kidnapped - Kagame

KIGALI

RWANDAN President Paul Kagame denied on Sunday that his government had kidnapped from abroad Paul Rusesabagina, whose widely acclaimed heroism inspired a Hollywood movie but who has been detained on terrorism and other charges.

At a virtual news conference in the capital, Kigali, Kagame (pictured) did not say exactly how Rusesabagina had been taken into custody but suggested he had been tricked into travelling to Rwanda before he was arrested.

"It was not the case," Kagame said, referring to accusations of kidnapping.

"There was no kidnap. There was no any wrongdoing in the process of his getting here. He got here on the basis of what he believed

and wanted to do, and he found himself here ... that's how it happened."

Kigali announced Rusesabagina's detention on Aug 31, parading him before the press in handcuffs.

The country's criminal investigations agency, the Rwanda Investigation Bureau (RIB), has said Rusesabagina will face charges including terrorism, financing terrorism, arson, kidnap and murder.

The Rwandan government has accused Rusesabagina of having a hand in alleged attacks by National Liberation Front (FLN) rebels in southern Rwanda along the border with Burundi in 2018.

A former hotel manager during Rwanda's 1994 genocide, Rusesabagina used his job and his connections with the ethnic Hutu elite to protect Tutsis fleeing the slaughter.



His heroism inspired the Oscar-nominated film "Hotel Rwanda," in which he was played by actor Don Cheadle.

Rusesabagina left Rwanda shortly after the genocide and later acquired Belgian citizenship. He has been living in Texas.

His relatives have accused the

Rwandan government of kidnapping him and a daughter has said Rusesabagina last called them while in Dubai, days before Kigali announced his detention.

Rusesabagina has been a strong critic of Kagame's government, whose credit for returning the country to stability after the

genocide and boosting economic growth, has been tainted by accusations of widespread repression.

An official in the United Arab Emirates has told Reuters that Rusesabagina was not kidnapped.

On Thursday, US Assistant Secretary for African Affairs Tibor Nagy tweeted that Washington expected Kigali "to provide humane treatment, adhere to the rule of law and provide a fair and transparent legal process."

About 800,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus were killed in 100 days in the central African nation in 1994.

Soldiers of the then-Hutu-led government and ethnic militia allies orchestrated the genocide in which victims were hacked to death with machetes, burned alive or shot. **Agencies**

Liaison office of central govt in HKSAR supports law enforcement against violation of national security law

HONG KONG

THE Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) on Sunday voiced firm support for the HKSAR government and the Hong Kong police in resolutely enforcing the law and safeguarding Hong Kong's social stability and rule of law.

A small number of rioters instigated unlawful assemblies and threatened to "rekindle the war" and "fight back", with some confronting the police in Kowloon on Sunday afternoon. Those acts are suspected of violating the national security law in Hong Kong and local laws, a spokesperson of the office said.

As of 9:00 p.m. local time, at least 289 people had been arrested for offenses including participating in an unlawful assembly and assaulting police officers, the Hong Kong police said in a statement.

The 2020 Legislative Council (LegCo) election in the HKSAR, originally scheduled for Sept. 6,

was put off for a year due to the COVID-19 epidemic. According to the decision made by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress on Aug. 11, the 6th term LegCo of the HKSAR will continue to discharge its duties for no less than one year until the commencement of the 7th term LegCo.

The related arrangements are reasonable and conform to public opinion, said the spokesperson.

"The street confrontations on the original election date blatantly violated the gathering restrictions in the face of the epidemic, and provoked relevant laws and the state will. It is a cold-blooded disregard for the lives, health and safety of the general public. We strongly condemn this," the spokesperson said.

With the strong support from the central government and the mainland compatriots, as well as the concerted efforts of the HKSAR government and Hong Kong residents, the third wave of the epidemic has been gradually brought under control. But



Photo taken on Aug. 5, 2019 shows China's national flag and the flag of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) on the Golden Bauhinia Square in Hong Kong, south China. Photo: Xinhua

the situation remained serious as infection sources of nearly half of the confirmed cases remained unknown. The general public has a strong desire to put the epidemic under control and get out of the economic and livelihood difficulties as soon as possible, said the spokesperson.

However, at such a critical moment, those who instigated and

organized street disturbances not only spread all kinds of rumors, but also constantly attacked and smeared the mainland's aid and support for Hong Kong's anti-epidemic fight, politicizing it without limit while ignoring the safety of residents and the public interest. They have no bottom line and are unethical, said the spokesperson.

The spokesperson stressed that the national security law in Hong Kong has been promulgated and implemented, the relevant national security agencies of the central and HKSAR governments have been established to perform their duties. As a result, the Hong Kong society has undergone a positive change from chaos to governance.

"We warn the few people that in maintaining Hong Kong's national security and social stability, there is only a rigid principle and no room for flexibility. We have zero tolerance for any violation of the national security law in Hong Kong," said the spokesperson, citing that the Hong Kong police have solemnly declared that they will resolutely enforce the law and will not relent on any illegal act.

"We believe that people from all walks of life will have a better understanding of the true character of the rioters, and jointly safeguard the prosperity and stability of Hong Kong. We will not allow chaos in Hong Kong again." **Xinhua**

China launches urgent use of COVID-19 vaccines for one month

ONE month has passed since China officially launched the urgent use of COVID-19 vaccines on July 22, while the vaccines were going through clinical trials, said a National Health Commission official on Saturday. Recipients who got their first dose since then revealed they had few adverse reactions and none reported a fever.

According to China's Law on Vaccine Management, when a particularly severe public health emergency occurs, vaccines in clinical trials can be used in a limited scope to protect medical and epidemic prevention personnel, border officers and other people working in stable city operations, said Zheng Zhongwei, director of the Development Center for Medical Science and Technology of the National Health Commission, in an interview with China

Central Television on Saturday night. Zheng now leads China's vaccine development work.

The Global Times has previously reported that employees of state-owned enterprises (SOEs) preparing to go abroad and frontline medics have been offered two choices of domestic inactivated vaccine candidates developed by Sinopharm for urgent use.

On Thursday and Friday, Sinopharm signed cooperation agreements on phase III clinical trials of inactivated vaccines with Peru, Morocco and Argentina.

Zheng noted that for the next step of preventing a possible outbreak this autumn and winter, vaccines' availability will be ex-

tended to people working in food markets, transport systems and services industries.

A document circulated online from a Chinese company in the tourism sector - TravelSky Technology - revealed that the company's key researchers, inspectors in airport terminals, and other employees with frequent business overseas can get priority for free vaccinations.

The number of people being vaccinated on an urgent basis may reach hundreds of thousands across China, considering that personnel in wider sectors are being offered free injections, said Tao Lina, a Shanghai-based immunology expert, on Sunday.

"But it's difficult to give an accurate fig-

ure since the Chinese military has begun mass vaccinations but has not released details," Tao said.

The inactivated vaccine is very likely to be approved for marketing by the end of the year though the timeline will be mainly dependent on the progress of late-stage clinical trials overseas, vaccine producer Sinopharm said on Sunday.

Wu, an employee of a state-owned company handling overseas construction projects along the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) in Asian and African countries, told the Global Times on Sunday that all staff in her company have been offered inactivated vaccine injections on a voluntary basis for free.

Wu, who took the vaccine on August 7 along with many of her colleagues for free injections, said she had not had any obvious adverse reactions, similar to everyone else in her group.

"My colleagues and I felt only a little dizzy on the afternoon of the vaccination, but we got over it pretty quickly. There was no local redness, swelling or pain, and we did not hear of anyone reporting a fever," said Wu, who will take her second dose on day 28 after the first shot.

"People seem to be relaxed over the vaccination as most of us feel confident in domestically developed vaccines," she said.

At least 10 percent of the employees, mainly those in charge of projects over-

seas, have been vaccinated in groups since they were notified on July 30. The vaccination process is ongoing, Wu said.

Some employees who were overseas during the epidemic have also been vaccinated by Chinese medical teams that went abroad, Wu said.

Vaccinations are not given to those with severe allergies, those who tested positive for novel coronavirus nucleic acid or antibodies, or for pregnant women, according to the notification.

One of Sinopharm's inactivated COVID-19 vaccines on August 13 was revealed to have had a low rate of adverse reactions for patients in phase I and II clinical trials, while also demonstrating immunogenicity results. **Global Times**



The 50 MW Garissa Solar Power Plant, consisting of over 200,000 photovoltaic panels, covers an area of 85 hectares. It is by far the largest photovoltaic power project in Kenya, and even in East Africa.

China-Africa photovoltaic cooperation benefits more Africans

PHOTOVOLTAIC power generation has grown into a new highlight of new energy development in Africa, as well as an important part of China-Africa cooperation in infrastructure construction. As the cooperation expands, more and more bulbs are being lighted in African families.

At the bank of the winding Tana River in Kenya's North Eastern Province, a gigantic "blue sheet" is embedded on the golden savanna. The sheet, consisting of over 200,000 photovoltaic panels, covers an area of 85 hectares. It is by far the largest photovoltaic power project in Kenya, and even in East Africa. The 50 MW Garissa Solar Power Plant has largely reduced the local price of clean energy - the electricity is purchased by Kenya's power department at 12 Kenyan shillings (\$0.12) per kilowatt hours, which is 40 percent lower than the price of diesel power generation.

The project was raised by Kenya's Ministry of Energy and financed by the Export-Import Bank of China. A consortium was established by China Jiangxi International Economic and Technical Cooperation Co., Ltd. and JinkoSolar, one of the largest and most innovative solar module manufacturers in the world, to take charge for design, purchase, construction, installation and training. The project was completed and put into operation at the end of the last year.

Mumin Gedi, Chairman of Rahma village near the project witnessed the huge changes brought by the power plant.

According to him, there were only a few diesel generators in the village that lighted several shops before the photovoltaic power plant was built, and all activities had to come to an end when the sun sank. Most of the villagers chose to work outside due to the dull lifestyle, he said.

He told People's Daily that the construction of the photovoltaic power plant not only created jobs for local people, but also taught them skills. The plant's construction and operation brought vitality to the village and lighted up the night.

A merchant there noted that the cheap electricity and night-time economy made him wealthy. "The stable power supply realized dreams of many villagers," he said.

Peter Mbugua, CEO of Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation of Kenya, introduced that the power plant generates nearly 88 million kilowatt hours of electricity on an annual basis, which is able to satisfy the demand of around 350,000 residents, benefiting half of the population in Garissa, capital of North Eastern Province.

Half of Kenya's electricity is generated hydraulically, so the power supply capability of the country is severely impacted in winter. Photovoltaic power generation is a great solution to the problem.

The 50 MW Garissa Solar Power Plant has received high recognition from Kenyan President Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta, who said the stable power supply will greatly drive local economy.

Larry Rambi is a farmer in Mwachiroko village, Lusaka, capital of Zambia.

His cottage isn't connected to power grid, but he's already enjoying the convenience of electricity, as the power supply problem is resolved by a domestic photovoltaic power supply system developed by Chinese firm StarTimes.

Rambi said photovoltaic power generation has put an end to his family history of lighting kerosene lamps. "We can watch TV at night, and our children can also study. It's great to use the solar power," he said.

StarTimes took its off-grid micro photovoltaic business to Kenya and Zambia almost two years ago. The service has been widely welcomed by local residents thanks to its economical performance, zero pollution, durability, safety and convenience. It is totally affordable for local farmers as they can pay on an installment basis.

So far, StarTimes has expanded the business to Uganda, Tanzania and Rwanda, bringing brightness and happiness to hundreds of thousands of African families.

An International Energy Agency report noted that nearly 70 percent of the population suffering from power shortage were in Africa the last year. Before 2018, about 80 percent of enterprises in sub-Saharan Africa suffered losses from frequent blackouts. Bloomberg predicted that the market of micro photovoltaic power generation will reach \$128 billion in Africa by 2030.

China, through multiple ways of financing, is supporting the construction of photovoltaic generation, transmission, transformation and power grid in Africa, in an attempt to help the continent improve power supply and propel economic growth.

As the price of photovoltaic devices continues to drop, photovoltaic power generation is increasingly becoming a highlight in Africa's new energy sector. Commercial photovoltaic solutions will be more attractive in the post-pandemic era, said Jay Naidoo, CEO of IMPower Pty Ltd., a commercial photovoltaic enterprise in South Africa.

At present, more and more competitive Chinese companies are joining the photovoltaic construction in Africa, including China Gezhouba Group Corporation which announced in February to build a 500MW photovoltaic project in Uganda, and the Power Construction Corporation of China that signed an agreement with Zambian state-owned electric utility ZESCO in May for a \$548 million photovoltaic project. Currently, 30 percent of the market share in Africa's photovoltaic sector is controlled by Jinko Solar.

Meanwhile, China is also actively building talent training and tech-transfer mechanisms for African countries, as well as renewable energy cooperation and development centers.

Chinese firms supplied high-performance parts for a 233MW photovoltaic power plant in Algeria, offered photovoltaic lighting equipment for 20 soccer pitches in Africa, and successively held two training workshops on solar technology application for the continent. Besides, China has also exported relevant technological results to multiple African countries.

People's Daily

Lavrov assures relations with Turkey will not affect Russia-Cyprus dialogue

MOSCOW

THE development of Russian-Turkish cooperation will in no way affect the dialogue between Moscow and Nicosia, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in an interview with the Cypriot newspaper *Phileleftheros*.

"I would like to reassure our Cypriot friends that the deepening of Russian-Turkish cooperation and the need to interact with Ankara on regional issues in no way affect and will not affect our dialogue with Nicosia," he stressed.

According to Russia's top diplomat, Moscow is concerned about regular



crises in the Eastern Mediterranean. "We consider any actions that are fraught with a further increase in the potential for conflict to be unacceptable," he stressed.

"We have repeatedly urged the leaderships of the countries in the region to show political foresight, resolve dis-

putes exclusively by peaceful means and within the legal framework. It is better to resolve contradictions at the negotiating table rather than aggravate them with public rhetorical duels."

At the same time, Lavrov is certain that both Nicosia and Ankara have the political will "to prevent further destabilization of the situation in the region."

"There is a universal platform for effectively resolving controversial issues - the United Nations," he noted. "We are ready to help build good-neighborliness between the Republic of Cyprus and the Republic of Turkey, but, of course, only if both sides ask us to do so." **Agencies**



As protests rock US cities on holiday weekend, Jacob Blake speaks out

WASHINGTON

JACOB Blake, the Black man who was shot in the back by a white police officer in Wisconsin last month, spoke out for the first time from his hospital bed as dueling demonstrations over racial justice and policing continued to roil a handful of U.S. cities.

In a video posted on Twitter, Blake (pictured), dressed in a green hospital gown, described being in constant pain after the shooting that left him paralyzed from the waist down.

"I got staples in my back, staples in my damn stomach," he said in the video posted by his attorney, Ben Crump, late on Saturday. "It hurts to breathe, it hurts to sleep, it hurts to move from side to side, it hurts to eat."

The Aug. 23 shooting of Blake, 29, reignited protests over racism and police brutality that swept the United States after another Black man, George Floyd, died in May when a Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck for nearly nine minutes.

The demonstrations have coincided with widespread upheaval over the social and economic consequences of the coronavirus pandemic, which has killed nearly 190,000 people in the United States, the highest death toll in the world.

The protests have also moved to the forefront of the presidential election campaign, with President Donald Trump now focused on a platform of law and order in his effort to be re-elected on Nov. 3.

At the start of the three-day Labor Day weekend, police in Rochester, New York, used tear gas to disperse some 2,000 protesters in the fourth night of unrest over the death of Daniel Prude, a Black man who died after an encounter with police in March.

Nine people were arrested and three police officers were treated at local hospitals for injuries sustained during the clashes, the Rochester police department said on Sunday.

Mayor Lovely Warren announced that Rochester was moving its family crisis intervention team and its funding out of the police department and into the Department of Youth and Recreation Services in response to the demands for change.

"I am committed to addressing these challenges in ensuring that change truly comes," Warren told a news conference. She said she was glad that New York Attorney General Letitia James had moved to form a grand jury to investigate Prude's death.

Violent clashes also rocked the city of Portland, Oregon, for the 100th day overnight. Demonstrators threw rocks and fire bombs at police who in turn used tear gas, leaving at least one person injured and leading to more than 50 arrests.

The Pacific northwestern city has remained another hotspot partly, according to some civic leaders, due to the deployment of federal troops there in July. **Agencies**

Brexit back in crisis as UK threatens to override pact

LONDON

BREXIT trade talks plunged into fresh crisis yesterday after Britain warned the European Union that it could undercut the divorce deal it signed unless the bloc agrees to a free trade deal by Oct 15.

In one of the most startling turns of the four-year Brexit saga, Britain is reportedly planning new legislation to override parts of January's Brexit Withdrawal Agreement, potentially jeopardising the treaty and creating frictions in Northern Ireland.

Sections of the internal market bill, due to be published on Wednesday, are expected to "eliminate the legal force of parts of the withdrawal agreement" in areas including state aid and Northern Ireland customs, the *Financial Times* said, citing three people familiar with the plans.

EU diplomats were aghast, cautioning that such a step would tarnish Britain's global prestige and heighten chances of a tumultuous EU exit on Dec 31.

Sterling fell around half a percent against the dollar and euro on Monday. Britain has set a deadline of Oct 15 to strike a deal.

"If we can't agree by then, then I do not see that there will be a free trade agreement between us, and we should both accept that and move on," Prime Minister Boris Johnson was to say on Monday, according to his office. Britain left the EU on Jan 31 but talks aimed at clinching a new trade deal before the end of a status-quo transition arrangement in December have so far snagged on state aid rules and fishing.

Without a deal nearly US\$1 trillion in trade between Britain and the EU could be thrown into uncertainty with rules over everything from car parts and medicines to fruit and data.

'Desperate' strategy?

Some Brexit-supporting members of the ruling Conservatives argue that Britain should denounce the



UK Parliament, Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson talks during Prime Minister's Questions in the House of Commons, London, Sept 2, 2020. Photo: AP

Withdrawal Agreement because, they say, it poses constitutional dangers to Britain even if the two sides secure a future partnership deal.

They refer to article 184 of the agreement binding both sides to using "their best endeavours, in good faith and in full respect of their respective legal orders" to try to secure a future relationship agreement, and argue the EU has not done so.

The reported plan to undermine the Withdrawal Agreement - disclosed on the eve of new talks in London - was condemned by parties on both sides of the Irish border and elicited surprise in Brussels.

"If the UK chose not to respect its international obligations, it would undermine its international standing," said one EU diplomat. "Who would want to agree trade deals with a country that doesn't implement international treaties? It would be a desperate and ultimately self-defeating strategy."

Leaders of Northern Ireland's Sinn Fein and SDLP parties, the British-ruled region's two largest Irish nationalist groups, also criticised the government's plan, as reported by the newspaper.

Agencies

Museveni says detained minister to be prosecuted over election violence

KAMPALA

UGANDAN President Yoweri Museveni yesterday said a minister who was detained by police over the weekend will be prosecuted over the election violence in the ruling party primaries.

Museveni tweeted that Mwesigwa Rututana, minister of state for labor, who was arrested on Saturday after a video circulated on social media showing him grab a gun from a police officer, would answer for his charges. The video shows that after the minister grabbed the gun

to attack his rivals, the rivals sped off in a car.

The minister had just lost an election in the ruling National Resistance Movement (NRM) party primaries for legislators held on Friday. The minister and his three body guards are facing charges of inciting violence, attempted murder by shooting, and malicious damage of property, according to police. The party primaries were characterized by violence in some parts of the country with losers

claiming that their vote was stolen. Museveni said all those who caused violence or engaged in some form of illegality would be arrested and prosecuted. "Those who beat people... are all in jail or on the run. Minister Rututana is in jail and will be prosecuted," Museveni said. "They will be fully accountable with robust charges: assault, attempted murder, murder, etc.," the president added.

The primaries were held as different political parties in the country are preparing for next year's general elections. **Xinhua**

ences on epidemic containment, making positive contribution to the global health care development.

According to Russian media, under the framework of the two countries' Year of Scientific and Technological Innovation, Russia's Mechnikov Research Institute of Vaccines and Sera and the Institute of Microbiology of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (IMCAS) have signed a memorandum on establishing a joint research lab for coronavirus.

The cooperation on scientific and technological innovation between the two countries is believed to constantly improve the well-being of the two peoples.

China-Russia cooperation on scientific and technological innovation enjoys a prosperous future.

China, Russia enhance strategic coordination in sci-tech innovation

CHINA and Russia recently launched an opening ceremony for their Year of Scientific and Technological Innovation via video link. Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin sent congratulatory letters respectively to the opening ceremony.

China and Russia launched the Year of Scientific and Technological Innovation as planned, despite the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, reflecting the high level and distinctiveness of the comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination for a new era between the two countries. It not only bears significant importance for the two countries' bilateral ties and development, but also once again sets an example for international cooperation.

During Xi's visit to Russia in June last year, the two leaders jointly announced the decision to designate 2020 and 2021 as the "Year of Scientific and Technological Innovation" in each other's country, the first national theme year titled "scientific and technological innovation" between the two countries.

With concerted efforts from both China and Russia, the number of activities scheduled to be held under the Year of Scientific and Technological Innovation has exceeded 1,000, which showed the huge potential of the two sides' cooperation on scientific and technological innovation.

Under the framework of the Year of Scientific and Technological Innovation, the two countries will expand cooperation scope of scientific and technological innovation, better cultivate strategic flagship projects, utilize joint labs and research centers, promote exchanges of personnel and coordinate entrepreneurship and investment, so as to intensify their comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination for a new era.

China and Russia enjoy a long history and rich content of scientific and technological innovation, which has made tangible contribution to their economic construction and technological progress. China signed with the Soviet Union the first inter-governmental scientific and technological cooperation agreement in 1954, and a scientific and technological cooperation agreement with the Russian government in 1992. The subcommit-

tee of sci-tech cooperation under the China-Russia Prime Ministers' Regular Meeting mechanism, the China-Russia Innovation Cooperation Coordination Committee, as well as the Meeting of the Heads of Science and Technology Ministries and Departments of the SCO Member States have all offered communication channels and platforms for China-Russia sci-tech cooperation.

The China-Russia Year of Scientific and Technological Innovation further demonstrates the resolution of the two countries to improve their cooperation on scientific and technological innovation.

China and Russia are both global science powers, and their deepening cooperation on scientific and technological innovation conforms to their interests.

Putin said in his congratulatory letter that scientific and technological innovation is one of the most promising areas of cooperation between Russia and China that will determine the future of the two countries and have a bearing on the improving of the living standards of the two peoples.

The results of China-Russia cooperation on scientific and technological innovation plays an important role in such fields as aviation, aerospace, maritime development, healthcare, chemical engineering and daily life, largely propelling the development of digital economy in the two countries.

After the outbreak of COVID-19, epidemic control specialists from the two countries visited each other and exchanged frontline experi-

The two countries are constantly enriching relevant cooperation mechanisms and enhancing their supports for scientific and technological innovation cooperation, so as to build a more solid foundation for cooperation.

Ivan Danilin, an expert from the Institute of World Economy and International Relations of the Russian Academy of Sciences, pointed out that the interaction between China and Russia in scientific and technological innovation has its missions, phased measures, as well as cautious and clear assessment, and to jointly hold the Year of Scientific and Technological Innovation will create opportunities for the two countries to further enhance cooperation in this field. **People's Daily**

SPORT



Los Angeles Lakers' LeBron James (23) and Houston Rockets' James Harden (13) react to a call during the second half of an NBA conference semifinal playoff basketball game Sunday, Sept. 6, 2020, in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. (AP Photo)

James, Davis help Lakers hold on to beat Rockets, tie series

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla.

THE Los Angeles Lakers were on a wild ride at Disney.

A huge lead in the first half had turned into a two-point deficit after three quarters. If they didn't turn things around, the No. 1 seeds would be down 2-0, though Anthony Davis said they weren't thinking about that.

"Our mindset was, 'How do we win this game?'" he said.

Having LeBron James take over usually does the trick.

James had 28 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists, Davis added 34 points and 10 rebounds and the Lakers evened the Western Conference semifinals by beating the Houston Rockets 117-109 on Sunday night.

Markieff Morris scored 16 points for the Lakers. They opened a 21-point lead in the first half, gave up 41 points in the third quarter to fall behind, and then regrouped behind some high-flying plays by James to pull away again.

"We're at our best when he's in attack mode," Lakers coach Frank Vogel said.

James took only 15 shots in Game 1 and was scoreless in the fourth quarter of the Lakers' 112-97 loss, saying afterward that the Lakers needed to experience a game to understand how fast the small-ball Rockets play.

"I think we adjusted from Game 1 to Game 2," James said.

And when the Rockets adjusted from the first half to the second, James was dominant on both ends in the final period. He had eight points in the quarter and a powerful blocked shot on Russell Westbrook that flew far out of bounds.

James Harden scored 27 points and Eric Gordon made six 3-pointers and added 24 for the Rockets, who made 22 3-pointers. P.J. Tucker had 18 points and Robert Covington 17, but Westbrook finished only 4 for 15 while scoring 10 points and grabbing 13 rebounds.

"They just came out and played harder than us, I feel like," Harden said. "In the second half, we woke up and took the lead. We've just got to have that intensity at the beginning of the game and we'll be all right."

Game 3 is Tuesday night.

The Lakers also dropped their opener against Portland in the first round but won Game 2 comfortably on their way to four straight victories.

This one appeared it would be easy, then appeared it might not come at all.

But James had a dunk to open the fourth and tie the game and another dunk on a lob during an 8-0 run that gave them the lead for good. They put it away later in the period with a 9-0 burst, featuring two baskets from Davis, to make it 113-101.

Morris sparked a big finish to the first quarter. He had a 3-pointer with 1:11 left, then connected again at 52 seconds and a third time with 31 seconds left, pushing the lead to 33-17. Rajon Rondo made one more at the buzzer to give the Lakers a 36-20 cushion.

"Middle of the first all the way to end of the first, they just hit us in the mouth," Houston coach Mike D'Antoni said. "We didn't play with enough intensity to match their fire. We adjusted in the second half in the sense that we played harder."

James scored six quick points in the second to make it 42-21. Houston had a good stretch to cut it to nine with just under 5 minutes remaining in the half, but the Lakers quickly ran off 10 straight to push the lead back to 61-42, and it was 67-51 at the break.

Gordon made two straight 3s and Tucker hit one to open the third, forcing the Lakers

to call a quick timeout and take center JaVale McGee out so they would match up better. But that didn't slow the Rockets at all, with Gordon getting a layup and Harden another 3 for a 14-0 start that made it 67-65.

Houston then reeled off 10 in a row later in the period, with Covington converting a four-point play followed by a 3-pointer to start it and give the Rockets the lead. They were up 92-90 going to the fourth.

Meanwhile, Gianni Antetokounmpo was waiting in the locker room for his teammates Sunday, standing on his bad right ankle to greet every one of them.

His day ended early.

His season isn't over yet.

Khris Middleton scored 36 points, including a big 3-pointer with 6.4 seconds left in overtime, and the Milwaukee Bucks avoided a sweep by beating the Miami Heat 118-115 in overtime of Game 4 of the teams' Eastern Conference semifinal series.

The Heat still lead 3-1, but the Bucks – the best team in the regular season – are still alive, even after Antetokounmpo left early in the second quarter with an aggravation of his sprained right ankle.

"Khris is very unique," Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer said. "He's got a way about him. He wanted to play. He asked to stay in the game."

As if there was any other option. Middleton's season-high before Sunday was 40 minutes; he logged 48 in Game 4, taking over with Antetokounmpo watching from the locker room.

"Just keep fighting," said Middleton, who also had eight rebounds and eight assists. "That's all my teammates did."

Bam Adebayo had 26 points, 12 rebounds and eight assists for Miami. Duncan Robinson scored 20 points, Jae Crowder had 18 and Goran Dragic and Jimmy Butler each finished with 17 for the Heat.

"We didn't deserve to win that game," Butler said.

Miami had an eight-point lead in the fourth quarter, promptly allowed the Bucks to score the next 12, and now needs to come back Tuesday in an effort to finish the series off.

"At the end of the day, we should have played like we did in Game 1, Game 2 and Game 3," Adebayo said.

Antetokounmpo scored 19 points for the Bucks in only 11 minutes, while Brook Lopez and Eric Bledsoe each had 14 for Milwaukee. George Hill added 12 for the Bucks.

Miami managed only two points in the first 4:30 of overtime, got within one on a 3-pointer from Tyler Herro, but Middleton delivered the biggest shot of the night to make it 116-112.

Herro made another 3-pointer with 3.0 seconds left, but Middleton sealed it with a pair of free throws – and Miami coach Erik Spoelstra lauded Milwaukee's effort afterward.

"The reality is, they deserved to win the game," Spoelstra said. "They were doing things with more force, more consistency."

Antetokounmpo had 19 of Milwaukee's first 30 points, shooting 8-for-10 from the floor. But in an instant, everything changed for the Bucks.

Antetokounmpo aggravated his sprained right ankle with 10:48 left in the second quarter, rolling it inward – just as he did in Game 3 on Friday – as he tried to drive past Miami's Andre Iguodala. He tumbled to the court, grabbing the ankle and screaming in pain.

He took the free throws; without doing that, he would not have been permitted to return. But at halftime, the Bucks delivered the word that he would not be back. **AP**

Cohen memoir casts him as 'star witness' against Trump

NEW YORK

MICHAEL Cohen's tell-all memoir makes the case that President Donald Trump is "guilty of the same crimes" that landed his former fixer in federal prison, offering a blow-by-blow account of Trump's alleged role in a hush money scandal that once overshadowed his presidency.

Of all the crises Cohen confronted working for Trump, none proved as vexing as the porn actress Stormy Daniels and her claims of an extramarital affair with Trump, Cohen writes in "Disloyal: The True Story of the Former Personal Attorney to President Donald J. Trump."

Trump, despite his later protestations, green-lighted the \$130,000 payment to silence Daniels ahead of the 2016 election, reasoning he would "have to pay" his wife a far greater sum if the affair ever became known, Cohen writes, adding the president later reimbursed him with "fake legal fees."

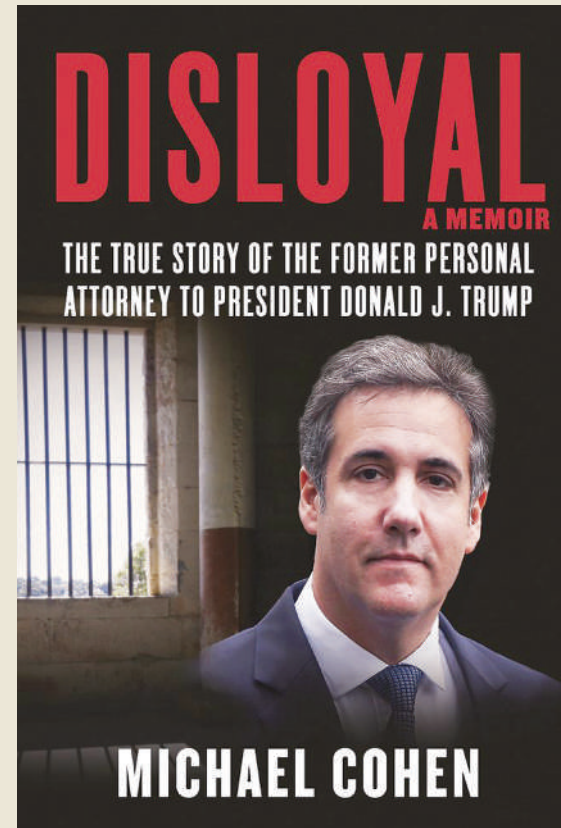
"It never pays to settle these things, but many, many friends have advised me to pay," Trump said, according to Cohen. "If it comes out, I'm not sure how it would play with my supporters. But I bet they'd think it's cool that I slept with a porn star."

The White House called Cohen's memoir "fan fiction."

"He readily admits to lying routinely but expects people to believe him now so that he can make money from book sales," White House spokesman Brian Morgenstern said in a statement. "It's unfortunate that the media is exploiting this sad and desperate man to attack President Trump."

The Associated Press obtained an early copy of the book, which is scheduled to be released Tuesday.

Cohen, who pleaded guilty to campaign finance violations and other crimes, including lying to Congress, calls himself the "star witness" of a hush-money conspiracy that still



This image released by Skyhorse Publishing shows "Disloyal: The True Story of the Former Personal Attorney to President Donald J. Trump," by Michael Cohen. Cohen's tell-all memoir makes the case that President Donald Trump is "guilty of the same crimes" that landed his former fixer in federal prison, offering a blow-by-blow account of Trump's alleged role in a hush money scandal that once overshadowed his presidency. (AP)

could culminate in charges for Trump after he leaves office. He described his new book as a "fundamental piece of evidence" of the president's guilt.

Cohen's allegations – his most detailed to date – are part of an unsparing and deeply personal put-down of Trump. Cohen assails Trump as an "organized crime don" and "master manipulator," but allows that he saw much of himself in a man he once considered a father figure. "I care for Donald Trump, even to this day," Cohen writes, "and I had and still have a lot of affection for him."

Cohen remains at a loss to explain his unserving allegiance to a cutthroat businessman who abandoned him at the most vulnerable point in his life. He likens his fealty to Trump to

a mental illness and said he thought of himself as acting like a drug user in need of an intervention.

"It seemed to (my family) that I wouldn't listen to anyone, not even the people who loved me most, as I gradually gave up control of my mind to Trump," Cohen writes.

"I confess I never really did understand why pleasing Trump meant so much to me," Cohen adds. "To this day I don't have the full answer."

The memoir offers an introspective – and at times self-loathing – apology for the role Cohen played in Trump's political ascent. He urged Trump for years to run for president but now laments that his election "led the nation and maybe even the world to the brink of disaster."

"I thought Trump was a visionary with a no-nonsense attitude and the charisma to attract all kinds of voters," he writes. But the real reason he wanted Trump in the White House, Cohen concedes, "was because I wanted the power that he would bring to me."

Cohen expresses little to no remorse for his federal crimes, saying he was "railroaded" by the government and pleaded guilty after prosecutors threatened to indict his wife.

He writes that Trump's three oldest children came to Cohen's office after Trump's campaign announcement in 2015, in which Trump referred to people coming to the U.S. from Mexico as rapists and murderers. Cohen says they asked him to convince their father to drop out of the

race, arguing his rhetoric was "killing the company."

Cohen says Trump was unconcerned with any harm to his businesses. "Plus, I will never get the Hispanic vote," Trump said, according to Cohen. "Like the blacks, they're too stupid to vote for Trump. They're not my people."

Cohen returns to Trump's treatment of women throughout the book. He describes the married Trump ogling contestants at his Miss Universe pageant and boasting he could "have all of them" if he wanted. He also claimed to have seen Trump corner and forcibly kiss women at his office.

In a far more personal episode, Cohen writes of Trump leering at Cohen's then-15-year-old daughter at Trump's New Jersey golf club in 2012. Cohen writes that when he told Trump that it was his daughter, Trump replied: "When did she get so hot?"

Cohen also sheds light on Trump's admiration of Russian President Vladimir Putin, saying he admired him most because he "had the balls to take over an entire nation and run it like it was his personal company."

But he added that Trump's campaign had been "far too chaotic and incompetent to actually conspire with the Russian government."

Beyond his dealings with Trump, Cohen waxes nostalgic about experiences he says informed his fierce loyalty and attack-dog persona. **AP**

Djokovic out of US Open after hitting line judge with ball

NEW YORK

NOVAK Djokovic was kicked out of the U.S. Open for accidentally hitting a line judge in the throat with a tennis ball after dropping a game in his fourth-round match Sunday, a stunning end to his 29-match winning streak and bid for an 18th Grand Slam title.

As he walked to the Arthur Ashe Stadium sideline for a changeover, trailing Pablo Carreño Busta 6-5 in the first set, Djokovic – who was seeded and ranked No. 1 and an overwhelming favorite for the championship – angrily smacked a ball behind him. The ball flew right at the line judge, who dropped to her knees at the back of the court and reached for her neck.

During a discussion of about 10 minutes near the net involving tournament referee Soeren Friemel, Grand Slam supervisor Andreas Egli and chair umpire Aurelie Tourte, Djokovic pleaded his case.

"His point was that he didn't hit the line umpire intentionally. He said, 'Yes, I was angry. I hit the ball. I hit the line umpire. The facts are very clear. But it wasn't my intent. I didn't do it on purpose.' So he said he shouldn't be defaulted for it," said Friemel, who made the decision to end the match. "And we all agree that he didn't do it on purpose, but the facts are still that he hit the line umpire and the line umpire was clearly hurt."

Friemel didn't see what happened, and said he was not allowed to check a video replay, but was given a rundown by Egli and Tourte. Friemel said that even if Djokovic didn't intend to hurt the line judge, she was hurt, and that was enough to merit the ruling.

Eventually, Djokovic walked over to shake hands with Carreño Busta. Tourte then announced that Djokovic was defaulted, the tennis equivalent of an ejection.

"I was a little bit in shock, no?" Carreño Busta said later at a news conference done via video conference because of social-distancing rules at the U.S. Open, the first Grand Slam tournament staged amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Djokovic quickly left the tournament grounds without speaking to reporters, posting an apology on social media hours later.

"This whole situation has left me really sad and empty. I checked on the lines person and the tournament told me that thank God she is feeling



Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, checks a linesman after hitting her with a ball in reaction to losing a point to Pablo Carreño Busta, of Spain, during the fourth round of the US Open tennis championships, Sunday, Sept. 6, 2020, in New York. Djokovic defaulted the match. (AP Photo)

ok. I'm extremely sorry to have caused her such stress. So unintended. So wrong." Djokovic wrote.

"As for the disqualification, I need to go back within and work on my disappointment and turn this all into a lesson for my growth and evolution as a player and human being," he wrote. "I apologize to the @usopen tournament and everyone associated for my behavior."

Asked whether he thought Djokovic should have been allowed to continue to play, Carreño Busta shrugged and replied: "Well, the rules are the rules. ... The referee and the supervisor (did) the right thing, but it's not easy to do it."

Indeed, the U.S. Tennis Association issued a statement saying that Friemel defaulted Djokovic "in accordance with the Grand Slam rulebook, following his actions of intentionally hitting a ball dangerously or recklessly within the court or hitting a ball with negligent disregard of the consequences."

The USTA went on to say Djokovic forfeits the ranking points and \$250,000 in prize money he earned in the tournament – "in addition to any or all fines levied with respect to the offending incident."

"Novak was angry. He hit the ball recklessly, angrily back. And taking everything into consideration, there was no discretion involved," Friemel said. "Defaulting a player at a Grand Slam is a very important, very tough decision. And for that reason, it

doesn't matter if it's on Ashe, if it's No. 1, or any other player on any other court, you need to get it right."

This was the latest example of Djokovic finding himself at the center of the tennis world for a reason other than his best-in-the-game returns, can't-miss groundstrokes and body-contorting defensive prowess.

Djokovic tested positive for the coronavirus – as did his wife, one of his coaches and other players – after participating in a series of exhibition matches with zero social distancing he organized in Serbia and Croatia in June.

Then, on the eve of the U.S. Open, he helped establish a new association he says will represent men's tennis players.

And, of course, there's been his dominance on the court.

Djokovic began the day 26-0 this season and with an unbeaten run that extended to his last three matches of 2019. He had won five of the past seven Grand Slam tournaments to raise his total to 17, closing in on rivals Roger Federer, who has a men's-record 20, and Rafael Nadal, who has 19.

With reigning U.S. Open champion Nadal, who cited concerns about traveling amid the pandemic, and Federer, sidelined after two knee operations, not in the field, the 33-year-old from Serbia was expected to claim a fourth trophy in New York and gain on them.

But it all came apart so suddenly Sunday. Djokovic wasn't looking in the line judge's direction when his racket made contact with

the ball, and there was concern on his face as soon as he realized what had happened. Players who hit a ball out of anger and make contact with an on-court official have been disqualified in the past.

In 2017, Denis Shapovalov – the 21-year-old Canadian who is Carreño Busta's next opponent – was defaulted from a Davis Cup match against Britain when he accidentally hit the chair umpire in the face with a ball. At Wimbledon in 1995, Tim Henman hit a ball into the head of a ball girl and was defaulted from a doubles match.

"I've been through that myself. Honestly, I feel awful for him. I feel terrible for everybody. Nobody wants to be in this situation," Shapovalov said after beating No. 7 David Goffin 6-7 (0), 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 Sunday night. "Just a fluke. It's accidents like this that happen. Same thing with me." No. 5 seed Alexander Zverev, who will face No. 27 Borna Coric in the other quarterfinal on that side of the draw, called Djokovic "unlucky." **AP**

Fati arrives on international stage as Spain take control

By Terry DALEY

ANSU Fati announced his arrival in international football on Sunday after becoming the youngest goalscorer in the history of the Spanish national team in a 4-0 thumping of Ukraine that put them top their UEFA Nations League group.

Barcelona forward Fati put Spain three goals ahead after just 31 minutes of the League A, Group 4 clash at the empty Alfredo di Stefano Stadium in Madrid with a fine individual strike that came amid a scintillating debut start for his adopted country.

Aged 17 years and 311 days, Fati, who was born in Guinea-Bissau and obtained Spanish nationality a year ago after moving to Spain when he was seven, beat the previous record held by Juan Errazquin, who scored three goals aged 18 against Switzerland in 1925.

"As soon as I was showered and changed I called my family - they are the people who have helped me reach this day and who always help me overcome challenges," Fati said after the match.

"I'll ask all the guys to sign this Spain shirt and it'll go up on the wall in a special place in my house."

Having already won the penalty that captain Sergio Ramos converted just two minutes after kick-off, he could have scored just minutes before finding the net when his close-range bicycle kick was unwittingly cleared just as it looked to be heading in.

Fati's strike - a super curling shot after fine footwork on the edge of area - came just three minutes after Ramos had put Spain two up with a beautiful looping header from Dani Olmo's cross. Substitute Ferran Torres completed the rout five minutes from the end.

The easy win leaves Spain top of Group 4 on four points, one ahead of Sunday's opponents but more importantly two in front of Germany who were held to a second consecutive 1-1 draw, this time with Switzerland.

Germany disappoint

Ilkay Gundogan gave Germany the lead on 14 minutes but Swiss right-back Silvan Widmer to equalised for the hosts just before the hour mark behind closed doors in Basel.



Ansu Fati and Ferran Torres both scored as Spain thumped Ukraine 4-0 in the UEFA Nations League. (Agencies)

Wuhan fans in tears as they watch their first match since virus

BEIJING

FANS of Wuhan Zall, the Chinese Super League club from the epicentre of the coronavirus, on Sunday attended their first match since the pandemic - and burst into tears as their team fought back to draw 2-2.

About 300 Wuhan supporters made the 750-kilometre (450 miles) trip eastwards to Suzhou and saw their side score twice in three minutes in the second half against title contenders Beijing Guoan.

The CSL has been slowly opening up to a very limited number of spectators, having started the season behind closed doors in July, but they must pass a coronavirus test in the seven days leading up to the game.

Beforehand, Wuhan supporters held a banner outside the stadium thanking the rest of China for its support in the central city's battle against the coronavirus.

Once inside they refused to sit down and sang almost non-stop, even when their team looked doomed at 0-2

It was the second time in as many matches that Joachim Loew's team had failed to capitalise on going ahead after conceding a leveller in the seventh minute of stoppage time against Spain on Thursday.

The away side started strongly but the hosts began pouring forward soon after going behind, with Benfica forward Haris Seferovic hitting the post for the Swiss just before half-time.

They deservedly equalised when Borussia Mönchengladbach striker Breel Embolo, one of six in the Swiss team who play for German clubs, picked out Widmer who beat Bernd Leno on 58 minutes.

Germany had Leno to thank they earned a point, with the Arsenal man making a string of good saves, in particular from a well-struck free-kick from his Gunners teammate Granit Xhaka five minutes before the end.

Earlier Russia carried on their strong start in League B with a 3-2 win over Hungary in Budapest that would have been less tense had they not switched off when three goals up.

Russian coach Stanislav Cherchesov blasted as "unacceptable" his team letting the hosts back from the dead, with a deft chip from Freiburg attacker Roland Sallai and Nemanja Nikolic's powerful finish giving Hungary 20 minutes to try to complete what would have been a remarkable comeback.

However the Russians held out to make it two wins from two and take top spot in Group 3, three points ahead of the Hungarians.

"Two games, two wins - that's the main thing and besides, we've now got food for thought before the next games," said Cherchesov.

Wales also kept their perfect record in Group 4 following promising teen Neco Williams's last-gasp header which gave them a hard-fought 1-0 win over Bulgaria.

Williams' first goal in professional football at the age of 19 made it four successive wins in all competitions for Wales and leaves Ryan Giggs' side top of the group on six points.

They are three ahead of Finland who earned a 1-0 win over the Republic of Ireland in Dublin thanks to Fredrik Jensen's strike just seconds after coming on midway through the second half.

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Meet Liverpool's secret weapon: throw-in coach Thomas Grønnemark

By Tom Hamilton, Senior Writer

WHEN Liverpool hoisted the Premier League trophy into the firework-lit night sky back in late June, one of their staff was watching on from Denmark. Thomas Grønnemark, their throw-in coach, was drinking from his Liverpool mug - a souvenir he collects from the different clubs he's worked with - and felt immense personal pride.

Jürgen Klopp was derided when he brought in Grønnemark back in 2018. The doubters said a throw-in is a basic part of football - look for the man, throw it to them. Why invest in a coach? But Klopp knew different, and Grønnemark had, before Klopp called, spent the previous 14 years convinced football was getting it wrong on their lax attitude to this aspect of the game.

Grønnemark has silenced the doubters - his results speak for themselves. Liverpool scored 14 of their 85 Premier League goals from throw-in situations in their title-winning 2019-20 campaign. His services are so in demand, he can now afford to turn down some approaches if his philosophy doesn't fit with the club's needs. But he wants to take his message to the world. "My biggest dream is to change football," Grønnemark tells ESPN. "So instead of throw-ins being a thing that has to be done, it's developed instead into something totally fantastic and entertaining for fans."

When the founding members of the Football Association met in 1863 to draw up the original rules of football at the Freemasons' Arms in London, throw-ins were only granted a cursory nod - whichever player got to the ball first could chuck it back in. It was 10 years and 11 revisions later that we started to see some semblance of modern-day throw-ins, except these had to be launched back in at 90 degrees to the touchline, and finally in 1877 they agreed on a format that is familiar today. In 75 words they summed up this aspect of the game as one of 13 rules regarding how the sport should be played.

Over a century later and Grønnemark is still shocked at how little attention some of the world's biggest clubs give this aspect of the game. "Throw-ins are gigantic in football," Grønnemark says. "We've been playing football for 140 years and all the time it's been a case of hurling it down the line."

"The frightening thing is you still see the big clubs in the Premier League, the Bundesliga and Champions League, do that - who haven't got throw-in coaches."

"That's the worst thing you can do in football." Grønnemark is talking via Zoom from his home in Denmark; COVID-19 curtailed a number of his coaching plans but he still worked remotely, guiding his clients through his three-point throw-in plan. "My philosophy is called the long, the fast, the clever throw-ins," he says. As we talk he is clasping a TinTin mug (the two share a remarkable resemblance). "I don't want to show any favouritism," he laughs. He has worked with Liverpool since 2018 while a quick scan of his coaching resume, or his globe-trotting Twitter account, shows he's also spent time with Ajax, RB Leipzig, Atlanta United, KAA Gent and FC Midtjylland.

His own coaching journey started back in 2004, when he was midway through a four-year spell as a member of the Danish bobsled team. Up to this point, he'd already tried to become a professional footballer - playing in the same Denmark Under-19 team as Thomas Gravesen - but failed to make the grade and thus turned to athletics as a sprinter and later bobsledder. He also honed his throw-in technique and secured the Guinness World Record in 2010 for the longest flip throw-in (51.33 metres). He remembers going to the library keen to learn more about throw-ins within football but couldn't find anything on the topic, so over six months in 2004 he developed his technique, filmed tutorials and created his own three-point course.

"Normally there are between 40 and 60 throw-ins in a match," he says. "Most players or teams are losing the ball in more than 50% of the occasions when they have a throw-in under pressure, where the players are marked. I tell the players, if you had the same percentage with your feet, you'd only play Sunday league football!"

As he searched for his football break, he looked to local amateur teams but plucked up the courage to approach Danish Super League side Viborg, and having improved their throw-ins, the season after he was approached by FC Midtjylland, where he worked for the next six years.

When Andreas Poulsen moved from Midtjylland to Borussia Mönchengladbach in the summer of 2018, Grønnemark tweeted a congratulatory message wishing him well. He'd worked closely with the Danish left-back and had improved his throwing from 24.25 metres to 37.9 metres. The tweet caught the attention of a fanzine, which did a feature on Grønnemark, and from there German newspaper Bild contacted him to do the same. As chance had it, Klopp read that article and rang Grønnemark inviting him to come to Liverpool's Melwood training ground and tell the staff everything he knows about throw-ins.

Klopp was frustrated about Liverpool's throw-in record; the previous 2017-18 season, Liverpool were 18th out of the 20 Premier League teams in



Thomas Grønnemark has revolutionised the way some clubs view throw-ins and his success at Liverpool should only increase that. (Agencies)

retaining a throw-in under pressure.

Grønnemark remembers his first meeting with the players. "I said to them, 'I am not going to turn you into Stoke Mark II,' that meant we're not going to start taking a lot of long throw-ins, that's not how I work. Then Jürgen Klopp said 'we had a fantastic season in '17-18 but we were really bad at the throw-ins - I've invited Thomas to help us and I'm 100 percent sure we can improve.'"

A season later, Liverpool improved their throw-in retention under pressure percentage from 45.4% to 68.4% and had risen from 18th in these standings to first in the Premier League - second in Europe behind Grønnemark's other side FC Midtjylland. Grønnemark is reluctant to pick out goals or moves he's proud of - he doesn't want to give away any secrets of the trade. But from last season there are two which have been well-analysed: Roberto Firmino's goal against Wolves on Jan. 23 and Firmino's opener against Tottenham on Jan. 11.

"When I met him, it was 100% clear I wanted to employ him," Klopp said of Grønnemark back in the 2018-19 season. "You cannot have enough specialists around you. I must always be the guy who makes the decisions on when we use them, but you cannot have enough."

"Already [he has made a difference], it's good, the boys like it. Somebody who knows what he is talking about, it always helps when you want to improve something."

Grønnemark says it took courage from Klopp to think outside the box and seek out his services. "There were a lot of sceptical people. When I went to Liverpool many fans said, 'Oh, that's totally crazy, weird stuff'. You have to be brave to take me in like me. Jürgen Klopp is really open-minded, he looked at the club's weaknesses and could've decided to sort this within themselves, but he decided to bring me in."

"It shows how much of a leader he is [and] you have to have patience, and be able to listen. He's a fantastic listener, a fantastic talker and a fantastic guy. I remember that first meeting in Melwood - I remember how much he listens. He could have told me, 'OK we've done these things before, can you polish it?' No, instead he asked me, 'Tell me everything you know.' That's an innovator - being innovative is not only having great ideas and telling them to people, but also to have patience

yourself and open up to new thoughts. That's why I think a lot of people can learn from him in their daily life."

He says the methods he uses are 90-95% focused on "mechanical, technical" work, rather than conditioning. "The [Liverpool] players bought in from the start," Grønnemark says. "If you'd speak to players and ask if they'd rather play with their hands or feet, they'll all say feet - that's natural. But once you give them the 'why' at the start of the training as a motivator. Then you bring in competitions, focus on movement and space."

The three-point plan he derived is easy to understand but is packed with intricacies. The long throw-in part addresses the reach a player can achieve. With Andrew Robertson, the Liverpool left-back, Grønnemark improved his throw-in distance from 19 metres to 27 - "that's an improvement in his throw-in area of 500 square metres". With the fast throw-in aspect, that works with players to determine when to go quick, or wait. "Sometimes it's really stupid to throw fast if you're throwing the ball into pressure." On other occasions, a quick throw-in can be the catalyst for a counter-attack. For the 'clever throw-in' part: "That's how we can create space all around the pitch with specific movements."

"For me it's much more dangerous than, say, an American football playbook, because if you read that playbook, you'll know what will happen."

"But no, sometimes I see two or three players doing things to create a certain kind of space - that's really intelligent. For people who don't have that knowledge, it looks like they're moving, but in fact, they're looking at space, timing and angles, things like that."

Grønnemark knows there are people who think his job is a luxury or, at worst, redundant. "Criticism is OK for me. But if people are making fun, but don't have any knowledge, I don't care what they say. But if people are curious, but have no knowledge and ask how it works, I'm really happy to explain to them. The more knowledge we have, the more exciting things we can talk about."

He also gives short shrift to the theory throw-ins are of minimal importance, merely a potential area of football's 'marginal gains' (a theory deriving from cycling where teams would look to shave off nanoseconds by adapting

aerodynamics or even minimizing body hair). "If you're looking at the time spent on throw-ins or related situations, that's 15 to 20 minutes of a game," Grønnemark says. "If you're calling that marginal - I would say you have misunderstood marginal."

Grønnemark hopes his work will cause sceptics to think twice about questioning the importance of throw-ins in football. "I think football fans will look at throws like they do in basketball - where they're creating space for each other - as fans there appreciate space grading because they know what will or perhaps will happen. When the fans have that knowledge in football, they'll find it more exciting."

Once travel becomes easier, it will be back to travelling the world, passing on his knowledge. He has signed up with Liverpool for another season and is looking forward to getting back to working with Klopp. As one of the few lucky enough to see the inner workings at Melwood, he feels their togetherness is one reason why they have managed to enjoy this recent success. "They're really good at helping each other," Grønnemark says. "The players like pressing until the 97th minute [of a match] and you can see that with throw-ins. It's not about, 'I have to get the ball, it's about 'we' have to get the ball. I think everybody working together is a big part of their success at Liverpool."

If you'd told Grønnemark back in 2004 when he was starting on this journey he'd have helped Liverpool to a Premier League title, he'd have smiled, but not been surprised. "I had my knowledge, I had my data, I have my proof. It was a question of when the breakthrough would come. I was always 100 percent sure I would coach in a Premier League club; it's always been my biggest dream."

He takes huge pride at being at the forefront of the growing awareness of throw-ins and his own role in Liverpool's success. But while he has a mug from his trips to Liverpool - sometimes as many as two or three sessions a week - he's yet to receive a medal.

"I don't know if I'm getting one," Grønnemark says. "But, to be honest, it's not important. The most important thing for me is that I've been making a difference for the team, for the club. And that's the biggest medal for me. I'd be happy to get one, but you know, it's the other things that mean more to me."



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Western Australia quarantine snub forces India tour to the east

SYDNEY
A cold shoulder from the Western Australia (WA) state government has clarified the options for Australia's international season, with India's tour set to begin in Adelaide and Brisbane.

Adelaide Oval stands prepared to host back-to-back Tests - a day-night game and then a day match over the holiday period - should the MCG remain unsuitable for the Boxing Day showpiece amid Victoria's coronavirus lockdown.

The need for flexibility has also seen Cricket Australia (CA) lean heavily upon state associations in their planning, with matches to be primarily staged by staff already located in each state - a major departure from recent seasons in which CA has flown a massive travelling roadshow of events-team members around the country for international games.

This model was introduced under the financial model that had CA taking on direct responsibility for managing international fixtures and passing on fixed annual distributions to the states.

Initial plans devised by CA and the WACA had Australian and Indian players entering the country via Perth and preparing for the season via a relaxed quarantine that would have allowed them to train.

However, the final decision by the WA state government, and its Premier Mark McGowan, to insist on a strict hotel quarantine for any international visitors, has forced the governing body to look towards Brisbane and Adelaide for the start of India's tour, likely to commence with a suite of limited-overs matches before the four-Test series begins.

"We acknowledge the WA government has a firm position on quarantine and border arrangements," a CA spokesperson said. "The Australian men's team will not be quarantining in Perth upon their return from the UK." Where this leaves the scheduled Test between Australia and Afghanistan in Perth is unclear, although WA's frustration with not being allotted one of the India Tests in the original schedule was plain. CA is still working assiduously to try to get the Afghanistan match played, and it would be of most value as a red-ball match for the home Test side led by Tim Paine immediately before the series against India.

"We didn't think it was acceptable to have the team return from a high-risk overseas location and then take part in normal training activities outside of quarantine, before flying out to another state to play games," McGowan said. "There were just too many risks in the model put forward by Cricket Australia. We need to remain vigilant and do the right thing by all Western Australians and not take unnecessary chances."

It is plausible that Brisbane's Test against India under the original schedule would instead become a cluster of white-ball matches, with three ODIs and three T20Is - all slated to be played by Virat Kohli's team. That may then give way to the Afghanistan Test match, before the Australian squad travels to Adelaide for the start of the India Test series in mid-December.

While Melbourne is likely to be kept in theoretical calculations as host of the traditional Boxing Day Test for as long as possible, the realities of crowds and Covid-19 restrictions make it more likely with every passing day that Adelaide will step in.

AGENCIES

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TONIGHT @ 9:00

NIRVANA

Nirvana explores the hottest trends in fashion, beauty, art and lifestyle as well as interviews with notable people from the entertainment, art and fashion industries.

11:00 DADAZ LIVE
12:00 MPYA
12:30 Masi Kitaani (r)
13:00 Wanawake Live (r)
13:30 Kati Za Wana
14:00 DK 10 za Maangamizi
14:30 Bball Kings Highlights (r)
15:00 Funguka
15:30 5SPORTS (r)
16:30 #HASHITAG
17:00 SSELEKT
17:55 Kurasa
18:00 eNewz
18:30 Music/Soap
19:00 EATV SAA 1
19:45 MJADALA
20:00 DADAZ (r)

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06:00 Supa Breakfast
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12:00 Kipenga Xtra
13:00 Planet Bongo
16:00 EA Drive
20:00 Kipenga
21:00 The Cruise

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Junior Tae Kwon-do player, Navraj Singh Mair (3rd L), pictured with fellow junior players and coaches after the youngsters were presented with belts at a ceremony which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend. Mair received a red belt. Others are Jaiveer Singh Mair (L), coach Moses Mwanyili, Said Kennedy (East Africa Taekwondo Association's president), Hassan Saidi and Prabhjot Kaur Sagar. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT



JKT Tanzania

JKT Tanzania edge Kagera Sugar in Premier League

By Guardian Reporter

A first half strike by forward, Adam Adam, had JKT Tanzania getting off to an impressive start in the 2020/21 Vodacom Premier League, cruising to 1-0 victory over Kagera Sugar in a clash, which took place at the latter's venue Kaitaba Stadium in Kagera yesterday.

It was an end to end duel right from the kick off, with JKT Tanzania turning out to be more determined to stay in control of the proceedings given they launched several dangerous attacks.

JKT Tanzania netted the goal on the 16th minute following a well worked move that ended with forward Adam bundling home a pin point center whipped in by fellow striker Kelvin Sabato from the right side.

Kagera Sugar later made several forays into JKT Tanzania's area in pursuit of an equalizer, only to be frustrated by tight marking deployed by the army

outfit.

The hosts went close twice on the 35th minute, forcing a corner kick that was cleared by the determined visitors.

JKT Tanzania goalie Patrick Muntari made a timely save a minute later off a cross from the left as Kagera Sugar kept on pressing for an equalizer.

JKT Tanzania had, for the remainder of the first period, to opt for a more defensive game and go for counter attacks, given Kagera Sugar made several attacks.

The army team had, in one of few forays the squad launched a few minutes before the breather, one of their fullbacks testing Kagera Sugar goalie Ramadhan Chalamanda with a left foot effort, the keeper though calmly saved the attempt.

The visitors boasted of the one-goal lead when the first stanza eventually came to an end.

The second stanza again saw JKT Tanzania being a more determined squad, making several

good moves and forcing Kagera Sugar defense, marshalled by Ally Mtoni, to step up.

The visitors' forward Adam wasted a good opportunity for them after he had been released outside the hosts' penalty area, the former opted to dribble and was dispossessed.

Referee Ludovic Charles waved away a strong penalty appeal by Kagera Sugar several minutes later as the team's forward Vitalis Mayanga was fouled by JKT Tanzania keeper Muntari within the latter's penalty area.

Kagera Sugar keeper Chalamanda had to come out of his comfort zone to make a timely save, punching away a long ball whipped into the area as two teams kept on attacking each other.

Kagera Sugar head coach Mecky Mexime brought in former JKT Tanzania striker Hassan Matelema to replace Mbaraka Yusuph, seeking to reinvigorate his club's forward line.

A good corner kick by JKT Tanzania forward Adam on

the 77th minute ended with midfielder, Mwinyi Kazimoto, attempting a scissor kick that bounced off a Kagera Sugar defender for a corner kick, which was then cleared.

Much as Kagera Sugar pinned JKT Tanzania down during the remaining time, the latter defended zealously and grabbed the crucial victory.

In the first clash of the day, which took place at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam, KMC FC made the most of the home ground advantage, thrashing Mbeya City FC 4-0.

Burundian midfielder Emmanuel Mvuyekure netted KMC FC's opener on the 22nd minute, forward Hassan Kabunda banged in the second for the hosts on the 39th minute, leaving them boasting of a 2-0 first half lead.

The second stanza had KMC FC netting two more goals, via midfielder Abdul Hillary on the 56th minute and striker Paul Peter on the 74th minute.

Tae Kwon-do association honours junior player

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIAN junior Tae Kwon-do player, Navraj Singh Mair, has got off to a good start in the sport after receiving a red belt.

He has, in the process, broken a record, given he is a young Tae Kwon-do player in his age group in entire East African countries to be awarded a belt.

Navraj, aged eight, was presented with his new red belt by Tanzania Taekwondo Association (TTA) president, Said Kennedy, during a special ceremony, which took place in Dar es Salaam on Sunday.

Kennedy said Navraj has so far qualified to compete in any international competition, while encouraging the youngster to focus on winning a black belt to increased his status in the sport.

However he said all international competitions have currently been stopped due to the coronavirus outbreak.

"To reach the stage you need to train for not less than four years," he disclosed.

He noted; "Navraj has made us proud for breaking the record while having eight years it is the first time in the field."

Navraj noted he is very happy to break record in the game and he is now turning focus on black belt.

"I love the game and that's why I have joined it," he noted.

"I want to represent my country in the international competitions and win top honours."

He said his target is to promote the country across its boarder and become notable player.

"I will make sure break another record on my way to black belt. I call other children to start practising the game which is very important in life," he said.

Navraj's mother, Honey Singh Mair, said: "I am thrilled for my sons. Especially for Navraj as he is titled the youngest red belt holder. I wish him luck for his black."

She also encouraged other kids and especially adults to train in Tae Kwon-do as the sport's participants follow all oaths.

Mair also said women also can practise the game, adding that the game also keeps children focused and disciplined.

Flexibles by David Chikoko



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