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Minister: Attaining 70 pct vaccination is priority for govt

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

ATTAINING the 70 percent Covid-19 immunization coverage by the end of the year remains a key objective for the government, Health minister Ummy Mwalimu (pictured) has declared.

Addressing a joint press conference with Ted Chaiban, the United Nations assistant secretary-general and global lead coordinator for Covid-19 vaccine delivery partnership (CoVDP), with the visiting UN official stressing that the pandemic is far from over.

He said that the risk of new variants, especially in under-vaccinated populations, remains high. Thus the need to ensure that the protection of those most at risk including the elderly, people with underlying conditions, frontline health workers and those working in sectors such as tourism and hospitality.

The minister said that the government will be intensifying campaigns on vaccination against the disease as new cases are being reported, pointing at the September 2021 target the World Health Organization (WHO) for 70 per cent immunization of the global eligible population by mid-2022.

A total of 8.5m Tanzanians eligible for vaccination, aged 18 years and above have taken the jab, she said, expressing dissatisfaction that about 12m eligible individuals are yet to be vaccinated in the country to meet the global herd immunity of at least 70 percent of that portion of the population.

With the population standing at around 60m up to 50 percent are below 18 years, implying that 30m people need to be vaccinated for UN projections of 'herd immunity' to be within reach, the minister noted.

"The government shall not relent in the endeavor to have more people vaccinated, especially those aged 60 years and above who are more endangered," she state, underlining that meeting the global target for immunization opens the country further as tourists prefer to

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Govt forms probe team over higher learning loans scam

By Henry Mwangonde



President Samia Suluhu Hassan has a word with Catholic bishops in Dar es Salaam yesterday shortly after opening the 20th Association of Member Episcopal Conferences in Eastern Africa (AMECEA) Plenary Assembly organised by the Tanzania Episcopal Conference. AMECEA is a Catholic service organisation for the national Episcopal Conferences of Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. Djibouti and Somalia are affiliate members with observer status. Photo: State House

THE government has formed a team to assess the conduct of higher education loans application and allocation after it emerged that some eligible applicants were denied loans while non-eligible persons received loans.

Prof Adolf Mkenda, the minister for Education Science and Technology made this announcement when launching guidelines for loan applications for the 2022/23 academic year, noting that the team will review loan disbursements for the past five years.

Prof Allen Mushi, deputy vice chancellor at Mzumbe University will lead the team, whose recommendations to the ministry shall enable the government to make the relevant decisions, he said.

"This team will advise us on the best way to issue loans and address challenges appearing in the past," he said, while the Higher Education Students' Loans Board (HESLB) opened doors for loan applications for the next academic year 2022/23.

HESLB executive director Abdulrazaq Badru said the board is conducting a sensitization campaign for 90 days, for the proper filling of forms for loan application, to be carried in 19 National Service camps now hosting students.

The board will set up call centres to respond to complaints raised during the 70 days in which applications will be received, with the minister underlining that the government has set aside 3.0bn/- for scholarships to be handed to 500 students with good pass rates.

They will be pursuing courses that are in line with government priorities including those studying Kiswahili, with priority courses being biomedical and engineering courses, he said, specifying that the scope of loans is pegged at 573bn/- for 205,000 students.

In the 2021/22 academic year a total of 183.8bn/- was collected in loan repayments, higher than the targeted 182.0bn/- and nearly the same as the total amount of loans disbursed during the year.

Prof James Mdoe, deputy permanent secretary, urged students to take time to understand the loan access format as experience shows that students are often denied loans for failing to fill in the forms correctly.

This year agencies such as the Registration, Insolvency and Trusteeship Agency (RITA), the

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Eight people die in lorry, car collision

By Guardian Correspondent, Bukoba

EIGHT people, including five members of the same family, have died in a road accident

involving a lorry and a saloon car which occurred at Busiri area along the Lusahunga -Nyakahura road in Biharamulo District, Kagera Region.

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TRC lands 1bn/- to renovate 20 central corridor transit wagons

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE Tanzania Railway Corporation (TRC) and the Central Corridor Transit Transport Facilitation Agency (CCTTFA), a multinational stakeholders' organization, yesterday signed a 1.023bn/- contract for the renovation of 20 wagons to cater for cargo movement.

TRC director general Masanja Kadogosa said at the signing ceremony that the project was being implemented within the wider exercise of involving private sector agencies in increasing carriage wagons for the meter gauge railway line.

TRC signed a 1.35bn/-contract with the World Food Programme (WFP) to renovate 40 wagons back in 2019, with the renovation period set at 24 months, to change damaged covered wagons to flat wagons, he said, noting that the new wagons renovation project chiefly targets corridor member states.

Involving the private sector in TRC operations partly relates to the many construction projects taking place across the country, thus flat wagons will greatly simplify the job, he further noted, elaborating that the government will save money by renovation, taking up 0.5m dollars against the purchasing cost of more than one million dollars.

Upon completion, the wagons will transport goods from Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Rwanda, Burundi and South Sudan, with TRC and the Uganda Railway Corporation (URC) contracting the Kampala firm, Roofing Co. for donations of 20 and 60 wagons respectively for renovation and being used in the central corridor.

CCTTFA executive secretary Flory Okandju said that the project would fast

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Media Council of Tanzania (MCT) president Judge (rtd) Juxon Mlay (2nd-R), MCT executive secretary Kajubi Mukajanga (2nd-L), MCT board member Tido Mhando (L) and media consultant and trainer Rose Haji Mwalimu display one of the four MCT publications launched in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The publications are State of the Media in Tanzania (2020-2021), Media Guidelines on Reporting Children (in Kiswahili and English), Training Manual on Gender and the Media (Revised edition - 2021), and Guidelines to facilitate the flow of official information between journalists and public information officers as provided for under the Freedom of Information Act, 2016, (in Kiswahili). Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala





Education, Science and Technology minister Prof Adolf Mkenda (3rd-L) cuts ribbon to inaugurate Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Academy library and lecture theatre in Dar es Salaam yesterday. With him are MNMA rector Prof Shadrack Mwakilila (2nd-R), MNMA board vice chairperson Mashavu Ahmada Fakihi (R), the Education ministry's deputy permanent secretary Prof James Mdoe (L), MNMA board chairman Steven Wassira (2nd-L) and the Education ministry's permanent secretary, Dr Francis Michael. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

One separated twin has died - Muhimbili

By Guardian Reporter

MUHIMBILI National Hospital has confirmed the death of one of the recently separated twins.

The dead twin, Neema, died when receiving treatment at an intensive

care unit where the two infants were placed upon finishing the operation to separate them.

Aminiel Aligaesha, the MNH communications director, said yesterday that the infant died on Sunday and doctors are working

round the clock on the remaining twin, Rehema.

While at ICU her condition suddenly changed, with doctors making a frantic effort to bring her condition back to normal, to no avail, he stated, so the hopes of the doctors

are now pinned on the remaining twin.

The formerly conjoined twins were separated in a July 1 operation by a team of 32 specialists, after being born in that condition last September 21.



National Assembly Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson (R) contributes to debate on prospects of availability of reliable energy and sustainable in the southern African region yesterday. It was during the 51st session of the Southern African Development Community's (SADC) Parliamentary Forum held in the Malawi capital, Lilongwe. Photo courtesy of National Assembly

PS unhappy with environment activists on oil pipeline project

By Guardian Correspondent, Kahama

ENERGY Permanent Secretary Eng Felchesmi Mramba has expressed his disappointment on some Uganda's environment activists who scoff at the oil pipeline project in the social networks saying the project will destroy the environment which he said is not true.

Mramba said before the project's implementation the two governments - Uganda and Tanzania had agreed to produce electricity at the oil source and at 14 pumping stations for heating the crude oil in the pipeline, but later they changed that strategy after realizing that they will destroy the environment through carbon emissions.

The PS made the remarks on Monday this week during his one-day inspection visit at the factory that

will install plastic along the pipeline from Uganda to Chongoleani in Tanga region being built at Sojo, in Nzega District, Tabora Region.

He said the issue of environment in the project's implementation is accorded more priority from the beginning of the pipeline to Chongoleani hence oil will not be used to generate electricity for heating the crude oil as it flows in the pipeline.

Mramba also said that after making a new assessment in regard of environmental preservation, they instead opted for the use of electricity for heating the crude oil which will now be drawn from Karuma power generation plant to the project site in Uganda.

Mramba added that regarding Tanzania, the crude oil will not be

used as they had originally agreed, and instead they will use solar power at the 14 pumping stations being built as part of Tanesco's own 25MW project, the power of which will be used to heat the crude to make it easy to flow along the pipeline.

Meanwhile, Finance and Planning Permanent Secretary, Emmanuel Tutuba said the project, when completed will cost 11.8trn/- out of which 260bn/- has already been provided and that is why he made the inspection visit at the plastic factory project.

He said after completion the Tanzania government will hugely benefit and called on people in the areas the pipeline will pass to make sure they take charge of the infrastructure against vandalism as the project will provide more than 10,000 temporary

jobs and after its completion more than 1,000 workers will be employed.

Nzega District Commissioner, Adivela Bulimba said since the start of the project on February 1, her office has not received any complaint from the people against the project, instead many have been coming up to ask for employment.

Bulimba praised the government for its decision to build a huge plastic factory at Nzega, saying this will open up opportunities for entrepreneurs in various sectors to cater for the workers engaged in the project.

The coordinator of the plastic factory from the energy Ministry, Kisamarwa Nyang'au said the factory is being built by Isoaf LTD, an Italian firm and Mileme Construction Co. LTD and will be completed in December this year.

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driving to Nyamalagala village in Ngara District.

"The Mercedes driver was hired in the night by a mother of four children and sought the escort of two other people for safety," the officer noted, elaborating that the four children and the mother died as well as the Mercedes driver and the two escorting the family.

The deceased were listed as Nyawenda Bihela (35) the car driver, Michael Charles (28) and Majaliwa

Kanundo (32) who escorted the family. The children are Magreth (14), Adidas (12), Zablon (6) and Vestina (4) of the Sekanabo family, with their mother named as Jesca Leonard (45).

The RPC said the accident arose from negligence of the lorry driver by shifting from the left side of the road to the right side.

The bodies of the deceased are preserved at the Nyakanazi Health Centre mortuary while the lorry driver was arrested and will soon appear in court.

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visit countries with lower infection risks.

The general public needs to respond better in taking the vaccine in support of President Samia Suluhu Hassan's efforts in making the country's image the best possible for investors and tourists, she said, similarly expressing concerns that about two million

people who took the first jab in a two jab vaccine type have not gone back for the second jab.

The UN executive alerted that two years on from the start of the pandemic, records show that poorer countries' economies are finding it harder to recover, labour markets are suffering, the public debt remains stubbornly high and there is little left in state coffers for other priorities.

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Tanzania Posts Corporation (TPC) and the Tanzania Social Action Fund

(TASAF) are teaming up with the board to facilitate gathering of documents and loan disbursement, he added.

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track business operations of member states at lower costs while protecting the environment, underlining that enabling TRC to fast-track transit trade in the central corridor was a pointer to prosperity.

"We are so excited to support TRC to ensure the project is completed on time," the official intoned, while TRC board chairperson Prof John Kondoro said other private sector firms can be part of the conversion and renovation project.

Even after their renovation, the wagons will remain the property of TRC but renovation participants will have priority in hiring, he explained, pointing at a four year old memorandum of understanding (MoU) with WFP which paid \$600,000 as a grant, equivalent to 1.3bn/- to renovate 40 cargo wagons.

WFP uses the TRC services to transport merchandise for use in refugee camps and business cargoes to Uganda, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and South Sudan.

Villagers in Mtwara push for mandatory CSR projects from natural gas companies

By Correspondent Abdallah Bakari,

Mtwara

THE government has been urged to form a specific law to govern Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for natural gas companies in Mtwara Region.

Villagers from Msimbati, Madimba and Nanguruwe wards where natural gas is explored made the call here over the weekend when speaking during a round table discussion organised by Mtwara Region Non Governmental Organisation network (MRENGO).

They said that currently they are experiencing difficulty in accessing CSR from those companies as there are no specific laws compelling them to do so. "CSR is not legal bound, it is only stated in other extractive associated laws like mining law and Petroleum law, this gives them room to implement CSR in the way they wish and not from the public or community point of demand," said Juma Lila from Msimbati village.

"Neither specific policy nor law has been yet made, it's high time to have such law to ensure when these resources are gone communities around are benefited with this move the resources will only leave poor indigenous," he said.

Shufaa Thabiti from Mgoji village in Madimba ward said: "There is no transparency in implementing CSR projects hence cultivates bribe and fraud incidents and that formulation of such law would bridge the gaps."

He said: "Sometimes projects implemented under CSR, has no value for money as companies tend to inflate the cost of the project, for example a classroom which could be constructed for 20m/-, but they can tell you that the class consumed 80m/- how? Nobody

knows."

She insisted: "We want specific laws which will oversight these issues, and CRS should no long be a favor but mandatory. The law and policy should draw lines to address bribes, lack of transparent and other challenges for the well being of our communities around the resources."

Facilitator of the roundtable discussion, Clemence Mwombeki said that currently the nation has no specific policy and law to super guide the implementation of CSR in extractive industry despite the resource is non renewable.

"We are running along with other associated laws, this to me is a great challenge, those resources like, natural gas and minerals are non renewable once end, ends forever, what will be left behind is extremely poverty among indigenous around the resources, good luck we have time to set things before taking worse," explained Mwombeki.

He added: "No policy no law, this is to say community around the resource has no legal framework to ask for the company on CSR, it has been left as a favor for the company... its only mentioned in other laws that a company have to pay CSR employment, environment and social services."

Project coordinator from MRENGO Mustafa Kwiyunga said that, the discussion aimed to build capacity to residents from the area in which natural gas exploration is done to know the role of companies in CSR and their position to demand and implement.

"We are here to help our community to benefit from the resources, as you here today that one among other challenges is lack of specific law to govern CSR and lack of transparent, we as MRENGO we have played our part," he said.



Turkey's Ambassador to Tanzania, Mehmet Güllüo lu (L), pictured yesterday distributing meat to groups of Dar es Salaam residents with special needs as part of the commemoration of Eid el Hajj celebrations. It was assistance extended by Rehema Institute in collaboration with Turkish institutions based in the city. Photo: Guardian Photographer

Mwinyi urges proper management of funds in development projects

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Mwinyi has said success of various development projects funded by COVID-19 soft loans depends on proper management of the funds.

Dr Mwinyi made the remarks at the event to mark the 'Fight Against Corruption' in Africa, held at Madinat Al Bahr Hotel in Unguja Urban West Region.

He said Tanzania is among nations that benefitted from soft loans from International Monetary Fund (IMF) for implementing development projects, hence, he stressed on the importance of financial supervision and good results.

He said it is essential for every official to make sure the quality of work in implementing the projects corresponds with the money spent (value for money).

In regard to the celebrations slogan "Transparent Strategies and Systems in Covid-19 Funds Supervision" he said this has come at the right time as the government plans to implement various development projects that aim to revive its economy affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

"We continue to witness government's efforts in establishing various electronic systems aimed at strengthening accountability against embezzlement of public resources," he said.

He said corruption is a great enemy of justice and an obstacle for the nation to develop, adding that efforts were already being taken by both the Union and Zanzibar governments against corruption in that area.

He explained that in addition to the two governments taking stern measures against corruption, it has been found there are still acts of corruption that adversely affect the efforts being taken in regard to revenue collection, infrastructures construction, procurement of public tenders and others.

He said there is the need to enhance the speed and seriousness in the fight by giving corruption agencies in both parts of the Union to work together for

new strategies.

He said both governments are serious in making sure IMF loans provided for developing projects are well supervised.

Dr Mwinyi said recently he expects to make working visits to regions, districts and government institutions, hence he called on government officials involved in supervision of development projects to have adequate explanations in making sure the projects are compatible with the money spent.

He also used the occasion to thank the Office of the President and Public Service Management and Good Governance as well as both the Zanzibar Economic Crimes Authority (ZAECA) and the prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) for the excellent preparations of the event.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa conveyed greetings from the union Government saying President Samia Suluhu Hassan and Vice President Dr Philip Mpango wish the gathering well in order to double efforts in the war against corruption saying corruption undermines ethical behaviour in the society.

The Minister of State in the Zanzibar President's Office - Public Service Management and Good Governance Haroun Ali Suleiman said there is adequate collaboration between his ministry, its Union counterpart PCCB and ZAECA and thanked various foreign institutions for various providing training the two institutions - PCCB and ZAECA.

Earlier, the PCCB Director, Salum Rashid Hamduni said both his Bureau and ZAECA will continue to cooperate together with local and foreign stakeholders to build a Tanzania's society that stays far from acts of corruption.

ZAECA Director, Ahmed Khamis Makarani said apart from achievements attained, the Authority is faced with the challenges of duty separation with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) saying the Office of the DPP is involving itself in investigation duties.

Loading trucks no longer allowed to enter Dar CBD

By Guardian Reporter

BY 2025 all heavy trucks will no longer get into the Dar es Salaam city centre instead they will be loading their cargoes from Kwara dry port in Kibaha district, Coast region, Tanzania Roads Agency (TANROADS) has said.

TANROADS' Dar es Salaam regional manager Eng. Harun Senkuku unveiled this yesterday during an interview

with this paper, saying that the issue of removal of heavy trucks in downtown will be completed by 2025.

Eng. Senkuku said that some cargo will be transported to upcountry regions using the Tanzania Railway Corporation (TRC) in a move aimed at reducing congestion in the city.

He said that the main goal is to ensure it removes all trucks in the city center since the construction of feeder

roads is already underway in most parts across the country.

"Our roads are meant for public use and fire engines apart from that freight trucks cause unnecessary queues, and in turn they are so dangerous and sometimes lead to accidents," he said, noting that by implementing the move, major bus terminals are removed from the cities and built on the outskirts with a goal of retaining family cars in

the Central Business District (CBD). "Heavy trucks will no longer be on our main roads and very soon they will be collecting cargo Kwara dry port in Kibaha District, Coast Region while some cargo will be transported by SGR trains to upcountry regions and neighboring countries," Senkuku said.

By Guardian Reporter,

Kibaha

THE Government has said it will not tolerate smuggling into the country of chicks using unauthorized routes because they deny the government of its revenue as well as undermine investment efforts in the country.

Deputy Livestock and Fisheries minister, Abdallah Ulega made the remarks here on Monday during his inspection visit to Kibaha District to inspect chicks' farms - Organia and Mkuza Chicks.

Speaking at different times to owners of the farms Ulega said from now on experts in the districts at all country's border areas will have to be alert in closely following up all those engaged in the wanton smuggling of chicks and take steps against violators.

"These smugglers apart from denying the government of its revenues, but they also harm efforts on domestic investment in the sector, and the country's economy

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in general," he said.

The deputy minister instructed experts engaged in issuing permits for importing chicks to prepare a robust system that will enable the government to manage and control the issuance of the import permits.

He also used the occasion by calling on the country's poultry keepers to have trust on firms that produce chicks, and added that in case there are any challenges in the industry, they should not hesitate to refer them to the ministry to deal with.

"But also when we buy locally grown chicks, we also help to enhance our own economic growth and providing security to local investors in the sector as well as to foreigners wishing to invest in the country," Ulega added.

Earlier, Mkuza chicks and Organia investors told the deputy minister that the biggest challenge they face is the wanton smuggling of chicks from foreign countries, the issue that has been hitting their businesses hard.



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Peace Corps Tanzania

Request for Quotation (RFQ) for Cell Phone Services: RFQ Number: PC-621-2022-004

Peace Corps/Tanzania has a need for mobile phone services for 50+ staff and a Closed User Group (CUG) for staff and 100 volunteers. Peace Corps is soliciting fixed-price quotations from the vendor community for the supplies and services detailed below.

Quotations are due no later than **5:00PM EAT on 26 July 2022**. Late quotations will not be accepted.

If you are interested in submitting a quotation, please do so by sending a completed and signed Vendor Quotation Form with supporting documentation to the contacts indicated below. No phone calls will be accepted.

Please send an email to the contacts below to receive the full RFQ with the Vendor Quotation Form.

Name: David Solomon **Name: Sarah Hezron**
E-mail: tz-dmo@peacecorps.gov or **E-mail: tz-dmo@peacecorps.gov**

Written questions about this Request for Quotation (RFQ) may be sent in the same fashion to the individual noted above in advance of the RFQ due date. No phone calls please.

Peace Corps will evaluate all quotations received by the deadline based on the minimum requirements and/or evaluation factor(s) shown below. Contingent on the availability of funds and continued need for the supplies and/or services, at the end of the evaluation process, Peace Corps intends to award a firm-fixed-price contract for the purchase of the required supplies and/or services to the selected vendor.

A. Statement of Work/Description of Requirements

Post-paid lines, pre-paid lines, Closed user group, sms, data and voice services. Any offer of handsets or mobile money transfer services, should also be clearly indicated.

Please be sure to provide unit cost quotes for each service to be offered.

Supplier Unit Quotes shall be a Firm Fixed-Price, and inclusive of any administrative or overhead costs.

The selected service provider must be able to provide the following services:

- Local & International calls as required (required).
- Data Services – GPRS, GSM, 3G/4G or 5G, and any other that may be available during the effective dates of the contract. (required)
- Internet access using wireless modems or routers. Provide details including brand or hardware used to provide internet services. (required)
- Complete Network Coverage in Tanzania (Clearly indicate network coverage)(required)
- Text message services (required)
- Voicemail services (required)
- 24/7 Free Customer Care (required)
- Closed user group (required)
- Mobile money services (required)
- Other value added services not listed above to be stated by the vendor in the quotation (such as complimentary handsets & equipment of international standards).

B. Place of Performance and Required Work or Delivery Schedule

Delivery of services and supplies should be to the Peace Corps office in Oyster Bay, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Peace Corps projects that September 1, 2022 will be the required work and delivery date of the services and supplies requested in this RFQ.

C. Contract Terms and Conditions

As an Agency of the United States Government, Peace Corps has an approved contract template that it intends to use for the award. Peace Corps reserves the right to deny making a contract award to a vendor should they refuse to sign the Peace Corps approved contract template.

D. Minimum Criteria:

A quotation will not be considered further if it does not meet the following minimum criteria:

- Showed good network coverage throughout Tanzania in their submitted footprint of coverage
- Offers Closed User Group for a minimum of 150 lines (50 staff + 100 volunteers)
- Offers Mobile Money services throughout Tanzania
- Vendor accepts to sign Peace Corps Contract template (per Paragraph C. above)

E. Evaluation Factors:

Quotations that meet the minimum criteria listed above may be further evaluated based on the following factors:

- Quality of Reception and Service:
- Extent of coverage across Tanzania and is the coverage 3G or 4G:
- Closed User Group package – describe in detail;
- Devices/handsets offered with the contract.

Vendors are expected to provide the following with their quotations: Describe your company's current staffing structure and describe in detail your company's plan for providing qualified individuals to fulfill this requirement and providing supervision of your staff members assigned to work with Peace Corps with this contract.

Award may be made with or without negotiations between the Peace Corps and the selected vendor. Award may be made to a vendor that provided the lowest priced technically acceptable quotation, or to a vendor other than the one that provided the lowest priced quotation, should that vendor be determined to have provided the best value quotation to the Peace Corps taking technical and cost factors into account. Note: All vendors that submit quotations in response to this RFQ will be notified of the results.

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Norwegian government, LHRC sign agreement on partnership

By Guardian Reporter

THE Norwegian government and the Legal Human Rights Centre (LHRC) yesterday signed partnership agreement worth \$1.7million (about 4bn/-) to support the implementation of an Operational Plan 2022/2024 which is part of the Strategic Plan 2019-2024.

The agreement was signed yesterday in Dar es Salaam by the Norwegian ambassador in Tanzania, Elisabeth Jacobsen, and LHRC executive director Anna Henga.

Speaking soon after the ceremony, said the Operational Plan 2022/2024 aimed to adopt different development including, evidence-based advocacy, extending legal aid to grassroots and prisons through mobile clinics and public sensitization.

"LHRC's programmes of support are being implemented nationwide; the Operational Plan 2022/2024 has a strategy nationwide, especially in the Southern Zone and Southern Highlands. This decision was driven by reports of increased incidences of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) as documented in the annual Human Rights Report 2021," said Henga.

"As you may recall the enactment of restrictive laws and policies by the fifth phase government grossly affected access to information, the freedom of expression association, multi-party democracy causing a tremendous negative impact on overall human rights," she added.

She said LHRC will continue to participate in the constructional review process to deliver on its mandate and envisioned results through implementing programmes effectively.

Ambassador Elisabeth said the partnership of the new LHRC Operational Plan 2022/2024, is part of its Strategic Plan of 2019/2024.

"Norway is a strong supporter of human rights in Tanzania, and we have supported various initiatives aimed at promoting human rights in the country."

This includes our recent support to the LHRC operational and support to the Strategic Plan 2013/2018.

She added: "On that note, we would like to commend the current government administration for their stated intention to initiate media reforms in the country. I would like to appreciate LHRC's efforts in advocating for the protection of social and economic rights through advocacy in human rights."

She said, according to a recent report, a significant number of laborers and workers still face some labour challenges including inadequate wages, lack of fair compensation, costs for medical care, and social security coverage, that still reported to be a huge concern as most workers are not covered.

"Together with our partners, Norway will protect and promote workers' rights. Workers' rights are fundamental and universal human rights. A regulated and well-organized world of work where rights are secured is also significant in the fight against inequality. Norway is a long-term global supporter of women's rights thus our support to the UN in Tanzania," she added.



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Norway's Ambassador to Tanzania, Elisabeth Jacobsen (L, facing camera), makes remarks at the Legal and Human Rights Centre in Dar es Salaam yesterday before signing a US\$1.7 million agreement on cooperation between her country and the centre. She is with LHRC executive director Anna Henga (to her left), who signed the documents on behalf of the centre. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Oil and natural gas stakeholders urged to register in special national database

By Getrude Mbagu

LOCAL suppliers, service providers and professionals in the oil and natural gas sub-sector have been urged to register in the special national database so as to benefit from various opportunities in the value chain.

Developed by the Petroleum Upstream Regulatory Authority (PURA) in collaboration with Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA), the Common Qualification System (CQS) has so far registered over 120 local professionals and over

1300 suppliers.

PURA head of local content and stakeholder engagement, Charles Nyangi made the call when addressing journalists at the 46th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair.

He said Tanzanians who are legally eligible to serve in the sector are encouraged to register in the database, as by doing so; companies and big investors will be able to see them easily.

"I encourage professionals and suppliers in the sector to register through the system to ensure they

stand a chance to take part in several activities including the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) project and many other opportunities," he said.

Nyangi said in a bid to ensure that locals benefit well in the upstream oil and gas projects, PURA has been supervising to ensure that the investors also engage local experts in the projects.

He said due to the ongoing strategies to attract locals in the sector, 60 percent of service providers, including suppliers of natural gas products and raw materials are Tanzanians and that

40 percent are occupied by foreign companies.

The official further said the authority was determined to increase participation of Tanzanians in the extraction sector through awareness campaigns and building capacity to enable them exploit opportunities in the natural gas value chain.

Data shows that over 50 percent of the country's total area have been blessed with potential sedimentary basins which, if well explored could transform the oil and gas sector in the country.



CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

DEVELOPING ILLUSTRATIVE TOOLKITS FOR FISH SPECIES, FISHING GEAR/METHODS, FISHING VESSELS AND FISH PROCESSING TYPE AND METHODS IN THE SEASCAPE AREA

TERMS OF REFERENCE

INTRODUCTION:

The marine fisheries sector in Tanzania is largely small-scale, male-dominated with the majority using traditional fishing crafts. The fisheries play an important role in rural and coastal communities and it provides a vital source of food, contribute to livelihoods sustainability and nutrition security, and foreign exchange earnings. However, the fisheries have been facing a continuous challenge with continued illegal fishing practices and increasing costs for ensuring compliance. This prompted the need to involve the local community and resource users in management strategies through the creation of Beach Management Units (BMUs). WWF Tanzania (Seascope Programme) under the support of the MACP4 Project (Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies) is aware of the challenge and aims to support Beach Management Units with tool-kits for carrying out extension work. The tools will focus on recommended gear types, fishing vessels, fish processing types and methods in order to transform local practices and attain sustainable fisheries.

It is important to note that, very little is known about legal and illegal fishing gears and why some gears are categorized as illegal, particularly by youth, new entrants, and migrant fishers. In addition, the illustrated manuals will play an important role to researchers, students, trainers and development partners while working in the coastal community.

OBJECTIVE OF THE ASSIGNMENT:

The main objective for this assignment is to prepare illustrative fisheries manuals for Tanzanian coastal communities in marine sector on the following: (i) common and priority marine fish species (ii) fishing vessels (iii) fishing gears (iv) fish processing types and methods

EXPECTED DELIVERABLES:

The following outputs are expected to be delivered: (i) Well-illustrated manual for fishing vessels in marine waters (ii) Manual for fishing gear (iii) Manual for common fish species (vi) Manual for fish processing types and methods (v) Report on consultative meeting with representative of fishers, fish processors, fisheries managers/fishing gear technology experts and researchers (vi) At least 30 good pictures with high resolutions from each manual taken during the field visits.

QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS:

Advanced written and verbal proficiency in English and Kiswahili and working knowledge of other experience: (a) Master's degree/PhD Fisheries management, Fisheries science and Fishing gear technology (b) At least 5 years' experience in working with coastal communities (c) Excellent analytical and training skills in fisheries technology, fishing gear and fish processing methods (d) Mastery of computer tools: Microsoft Word and graphic /creative digital designer (e) Good illustrator and designer of fishing vessels and fishing gears (f) Experience in Teaching fisheries science is an added advantage.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

WWF TCO invites applications from competent, qualified and experienced consultant(s) through the following address: Secretary, Procurement Committee; WWF Tanzania; Kiko Street, Off Mwai Kibaki Road Plot 252, Mikocheni, P. O. Box 63117, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; Tel: +255 22 277 5346/277 2455/270 0077 Fax: +255 22 277 5535; website. www.wwf.or.tz

All applicants should direct their electronic copy to the procurement: e-mail at procurement@wwftz.org and or hard copy to the address indicated above. The deadline for submission is **Friday 29th July 2022 at 3 pm EAT**

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Traffic police initiate operation to inspect cargo trucks in efforts to reduce accidents

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE Traffic Police Force has embarked on a special operation to inspect cargo trucks and Lorries across the country, in efforts aimed to reduce accidents that are caused by defectiveness of the motor vehicles.

The operation which has commenced in southern highlands regions is led by the National Traffic Commander Wilbrod Mutafungwa.

Commander Mutafungwa said they have initiated the operation to curb the increasing accidents which most of them are fueled by reckless drivers and defective vehicles.

"In Mbeya, Songwe and Njombe regions, a total of 195 lorries have been inspected under the operation, we cooperated with experts from regional traffic police offices," he said.

He said that 53 vehicles out of the 195 have been found having technical faults and they halted them from working until they are repaired and

inspected by the officials of the unit.

"We found many of the vehicles having faults in break and steering systems something which threatens safety of drivers, passengers and other road users as well as goods carried in the vehicles," he said adding: "The lorry which is badly damaged in the brake systems and passes through these regions which are mountainous and steep, this is very dangerous."

He instructed all truck owners to make sure they inspect their vehicles before allowing them to carry cargo while urging drivers to ensure that the vehicle systems are stable.

He said the inspection operation will be sustainable across the country and that upon completion they will conduct an assessment and issue a report on the actual condition of the trucks.

Some drivers said they are sometimes being forced by their bosses to drive the vehicles even if they were not good and thanked the Police

Force for initiating the operation as it will remind the owners of their responsibility.

Seleman Majuto, said drivers have often been blamed for the problems but the main source is the owners who do not want to repair their vehicles timely.

He said the inspection, carried out by the Police Force, would help remind truck owners who have been reluctant in making decisions to repair the vehicles.

"Most of the time the owners do not fulfill their responsibility well, you can tell him/ her that the vehicle needs repair but they keep insisting for it to continue working, so this operation has come at the right time," said George Sanga, also one of the drivers.

The operation commenced a few days after two cargo trucks failed at the Inyala area in the outskirts of Mbeya city, where one of them exploded and caused the death of two people on the spot injuring more others.

Dr Mwinyi praises WB support to Zanzibar

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has praised the World Bank (WB) for continuing to support Zanzibar in various development sectors.

President Mwinyi made the remarks yesterday when he met and held talks with WB Vice President for Southern Africa Zone, Victoria Kwakwa at Zanzibar state House where she went for introduction.

Dr Mwinyi said WB has a long history in supporting Zanzibar in the development sectors, and added that the Isles is among countries adversely affected by Covid-19, especially in the tourism sector which had been a great contributor to the national income.

However, he said as for now tourism activities were strengthening on each passing day due to the absence of the pandemic, the situation that has

spurred many foreign tourists flocking to the Isles.

He also told the WB Vice president steps taken by his government the developing projects financed by Covid-19 funds provided by IMF towards social services sector.

He also told the WB Vice President about Zanzibar government present priorities in strengthening infrastructures including roads and ports as well as the blue economy sector.

He told his visitors how the blue economy sector has taken a great position in tourism, fishing and assisting women engaged in seaweed farming and other economic sectors.

He also assured the WB Vice President that the Zanzibar government will continue with the current relations and cooperation with the WB especially following efforts of the bank's support to his government.

Meanwhile, the WB Vice President, Victoria Kwakwa told Dr Mwinyi that she is pleased with Zanzibar government's efforts in strengthening development projects funded by the WB.

She told Dr Mwinyi steps are being taken by the WB in making sure Zanzibar benefits from development funds for implementing development projects through the new International Development Association (IDA 20) window.

During the talks, Kwakwa assured her host that the WB will continue supporting developing projects that were given priority by the Zanzibar government including road infrastructures and others.

She explained that the WB has had great cooperation with Zanzibar in various fields including infrastructure construction, education, health, environment and many others through WB soft loans.



Biko Tanzania 'ambassador' Kajala Masanja (L) presents 10m/- to Rashid Ally, winner of the firm's grand draw held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Right is Catherine Momburi, CRDB Bank Plc's public relations manager for the city's Palm Beach branch. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

Ulega urges TARI to research on better pineapple varieties

DEPUTY Minister for Livestock and Fisheries, Abdallah Hamis Ulega has advised Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute (TARI) to conduct fruitful research that will establish useful and suitable pineapples most preferred by pineapple juice factories in Coastal region.

Speaking at the 46th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) when visiting TARI pavilions, he said many pineapples grown by farmers in the Coast region lack proper taste that could be desired by local factories; as such many factories opt to import the pineapples from outside the region.

"This situation has denied thousands of jobs and income to our people in the coastal region. I advise TARI to conduct research and get the most desired pineapple that will be easily purchased by local factories," he stressed.

He said TARI should also visit pineapple factories; observe the

quality of pineapple being preferred so that it can conduct fruitful research on the varieties most preferred by local factories.

"When they conduct the research, TARI will stand a better position to advise pineapple growers the suitable varieties for massive production," he said.

Responding to the Deputy Minister's advice, agricultural researcher officer Afua Omary from TARI Mikochehi centre said the research centre is aware of the problem and they are already working on it.

She said the current varieties are limited by unavailability of high yielding, uniform and disease-free planting materials. She said this

limitation is aggravated by poor seed delivery system that does not allow timely availability and replacement of quality planting materials.

TARI Mikochehi centre is therefore working on several trials of commercial production of pineapples particularly MD-2. "From end of February next year we will start supplying the good materials and the farmers will be able to access large quantities of superior disease free plantlets of pineapple. "We have developed efficient tissue culture systems for rapid multiplication and dissemination of quality disease free planting materials of pineapples.

She said MD-2 is suitable because of its importance and marketability, it has

higher content of sugar, and it has all the qualities preferred by the factories.

"We are promoting it purposely to increase production for local consumption and export. She said MD-2 pineapple variety is small and very sweet, rich in vitamin C and does not contain much acid. It is also suitable for the farmers who want to do the value addition to increase market and profitability.

The objective of producing MD-2 is to contribute to improved food and nutrition security and livelihood of farmers in the pineapple growing areas through enhanced sustainable productivity and competitiveness of the pineapple in Tanzania and outside the country.

Be committed, work efficiently for country's development, Ndejemi urges civil servants

By Guardian Correspondent,

Babati

DEPUTY Minister, President's Office, Public Services Management and Good Governance, Deogratius Ndejemi has urged servants to uphold their commitment and efficiency at work so as to continue producing positive outcomes for the country's development.

He said the government has improved the interests of public servants, so they have to work hard to produce positive outcomes that will accelerate economic growth.

In his tour to visit and talk to public servants in Babati town council, Ndejemi said the servants should recognize how the sixth phase government under President Samia Suluhu Hassan has worked to address various challenges facing them including their arrears, salaries and benefits.

"You have witnessed how President Samia has increased salaries, promoted and paid your arrears, so you should remember that you have a very big debt to pay, make sure you work hard, adhere to professional ethics by providing quality services to Tanzanians.

He said the government's role is to provide services to people and through faithful and hardworking public servants, the job becomes easy.

Speaking on performance challenges of some civil servants in the country, Ndejemi said some of them have been working without even having a work

plan thus failing to provide quality services to the people as intended.

"We take things as usual, this should change, we need to have a work plan and stand on that to ensure that all the listed plans are completed, citizens need to see their challenges being addressed on time," he added.

Babati urban Member of Parliament Pauline Gekul who also doubles as deputy minister from Culture, Arts and Sports commended the deputy minister for emphasizing on hard work and ethics for public servants who of late have forgotten

their responsibility thus thwarting the government's efforts to bring development to its people.

He said that the measures taken by the government to improve the interests of public servants should be paid by the workers, increasing efficiency and hard work.

The deputy minister has made a one-day working visit to Babati town council to encourage accountability for public servants and inspect the implementation of the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) programme.

Haven of Peace Academy



INVITATION TO TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF ICT; ELECTRONICS AND SECURITY EQUIPMENTS

Haven of Peace Academy (HOPAC) is a faith based Not-for-Profit educational institution founded in 1994 for children of missionaries but has evolved into a Christian international school which has a diverse student population child of missionaries and full-time Christian service workers; children of expats working in the non-profit and for-profit sector and children of Tanzanians working in the for-profit and public sectors. The institution is located in Kunduchi at the junction of Salasala Road and Bagamoyo Road in Kinondoni Municipal in Dar es Salaam and is currently inviting capable bidders to tender for supply of ICT; Electronic and Security Equipments's.

REQUIREMENTS FOR TENDER

This tender is open to all local capable bidders for provision of the required services within Tanzania;

All bidders must collect Tender Document on payment of a non-refundable bidding fee of TZS 100,000.00 (Hundred Thousand Shillings Only) in cash and obtain a receipt and a copy of it to be attached to tender documents when submitting;

Tender Document collection and bidding fee payment will only be done on official working days between 09:00 - 12:00 hours

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING THE TENDER

The tender has been put in Lot 1 - ICT Equipments's; Lot 2 - Electronics Equipments's and Lot 3 - Security Equipments's. Bidder can bid for one or two or all three lots reliant to manufacturer appointed dealership or reseller legitimacy.

Application for this tender must be submitted before 12:00 hours on Friday 29th July 2022 in a sealed envelope and clearly marked: TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF ICT; ELECTRONICS AND SECURITY EQUIPMENTS and addressed to: -

The Director,
Haven of Peace Academy,
P. O. Box 70027,
Dar es Salaam, TANZANIA.

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Compressor type and specifications:

- Frick RWF II 480 R 717 Screw Compressor Package with following conditions:
- Non-standard SGC2821 Compressor Block (Ref: Serial #: 10240H92584101z) tailored for:
 - RPM 3000
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 - Operating Conditions:
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 - R-717 Refrigerant or
 - 6.4 C Suction / 34.6 C Discharge
 - Demand Pump, 380V/3Phase/50 Hz
 - Dual Super Filter Oil Filters
 - 2.2 Fixed VI
 - Oil Separator special: Over sized

Key documents

- Clear and detailed Quotation
- Company registration documents i.e. Certificate of incorporation, business license, TIN, VRN, Tax Clearance Certificate etc.
- A written statement indicating Tanzanian ownership percentage, Tanzanian management and below management employment percentage to determine classification as an Indigenous Tanzanian Company as per the Local Content Regulation, 2018;
- Applicable certification, accreditation, affiliated registrations, and letter of dealership as required;
- Approved Local Content Plan or acknowledgement of submission from the Mining Commissioner

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Key Dates

- Last date to submit quotes: 19th July 2022

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'Mtwara airport expansion set to be completed in September'

By Guardian Reporter, Mtwara

EXPANSION of the Mtwara airport is set to be completed in September, this year something which will allow big planes to land thus stimulating trade, transport and tourism development.

Deputy Minister for Transport Atupele Mwakibete said this soon after inspecting the progress of expansion highlighting that once the airport is completed it will be working day and night serving small and big planes with up to 250 passengers.

He commended the Tanzania Roads Agency (TANROADS), Tanzania Airports Authority (TAA) for supervising closely the implementation of the project which also ensured that the contractor adheres to all the required conditions of quality.

He however warned the institutions on bureaucracy in paying the contractor on time as by doing so will halt completion of the project as per expectations.

"We have a challenge on this, contractors have been submitting their payment applications but working on the matter takes more time than

normal without having concrete reasons, this should change, we should ensure that the contractors are listened to their challenges and paid on time to facilitate production of quality work," he insisted.

According to him, the government's zeal is to ensure that the country has steady transport services including air travel so as to promote and stimulate economic growth.

Mtwara TANROADS manager Eng Dotto John said the expansion of the airport has reached 92 percent and currently work to prepare lights infrastructures is ongoing.

"The first phase of the project involved construction of airplane parking lots, tower, run-ways from 2,258m to 2800m, security fences, plane runway lights, set electrical systems and fire rescue equipment. The completion will stimulate economic activities as people will be able to travel and transport their goods as well," he said.

The deputy minister is in Mtwara for a two-day official tour to inspect the implementation of various projects under the ministry.



Mwanza regional commissioner Robert Gabriel (2nd-R) receives the Uhuru Torch from his Simiyu counterpart, David Kafulila (2nd-L), at the border between the two regions yesterday. Photo: Richard Makore

IRDP to review training manual

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo,

Dodoma

THE Institute of Rural Development Planning (IRDP) has embarked on a programme to research and develop meaningful training courses that give answers to the much-needed socioeconomic development in Tanzania.

To achieve this, the Dodoma-based Institute has now opted to start reviewing its training curriculum, every five years, through market survey and tracer studies in order to quench the thirst of the country's rural development and planning.

Giving an exclusive interview to The Guardian, The Institute's Deputy Rector (Academic, Research and Consultancy), Prof Provident Dimoso expressed that, through the use of market survey, they collect views from parents, employers and the youth over which knowledge and skills are needed to be imparted to students so as to place them on a better side to effectively compete in the employment market, but also, to employ themselves in different self-economic projects.

"The general purpose is to mould useful human resources who will play a vital role in helping the government to implement and attain the targeted socio-economic development from grassroots from across the country," the Don said.

Moreover, Prof Dimoso stated that through tracer study, the institute was tracing performance of its graduates to determine their successes and failure, if any, in order to realise and bridge any gaps in its training curriculum.

"We use the gathered opinions from the said stakeholders as a yardstick to help develop and update our training curriculum and usually dispatch it to the National Council for Technical and Vocational Education (NACTVET) for perusal and approval," according to him.

In further efforts to cement its teaching quality and uniqueness, the excellent college had gone beyond to initiate the so-called 'Mipango Entrepreneurship and Innovation (MEI) Centre.

The Deputy Rector detailed that the constructive centre commenced in October 2019 with the core focus to support and strengthen practical training, cultivate and enhance the spirit and culture of entrepreneurship and innovation among the IRDP students so as they can employ themselves as well as creating job opportunities for others.

"The centre has so far proved success by enabling the students to grasp enough practical skills and competence," he informed.

And he added: "MEI Centre has also been established to help entrepreneurs and the general public, in both rural and urban areas, to build capacity for value addition for different products so as to support industrialisation and reduce poverty.

Apart from training, he stated that the institute was conducting several rural-based researches to the tune of propelling implementation of useful

community economic empowerment projects, through financial auspices from different international organisations.

"For instance, we conducted a special research of residents in the lake zone and found out that most were dwelling on economic- abject and poverty despite the presence of prestigious natural resources, especially Lake Victoria which offers potential fishing activities," he said.

From such findings, he said IRDP managed to partner with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to implement a programme to empower fishermen in Lake Zone to effectively reap from the vital sector.

"The move involved installation of a modern cold room and ice flake production machines, through the Kibala Cold Room and Ice Flake Processing Industry, the state-of-the-art factory which targets to enable the fishermen executing their trade at international levels and thus, fetching more markets," Prof Dimoso detailed.

Giving more details, he said in central zone, IRDP have so far collaborated with the European Union (EU) to execute a 2 million Euro (€2,000,000.00) worth project at Idifu and Mganga villages in Chamwino district of Dodoma region as well as in Chororo and Kikombo villages of Dodoma City Council.

"The project which focused on guiding the farmers in the mentioned areas on how to cultivate drought tolerant economic cash crops also included installation of a modern leather processing plant at Chororo village," he informed.

The Don said the Institute was currently expanding faster as it has accumulated at least 700 hectares to expand its Dodoma-based campuses, whereby in Mwanza at least 80 hectares have also been procured to pave way for further development.

While most of the graduate youth remains home due to failure in obtaining formal jobs in the on-going competitive employment market, Prof Dimoso believes still the elite youth have the opportunity to beat the odds.

"It's true there are huge challenges for youth to penetrate in the formal employment market, but there are still a number of opportunities for them to grab and benefit. For instance, there are enormous chances for them to venture into agriculture, livestock, business, decorations, construction and technology sub-sectors," he urged.

He challenged local varisities to develop training curriculums that will help instill the spirit of entrepreneurship and skills development among youth graduates in order to help them mobilize natural resources for the economic betterment of themselves and the nation as a whole.

The Institute of Rural Development Planning (IRDP) is a corporate body established by the Parliamentary Act No. 8 of the 1980s. Since its establishment, IRDP has been shaping destinies in planning and research methodologies focusing on the future prosperity of its students.

Speaker Tulia calls on members of SADC-PF to prioritise their countries in sustainable energy

By Guardian Reporter

THE Speaker of Parliament, Dr Tulia Ackson has called on Members of Parliament in the SADC Parliamentary Forum (SADC-PF) to be at the forefront in making sure the countries they represent accord priority in regard to the availability of reliable energy to benefit more citizens in their countries.

Dr Ackson made the remarks while contributing to the debate at the 51st SADC-PF going on in Lilongwe, Malawi on the availability of reliable, sustainable energy and sufficient for use in the Southern African countries.

She also stressed that governments of SADC member countries are supposed to abide by the existence of energy sources in their respective countries in order to deal with challenges in

regard to the availability of the energy in Southern African countries.

"If many African countries are still in darkness, it is important to find a solution in regard to the availability of electricity by using existence sources for the benefit of their people" said Dr Ackson.

She identified some Tanzania government strategies in making sure for the reliable availability of electric

energy as including the construction of the Julius Nyerere Hydro Power Project (JNHPP) expected to generate more than 2,100 MW and the construction of deep water LNG plant in Lindi region.

At the meeting, Dr Tulia was accompanied by Tanzania's SADC-PF members - Selemani Zedi, Shally Raymond, Hawa Mwaifunga, Dr Alfred Kimei and Haji Kassim.



Gf Trucks & Equipment Ltd marketing officer Paul Msuku (R) explains to people who visited the firm's pavilion yesterday at the on-going 46th edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair on the quality of FAW trucks. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

TIC welcomes 27 Indian firms to invest in Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Investment Centre (TIC) has welcomed investors from various countries in the world to invest in the country while offering procedures to 27 businessmen from India who showed interest to invest in five areas including hospital, construction and industrial processing.

Other areas which the businessmen showed interest to invest in include ports, packaging and other goods to be sold in Tanzania.

In a meeting that brought together the businessmen and various stakeholders in business held at the Indian High Commission offices at the weekend, Acting TIC Managing Director, John Mnali said they had already explained the needed procedures in the sectors

they would like to invest.

The Indian businessmen are in Tanzania to participate in the 46th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) looking for investment opportunities in the country.

He said recently President Samia Suluhu Hassan launched the Royal Tour documentary and participated in various forums that have opened investor's eyes on the available investment opportunities and trade.

"The response to President Samia's call are now seen with groups of businessmen flocking to the country seeking for investment opportunities and we have informed Indian businessmen about various opportunities available in farming, mining, fishing and sea products,"

Mnali said.

India's High Commissioner in the country, Binaya Pradhan said a total of 27 firms from India producing various goods have come to Tanzania to seek business opportunities and investment as well as to advertise their products aimed at strengthening ties between the two countries.

He mentioned some of the firms as those involved in farming, defence and security, production of plastic materials, medical equipment and industrial machinery.

"India-Tanzania trade situation is good whereas in 2021, India's traders imported to Tanzania goods worth USD 2.3 billion while Tanzania exported USD 2.2 billion worth of goods to India," he said.

In regard to investment in Tanzania,

he said the businessmen have shown interest to invest in the five areas mentioned.

The Vice Chairman of Tanzania-India Business Forum (TIBF), Gopal Krishnan said according to TIC statistics, more than 613 firms from India are in Tanzania and have invested more than USD 3.65 billion in capital while providing more than 48,184 jobs to Tanzanians.

Also, Acting Director of Business Registration and Licensing Agency (PRELA), Meinrad Rweyemamu said they are well mobilised to make sure they serve foreign investors.

"Our aim is to make sure you get the service in time without any inconveniences and you can register your company within just three days," he said.

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Group 3	739	Lebanon, Israel, Spain, UAE, UK Mobile, UK Fixed
Group 4	869	Sweden, Hong Kong, Pakistan, Yemen, Phillipines, Saudi Arabia, Netherlands, Japan, Malaysia, Norway, Ireland
Group 5	1304	Australia, Nepal, Turkey, Russia, Comoros, Uganda, Rwanda, France, Denmark, Italy, Oman, Germany
Group 6	1825	Rest of the world
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5000	France - 4 Mins	0	0	Siku 7
5000	India, USA, Canada, China - 80 Mins	0	0	Siku 7
10000	UK (+441, +442), Germany, Ireland, Norway - 12 Mins	0	0	Siku 7
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Population growth projections sobering, require firm strategies

MARKING the World Population Day in Tanzania, anchored in current United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) that the world population is set to reach eight billion by November 15, there was an even more sobering assessment. The UN agency says that more than half of the projected increase in the global population up to 2050 will be concentrated in eight countries, namely the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines and Tanzania. It is a reminder that we can't think of the country in future in the same terms as we think of it now, especially on land availability.

Another feature cited in current projections of population growth is an expectation that India is projected to surpass China as the most populous country in the course of next year, 2023. It means that the two countries' populations are almost neck to neck by now but show differing growth projections, a low one for China and much higher for India. China shows higher capacity for catering to its lower population and its higher GDP, while India is emerging as a key growth market in the way that China was decades earlier. Land pressures in Africa conversely bring countries to chaos, but also to industry, urbanization.

UN data shows that the world population growth rate is at its slowest since 1950, having fallen under one percent globally in 2020, on the basis of World Population Prospects 2022. As such, even after attaining 8bn people next year, it may reach 8.5bn people by 2030 and 9.7bn people by in 2050 and supposedly peak at around 10.4bn

people during the 2080s. It means that over the long range even countries in Sub-Saharan Africa will have reduced growth over time; at present they contribute most to global pressures.

UN officials affirm that rapid population growth makes eradicating poverty, combatting hunger and malnutrition, or increasing the coverage of health and education systems more difficult. Conversely, achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, especially in health, education and gender equality, contributes to reducing fertility levels and slowing global population growth. That observation is more helpful for Tanzania and Africa generally, but the methods aren't clearly understood, thus the goals appear elusive, from the time the Millennium Development Goals were set out, and later the SDGs.

Countries that attain stable and rising incomes diminish population growth, an area that is vital to emphasize in order to solidify scattered goals of the UN, catering for welfare generally rather than stable incomes.

And the premise of stable incomes is industrialization, as farm mechanization makes traditional farming sink into poverty as crop prices fall globally, while other pressures diminish market outlets especially for food crops. Thus we should focus on economic policies that lead to greater industrialization and creation of service industries employing many people, which means opening doors much wider for investments. That is why continental free trade arrangements are vital, plus lowering regulatory barriers to purchasing of local firms by foreign investors, wishing to use local goodwill, not having to start afresh.



To beat rising hunger, Africa needs a sustainable food business

By Daan Wensing

INEFFICIENT markets and limited access to finance and services often lead to waste and loss - but support for small businesses can build local supply chains.

As the knock-on effects of the Russian invasion of Ukraine spread across the world, food security has been high on the agenda at global gatherings, including the G7 summit, the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development and Africa Climate Week.

A recent pledge of \$2.3 billion from the World Bank to help 11 countries in Africa respond to the food crisis is a positive sign, but we must press for a food system that can provide for long-term needs and help people adapt to the effects of climate change.

By 2030, it's projected that the middle class on the African continent will grow by about 70% and the majority of the world's people will live in cities. This population shift is fuelling a need to reconsider food supply chains and increase investment in inclusive development.

The progress that has been made in reducing food insecurity and developing local economies in previous years is under threat. Higher food prices, combined with lower real incomes and production and less-predictable harvests, are jeopardising

local food systems.

To be successful, we need to bring resilience into our solutions: we need to design food systems that can withstand shocks, adapt to changing realities and take a farmer-centric approach. Policies and approaches need to reflect the local context and support the development and growth of local food systems that can integrate into global supply chains.

According to the African Development Bank, food imports across Africa are worth approximately \$35 billion and are projected to grow to \$110 billion by 2025 due to rapid population growth.

Ensuring a sustainable supply of food hinges on reducing this reliance on imports and increasing the efficiency of local markets in Africa. Small- to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are critical for this transformation.

SMEs account for 90% of all businesses in Africa, according to the International Finance Corporation, and create 80% of jobs on the continent. These businesses have laid the foundation for the growing middle class and increasing demand for new goods and services.

The next big opportunity for African SMEs is in building robust value chains with smallholder farmers, to supply local markets, leading brands and retailers in Africa. The Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) estimates that 75-90% of food crops are produced by small and medium-sized

farmers, but inefficient markets and a lack of access to finance and services often lead to waste and loss.

Cassava, for example, is an important crop in West and East African diets, but as demand has grown, supply-demand constraints have limited industrialisation. Unorganised and inefficient supply chains, low yields on farms and inadequate funds for production have led to an inadequate and untimely supply of cassava derivatives in Africa.

In partnership with The Rockefeller Foundation, my organization IDH, which supports sustainable trade, embarked on a wide-ranging value chain development program. Our goal was to work with local actors to develop a prototype for how market transformation and improvement in business practices could help industrial processing factories develop inclusive, sustainable supply chains, reduce on-farm waste, and meet growing market demand in Nigeria.

The cassava production volumes were adequate, but the biggest barrier to success was among processors who could not handle cassava in a timely, efficient manner. Our focus was on helping processing factories develop inclusive, green supply chains - for cassava-derived goods from toothpaste to food, pharmaceuticals and chewing gum - and linking them

to finance opportunities and large food companies.

Farmers received guidance, coaching and training in good agronomic and environmentally sustainable practices. The program aggregated 34,000 farmers and 81,000 metric tonnes of cassava sourced and procured by factories. Over 8,000 jobs were created, and 2,672 farmers received input finance.

Upgrading supply chains and improving efficiency and service delivery represents a huge opportunity for SMEs across Africa, but collaboration is needed. SMEs and smallholder farmers need support to develop sustainable business models. This relies on close cooperation between food companies (African and multinationals), financial institutions and African governments.

The aim is to help meet the needs of Africans by improving resilience, independence and the ability to build and strengthen local food systems, increase intra-Africa trade and generate a large number of jobs. Efforts like these can help spur system change and foster a healthier and more prosperous world.

Daan Wensing is the CEO and chair of the executive board of IDH, an organization that leverages the power of markets to create better jobs, better income, a better environment and gender equity for all.

Arrangements with Barrick Gold Inc. working, helping to avert acute crises

THINGS are going on well between the government and Barrick Gold Corporation, whose contribution to communities in its social responsibility plan is quite substantial. The office of the Treasury Registrar which oversees government assets in various sectors says that in the 2020 to 2022 period the firm has an estimated 200bn/- in earnings to the government, underlining that the firm was the best investor in the country's mining sector. No effort was needed to exaggerate the government's appreciation for the company's presence in Tanzania, if only on the basis of loyalties, taxes and service charges earned.

United Nations agencies and multilateral financial organisations affirm that countries with natural resources wealth will have an advantage in recovery efforts in the Covid-19 environment in the global economy, where metals, oil and gas and non-ferrous minerals feature highly.

Tanzania has a fairly well developed infrastructure in all these areas, with visible achievements in good governance, so the global crisis that has torn apart a number of countries has skirted the country to a considerable extent. It is also evident that efforts to reorganize the mining sector in past years, first regarding corporate responsibility to surrounding communities, then in the wider technical aspects of mining itself, helped to optimize benefits.

No one shall doubt the degree to which such activities will make a difference, if one takes note of nearly \$7.1m remitted by the company to

finance health and water projects within the North Mara vicinity. There were instances of water source ravages and even death of cattle in mining areas in that zone, chiefly on account of running battles between sections of the local population and the mining firm's guards. The setting up of a special police region in the vicinity, tied to cattle rustling and scuffles or using water sources or grazing land, may have had an extended benefit of curbing social networks of gold 'rustling'.

The good governance aspect was in full view as top ministry officials, praising the joint venture firm, Twiga Minerals Corporation ties with Barrick Gold said it had created a strong bond in the three years of collaboration. That means their goals and expectations have remained synchronized, with another 5.6bn/- directed at community development with proper mechanisms of how the money will reach benefiting communities without any kind of embezzlement threats. It means that district officials aren't just left to design and carry out the projects they want, with villagers or other residents unaware of what is going on.

Top Barrick Gold Corp. officials said that in the first half of this year, Barrick has paid \$158m in taxes, royalties and levies, with \$42m paid out as dividends and shareholder loans, along with \$210m to local suppliers. Not least, an additional \$140m was paid as part of the \$300m settlement with the government. What is surprising is that Twiga Minerals was created to take care of moribund mining sites that unexpectedly become a money spinner, showing what is meant in the saying 'a stitch in time saves nine.'

Lumumba's tooth is returned, while still waiting for truth

By Caleb Kazadi

PATRICE Emery Lumumba, "father of Congolese independence", was finally buried on June 30 in Kinshasa 61 years after his assassination. This came after former colonial power Belgium returned his tooth ten days earlier. But while the Belgian gesture allowed a rare moment of national unity, organized at great expense by the Congolese state, it also highlighted the lack justice and reparations for this colonial crime, half-confessed and far from being forgiven.

Lumumba's burial ceremony was held on Thursday June 30 in Kinshasa, under the sun of the dry season like at the time of the Democratic Republic of Congo's independence in 1960. As first prime minister of independent Congo, Lumumba attended that ceremony. He now rests in the memorial that bears his name, on the boulevard bearing his name, in Limete commune in Kinshasa. The coffin containing his tooth, which is all that remains of the "father of independence", was placed in a mausoleum that cost the State more than 2 million dollars, a few metres from the Echanguer Tower of Limete, a 200 metre-high structure built in the 1970s and renovated for the occasion. Just above the mausoleum

made of glass and concrete, built by the Chinese company SZTC, is a statue of the national hero for whom the country has just observed three days of national mourning.

The Lumumba family and several personalities, including foreign diplomats, took part in the ceremony presided over by Congolese President Félix Tshisekedi. His counterpart from neighbouring Republic of Congo, Denis Sassou-Nguesso, came to pay tribute to the man he considers an "African hero". Everyone stood with eyes on the coffin made of Congolese wood draped in the Congolese flag, as the relic was taken in a procession to the memorial. The DRC's president had a message for his country's first prime minister, as several generations of Congolese looked on. "Dear national hero, it was on the night of November 27, 1960, that you left Kinshasa - then Leopoldville - in total anonymity," said Tshisekedi. "Here you are back, 61 years later, under the sweet sun of June 30, the sacred day of our liberation from the colonial yoke."

A few days earlier, on June 19, a Congo Airways airbus named Patrice Emery Lumumba carrying a Congolese delegation led by Prime Minister Sama Lukonde landed at Melsbroek airport in Brussels with a mission. Mission accomplished, on June 22, the day after Belgium returned the tooth, when the

returning plane landed on the runway of N'Djili international airport at dawn. The tooth is all that remains of Lumumba's body, which was dissolved in acid after his execution on January 17, 1961. "That date was until now his only tomb," lamented his youngest daughter Juliana, in tears, at the tooth restitution ceremony on June 20 in Brussels.

After a brief stopover in Kinshasa, Lumumba's remains returned to his historical homeland. First stop was his native village of Onalua, now Lumumba City, in the province of Sankuru. The coffin then went to Kisangani, formally known as Stanleyville, in the northeast, where his political struggle started. It was there that his party, the Congolese National Movement, was born. The penultimate stop on this tour organized by the Congolese government was Haut-Katanga and the village of Shilatembo, where he was killed, along with his companions Maurice Mpolo and Joseph Okito, about 50 kilometres from Lubumbashi.

Apology, but truth still awaited. In his funeral speech on June 30, Tshisekedi thanked the Belgian authorities "for having contributed to the re-establishment of the truth" about the assassinations. "It is only after having told the truth, after having established the responsibilities of all parties that we

can together, Congolese and Belgians, begin the decisive stage of forgiveness, justice and true reconciliation," declared the head of State, without making any further demands in terms of reparations or restitution of cultural heritage looted during the colonial period.

On the judicial front, it is the Lumumba family that has taken the lead. In 2011, it filed a complaint in Belgium for war crimes, torture and degrading treatment, his granddaughter Yema Lumumba tells Justice Info. Last February, she adds, the investigating judge asked the House of Representatives to provide them with the documents of the Belgian parliamentary commission of inquiry that between 2000 and 2001 looked into Lumumba's assassination. The commission concluded that Belgium had a simple moral responsibility.

At the restitution ceremony in Brussels, Alexander De Croo, the Belgian Prime Minister, said: "We have recognized the moral responsibility of the Belgian government. I repeat it again, on this official day that Belgium bids farewell to Patrice Emery Lumumba. I reiterate here, in the presence of his family, the apology of the Belgian government for the way in which it influenced the decision to end the Prime Minister's life."

Parents and guardians can do a lot to help children experiencing depression, anxiety

HAVE you ever seen a child behave abnormally? Many see this and ignore it, thinking it is part of growing up especially during teenage period. But experts caution that it could be a sign of mental health problem which is a global pressing issue.

Nearly one billion people worldwide suffer from some form of mental disorder, according to data released by the World Health Organization in June this year. This is a staggering figure that is even more worrying, if you consider that it includes around one in seven teenagers.

In the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic, rates of common conditions such as depression and anxiety went up by more than 25 per cent, the UN health agency said in its largest review of mental health since the turn of the century.

Parenting is an art; you have to play multiple roles to bring up your child. As a parent, you need to be prepared for dealing with problems-big and small. That includes taking care of your child's mental as well as physical health.

Taking care of your child's men-

tal health is very important. Anxiety is a very general term used to describe a feeling of extreme worry or unease. Feeling anxious is natural but when a child feels anxiety that lasts a long time and prevents them from doing normal things like going to school or seeing friends, then it becomes an anxiety disorder. Children can be diagnosed with several different anxiety disorders.

Teenagers especially go through various phases. There is often a lot of mood swings and emotional episodes that come with adolescence and it can be hard to know when their behaviour is part of growing up and when it's more serious.

The first step towards helping your child is learning how to spot it. Anxiety or depression has some warning signs. If a child has low self-esteem, withdrawal, lack of interest or hopelessness for everything, then something is wrong.

Sharp fall in academic performance, drastic changes in eating habits like too little or too much, feeling guilty and ashamed are also signs of frustration. If a teen feels less energy or motivation, fatigue, aches and above all thinking of committing suicide.

As a parent or guardian, you are the only closest solution to all these mental problems. Your child needs emotional support from you to overcome these issues. Showing support without being pushy can help you gain your child's trust hence allowing them to talk about their problems and worries.

Physical and mental health are closely connected. And a healthy lifestyle can only help your child to overcome symptoms of depression. Physical activity can reduce the severity of depression and it is great stress reliever. When you realize that something is not right, you can encourage or accompany your child to play some sport.



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your child to be active. For instance, you can give them ideas to join a club at school or attend social activities. You can organize family gatherings or their friend sleepovers at your house.

When you need outside help from professionals, don't hesitate to do that. We easily go to doctors for physical problems. It should be quite normal to seek help for mental illnesses but that is not the case. The stigma of mental illness is so strong that most people don't even want to think about it.

By making sure you have a healthy and open relationship with your child, you'll be able to help them overcome depression. In order to help your child battle depression, you need to be alert and ready to react.

Whatever that makes your child stay in connect with people will help. Just remember this: don't leave loneliness unattended. It won't go away on its own. Do your best to provide a supportive home environment and a great example: listen, talk and encourage.

You are the only readily available answer to your child's mental health. Mental health is as important as physical health. If you take care of children nicely, they will never feel depressed. In case they become, you must help them to overcome the situation.

Food is another important thing that can affect our brain and is vital for reducing stress. You can try filling the fridge with fruits, vegetables and nuts. For this to work out, just remove all sugary drinks and refined foods.

Sleep is another important thing to control our lives. If your child doesn't get enough sleep, it feels threatened and tired, exhausted, unmotivated and it can worsen depression symptoms. So you can inspire your child to go to bed at a consistent time.

Depression also can lead to isolation. A lack of interaction and connection can worsen depression symptoms. Obviously, you can't make your child have friends or force them to socialize. Instead, you can inspire

2020-2021: Dark period in Tanzania's media history but not all is gloom

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA'S media fraternity went through a rough period in 2020 and 2021 with unfriendly laws and adverse political and economic environment which constrained the operations of both mainstream and online outlets.

The State of the media in Tanzania report launched in Dar es Salaam yesterday by the Media Council of Tanzania (MCT) found that the laws, including the Electronic and Postal Communications Act, the Cybercrime Act 2015, the Statistics Act 2015 and the Media Services Act 2016 were used to constrict civic and media space as well as freedom of expression.

"Political animosity and legal manipulation, especially during the fifth phase administration of President John Magufuli, muzzled media freedom in the country," reads the report.

"The actual and threat of suspension, banning and revocation of media licence resulted in high degree of self-censorship among media practitioners and organizations. The economic environment hit hard media operations, following sharp drop in sales and advertising revenue."

The report found that a hostile political environment and diminished economic returns affected media coverage of 2020 general election, observing that political adversity and police clampdowns eroded editorial independence, leading to high degree of self-censorship by media practitioners and organizations.

"Denial of advertisements to critical media organizations starved them financially while COVID-19 pandemic diminished sales revenues for media houses and disrupted their daily routines," reads the report.

The document notes that the pandemic, whose first in Tanzania was reported in March 2020, existed throughout the electoral process and the government implemented a range of public health measures which impacted negatively on media operations during the elections. Media houses were forced to change their coverage plans, which compromised effectiveness and efficiency.

As for gender balance in media houses, the report found that women journalists are still fewer than men although more graduates from journalism colleges join newsrooms.

"Women journalists are virtually absent from top executive ranks in the media, but the research shows that they are beginning to break the glass ceiling, as it were, with some now occupying senior positions in media organizations," reads the report.

"Ascendancy to senior positions of responsibility and authority for women journalists is constrained by gender stereotypes that are still rooted in the traditional society. Voices of women, youth and disadvantaged groups are muted and the image of women in the media remains subdued."

With regard to training and professionalism, the study found that colleges have been churning out mainly 'half-baked' journalists with paper qualifications but no adequate journalistic skills. The major reason, according to authors, is the big number of student intake against insufficient raining facilities, which denies the students exposure to practical training. Consequently, incompetent college products are offloaded onto the market.

In Zanzibar, the study found that there are long-standing set of laws, regulations and policies governing media operations which stakeholders say are outdated and should be overhauled.

"For example, the law on registration of newspapers provides for issuance of press cards, which can be revoked by authorities at will as well as deregistration of newspapers," reads the report.

"The Zanzibar Broadcasting Commission Act empowers the commission to dictate the ratio of adverts and editorial content in the electronic media. The information and media policies have not been reviewed for a long time and do not conform to the current needs. Zanzibar also lacks a law which compels public officials to release information to journalists for public consumption."

The researchers found that in Zanzibar, there were at least three major cases of press freedom violation, terming this a notable improvement compared to 25 incidents captured by MCT in its 2017-2018 state of the media report.

"A journalist with privately-owned Mwananchi newspaper was assaulted by security forces while doing his job. In the other case, Zanzibar authorities slapped a six-month ban on a journalist who allegedly revealed health status of a COVID-19 pa-

tient. Meanwhile, an online TV was banned for two months due to miss coverage of the 2020 elections."

In their conclusion, authors of the report say despite the aforesaid challenges, some section of the media distinguished

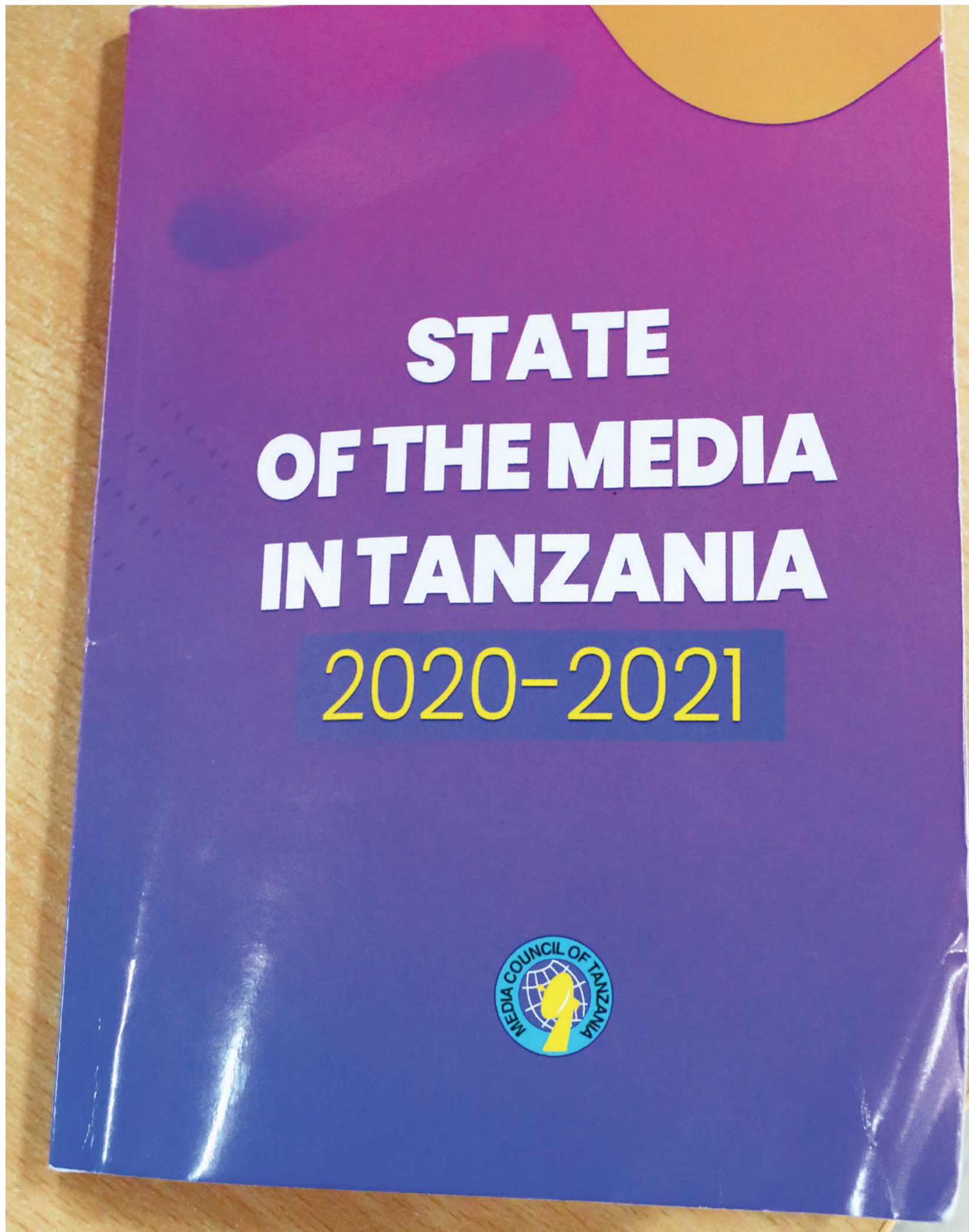
themselves as vigorous and courageous performers, pushing frontiers of press freedom and freedom of expression.

"In doing so, they contributed towards the widening of democratic space, accountability and the development of

a culture of transparency in governance. There is no doubt that the media would have done much better had the environment been free of the challenges mentioned above."

MCT's research consultants used mixed methods approach to collect secondary and primary data for the research. Secondary data was collected from different media-related reports, journals and books while primary data was gathered through desk-research, face-to-face and telephone interviews with sample respondents.

The respondents included media practitioners, professional associations, students and academicians from journalism training institutions in the country, lawyers and ordinary citizens who were willing to share their opinions freely.



CAIRO

President Joe Biden's upcoming Mideast visit clouded by US human rights record

U.S. President Joe Biden is slated to kick off his first presidential trip to the Middle East this week, planning to visit Israel, the West Bank and Saudi Arabia, in an attempt to recalibrate U.S. ties with the region.

The White House said last month that Biden's visit demonstrates "the return of American leadership to bring countries together to address common threats and challenges" towards a "more secure, prosperous and stable Middle East region."

In fact, the Middle East has never been secure. It is where rivaling geopolitical interests compete and collide, and where a self-serving Washington plays its strategic chess board at the expense of regional countries, but under the cloak of human rights and democracy.

For decades, the region has been mired in a quagmire of grave danger, incessant instability and economic crisis, largely due to U.S.-led wars, intervention and sanctions.

As Biden sought to reshape U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East, as opposed to his predecessor, controversies mount over his real intent and sincerity, given the U.S. poor human rights record there.

The United States, since declaring independence in 1776, has been bent on expanding its territory and wielding its influence.

The country has been at war for almost 93 percent of the time. Statistics suggest that from the end of World War II to 2001, there were at least 248 armed conflicts in the world, of which 201 were initiated by the United States.

In Iraq, between 184,382 and 207,156 civilians have died from "direct war-related violence caused by the United States, its allies, the Iraqi military and police, and opposition forces" from the time of the invasion through October 2019, according to the Costs of War project at the U.S. Brown University.

Alaah Karim Ahmed, a 40-year-old former prisoner, remembered clearly the miseries he had gone through since being arrested by U.S. forces 19 years ago, as well as the shameful

abuse and brutal torture by U.S. soldiers against detainees in the notorious Abu Ghraib prison. Ahmed, a freshman at the time who was heading for his campus life at Tikrit University, was abruptly arrested when a roadside bomb hit a U.S. patrol on the main road near his car.

He was arrested simply because he was in the wrong place at the wrong time. "I was severely beaten, handcuffed and shackled."

"They once hung me upside down for more than an hour," said Ahmed, who revealed to Xinhua his scars left till this day from his three-month imprisonment.

According to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a London-based war monitor, nearly 4,000 civilians in Syria have been killed by the U.S.-led coalition forces, over half of them women and children.

Meanwhile, other human rights watchdogs have put the death toll of civilians in the Syrian war since 2014 at a much higher number.

In the northern Syrian province of Raqqa alone, the U.S.-led airstrikes "led to the almost complete destruction of the city and extermination of thousands of civilians between June and October 2017," the Syrian Foreign Ministry said in a statement in April, accusing Washington of committing war crimes in the Middle East country with airstrikes and shelling.

Besides wars, sanctions have been another major means of arm-twisting for the United States to ensure its own political



US President Joe Biden speaks during a visit at the Central Intelligence Agency headquarters to congratulate the Agency and staff on the 75th anniversary of its founding in Langley, Virginia on July 8, 2022. AFP

and economic interests. According to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, about 30 countries and regions are under Washington's unilateral sanctions that cover almost every continent of the Earth except uninhabitable Antarctica.

In May 2018, the former U.S. President Donald Trump's administration pulled Washington out of a nuclear deal signed with Iran and reimposed unilateral sanctions on Iran, despite the International Atomic Energy

Agency and the European Union's validation of Iran's commitment to the pact.

In its annual report on U.S. human rights published in June, the Iranian Foreign Ministry said Washington uses its "unilateral coercive sanctions" as a tool of "economic terrorism" that have breached Iranians' right to life, health, development, self-determination and adequate standards of living, calling it "the biggest violator of human rights."

The U.S. military intervention in Syria in 2014, on the pretext of combating terrorism, had instead caused severe damage and loss of life in the country. However, besides civilian casualties and massive destruction to infrastructure, Syrians have seen their resources plundered and economic crisis aggravated with sweeping U.S. sanctions.

Osama Danura, a political expert and former member of the Syrian government delegation to the Syria peace talks in Geneva, said that the U.S. attempts to steal Syrian oil and burn wheat fields have badly impacted local people's revenue and livelihood.

"I think these acts amount to war crimes," he

said. Meanwhile, the U.S. sanctions have seriously affected almost every aspect of life in Syria, such as the food supply, medical care, banking, housing and even charity work.

According to the latest assessment by the World Food Programme, 12 million Syrians, or 55 percent of the total population of the country, are facing acute food insecurity and 1.9 million at risk of sliding into it.

The sanctions, aimed at pressuring the Syrian people, have hindered the reconstruction progress of Syria, Danura said.

Biden's Mideast trip has been clouded by debates across media and among pundits over its purpose, timing and sincerity. An article published by CNN on Sunday said that Biden might not be traveling to the region at all if it were not for the global oil market that has been battered by the Russia-Ukraine military conflict.

"As far as oil is concerned, this trip is an investment in the future, specifically the hope that an improvement in U.S.-Saudi ties will facilitate the Saudis increasing production later this year and into the next," said the article.

Prior to his trip, Biden, amid criticism of the U.S. indelible human rights record in the Middle East, defended his decision to visit Saudi Arabia in a Washington Post opinion piece, insisting that he had long supported reforms and sought to "reorient but not rupture" relations with a longstanding strategic partner.

Biden's planned visit to Israel and the West Bank "also risks playing into the hands of critics, who have accused the United States of not pushing hard enough to end the decades-old Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories," The Washington Post argued in another piece.

According to a report of The New York Times published on Sunday, Biden will meet with Palestinian officials and may announce new economic support in the West Bank, noting that analysts and diplomats said that they did not expect major developments in Israeli-Palestinian relations.

"U.S. engagement, let alone presidential involvement, in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is no longer a priority," The New York Times quoted Alon Pinkas, an Israeli former consul general in New York, as saying.

"The U.S. has reverted or shifted to alliance management, which is why an Israeli-Gulf, counter-Iranian coalition is far more important to the U.S. than solving the conflict," he said. Xinhua

By Zheng Na

China builds 3D virtual Great Wall in applet

An applet that allows users to tour the Great Wall on their mobile phones was recently launched. It marked another innovative application of digital technology in the field of cultural heritage protection.

The mini app in the Wechat platform, jointly developed by China Foundation for Cultural Heritage Conservation and Chinese tech giant Tencent, offers an opportunity for users to act as both a visitor to the Great Wall and a worker repairing the Great Wall in the virtual place, presenting them the splendid culture and scenery of the Chinese ancient structure, and calling for more efforts from the society to protect the Great Wall.

As the largest cultural heritage by size in China, the Great Wall is a symbol of the spirit of the Chinese nation. However, some of its sections collapsed or were wrecked by rains and storms in the past century, and some of them may even vanish in the near future.

The National Cultural Heritage Administration (NCHA) has always placed high importance on the protection of the Great Wall, further expanding social participation in the protection of cultural relics.

Since 2016, the conservation, administered by the NCHA, has launched a series of public service activities about the Great Wall in collaboration with Tencent. To make the service attractive, the two or-



Photo shows the Jinshanling Great Wall in Luanping county, north China's Hebei province. File photo

ganizations explored a new way of social participation and launched the applet, which includes systemic and controllable data about the gigantic cultural heritage.

After field scans and digital reconstruction, a 3D model of the restored Xifengkou Great Wall in north China's Hebei province is believed as a notable part of the applet. It marks the first time in the world to realize a millimeter-level high-pre-

cision, immersive and interactive digital restoration of the Great Wall through cloud gaming.

Cui Xiaochun, vice president of Tencent's Interactive Entertainment Group who's also in charge of the applet's research development, said that the digitalization of the Great Wall was an idea put forward years ago, but the technologies back then were not able to make the outcomes convenient, accessible or attractive enough to the public. It was the technological development made in recent years that offered new approaches to the digitalization, he added.

A number of technologies were employed in the applet to make the virtual environment lifelike and improve the user experience. The development team took over 50,000 photos of the Great Wall through photo-scan modeling technology with millimeter-level measurements, in order to create a 3D model covering over 1 billion

facets. More than 200,000 virtual trees have been "planted" in the surrounding mountains around the virtual Great Wall, allowing a "one-shot" view of the entire natural environment.

With real-time rendering and dynamic lighting technologies, users can move freely in the virtual environment and even enjoy the beautiful scenery change between morning, noon, and dusk.

Powerful cloud gaming flow control algorithms ensure that the huge digital assets can be presented to the users with 3A-grade viewing effects and interactive experiences on phones and other mobile terminals.

Apart from presenting users with a technological and immersive experience, the applet also popularizes knowledge about the Great Wall and its maintenance through interactive games. The credits gained by users in the games can be donated to respective protection projects,

which turn their online participation into tangible contributions.

The General Office of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and the General Office of the State Council issued a guideline to advance cultural progress with digital technology this year. The guideline encourages entities nationwide to jointly establish cultural data service platforms relying on current national culture networks, and develop new click-and-mortar cultural projects.

"Technology and communication are important forces ensuring cultural relics protection," said Gu Yucai, deputy head of the NCHA. The applet brings the public closer to the cultural relic, and guides the public to actively join the protection of the Great Wall, he noted, adding that the applet is a useful practice that promotes innovative development and transformation of traditional Chinese culture.

It is learned that the applet will be applied to a number of museums located along the Great Wall, to draw wider public participation in the protection of Chinese cultural relics.

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TGNP in new initiative to protect children from abuses in schools

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

THE Tanzania Gender Networking (TGNP) has organised a two-day seminar for primary and secondary schools teachers and matrons to establish a better roadmap that would enable them promote, protect and maintain the welfare of a child when at school or out of school.

TGNP acting head of programme, activism and movement building Flora Ndaba said the idea is to complement government's efforts of ensuring no discrimination is done against a child on the grounds of gender, race, age, and religion.

She stated that the seminar was a progressive meeting taking from where the previous meeting which involved parents, guardians and teachers overseeing gender clubs in their respective schools, ended, especially in areas where TGNP established knowledge centres.

Flora noted that the seminar brought together teachers heading gender clubs and school matrons from six regions, including Dar es Salaam, Morogoro, Kigoma, Mara, Mbeya and Shinyanga.

"What they are doing is preparing a programme that will be used to teach pupils/students in gender clubs recognise the challenges facing them and how they address them while still in school or after leaving their studies."

To fight all these abuses against a

child, according to Flora needs collective efforts from teachers, guardians, parents, government and other players in the society.

"If they really want to win a war against abuses done to their pupils/students, each school should not fight the war individually, but they should do it collectively."

According to Flora, that session which is being implemented by TGNP has been funded by Global Affairs Canada, who currently and jointly with TGNP are implementing a project called Women Voice and Leadership geared towards ensuring that there is enjoyment of rights among women and girls.

She also tasked the government to allocate enough budgets to safeguard these children from the rampant increase of abuses to children in recent years.

She said: "The children we are preparing today are our future leaders."

Jeane Mwambapa, a teacher who deals with reproductive health to girls and a patroness of the gender club at Shibolya Secondary School in Mbeya DC said the seminar has been enriching on different matters affecting and touching a child's welfare and development.

Jeane mentioned some of the contributing factors that have caused negative impacts to many school children include: Peer groups, social media, and failure for some parents in taking care of their children and



Flora Ndaba, acting head of programme on activism and movement building at TGNP, briefs teachers and patrons during a seminar on how to address child abuses that was organised by TGNP in Dar es Salaam last week. Photo courtesy of TGNP.

fulfilling other key responsibilities as parents.

Some children have been engaging in harmful practices, but they go unquestioned or unpunished by their parents or guardians. Jeane urged children to identify and select good groups to accompany and avoid bad groups that can eventually end them into troubles.

She cautioned parents who don't care about what their children are doing because of being too busy, instead they need to be close to them so as to know their essential needs.

Martha Luambano a teacher from Umoja Primary School in Ubungo Dar es Salaam said the seminar has been educational and an eye opener to her.

"I have learned many things of which I did not know them before such as caring and protecting the children from gender based violence, physical abuses, sodomy, among others," Martha said, stating that regular quarrelling among parents in some incidences have led to rampant sodomy to some children either from relatives or other people.

She called on the government to empower non-governmental organisations like TGNP and others defending the rights of children and other vulnerable groups so that they can perform their duties efficiently.

Haiba Amiri a teacher from Mkambarani Knowledge Centre in Morogoro region said that she has learned many things, one of them being on how to teach children to break the silence and speak out the wrong deeds done on them without being afraid.

According to her, in order to eliminate gender based violence including sodomy and other physical and emotional harmful deeds caused to children, she has urged the government to take stern measures to the wrongdoers and become a lesson to others doing the same in the community.

Scholastica Masele a patroness at Songwa Secondary school in Kishapu District in Shinyanga region said that the society should be educated on how to protect their children from abuses facing them, urging the government to bring to book criminals who abuse children. "They shouldn't be bailed out," he insisted.

William Baseka, a patron and a community representative from Nyashya Ward in Kasulu district in Kigoma region has also commended TGNP for the training because it has empowered him with skills that will help him be in the forefront to defend children's rights.

He said that since prevention is better than cure, therefore, there is a need to prevent an incident before it has happened. Children should be taught on how to defend themselves against any abuses against them.

Africa may lose \$415bn annually to climate change impact by 2030

By Emmanuel Addeh

ENERGY experts have said that Africa may risk \$415 billion annual economic losses due to climate change impacts from the damage done by natural disasters to urban infrastructure by 2030.

Senior Director at Africa Finance Corporation (AFC) and CEO of AFC Capital Partners, Ayaan Adam noted that climate change may significantly damage infrastructural assets, leading to the loss of \$415 billion by 2030 in Africa alone.

He was speaking at the virtual sustainable financing workshop organised by the African Refiners and Distribution Association (ARDA).

"With Africa being the most vulnerable continent to climate change, mainstreaming climate change is a key requirement for the long-term viability of its infrastructure," Adam noted.

Adam said the effect of climate change in Africa was disproportionate to its share of global emissions - with

implications for future infrastructure requirements.

Future infrastructure developments, Adam said needed to be able to reduce, accommodate or recover from the effects of natural disasters and climate extremes, adding that this would require climate resilient infrastructure planning plus additional cost consideration for development.

As such, the AFC official noted that the companies were promoting their Infrastructure Climate Resilience Fund (ICRF), which will drive investments in climate resilient infrastructure projects across the African continent in the AFC's core sectors - transport & logistics, power, telecoms and industrial parks.

Also speaking, Executive Secretary of the organisation, Anibor Kragha, noted that strategic options were needed for financing energy transition in the African downstream petroleum sector.

Kragha disclosed that sub-



Saharan Africa's import needs for transport fuels will continue to grow in the foreseeable future, making the region the world's largest importer by 2030.

He lamented that complex, inefficient supply chains, intra-African trade challenges impede implementation of cost-effective clean energy solutions on

the continent.

But he added that the African Continental Free Trade Act (AfCFTA) presents an opportunity for the continent to address these issues and deploy an inclusive, equitable energy transition roadmap that captures the priorities, challenges and perspectives of Africa's low-carbon emitting countries.

The ARDA chief stated that Africa's share of global emission remained low, stressing that the roadmap for energy transition must not prioritise near-term emissions reductions over support for economic development and energy transformation.

Global Head, Client Relations at Afreximbank, Rene Awambeng highlighted the impacts of

growing urban population in Africa on energy demand for industrial production, cooling and mobility.

According to him, energy demand in Africa grows twice as fast as the global average, and Africa's vast renewables resources and falling technology costs can drive double-digit growth in deployment of utility-scale and distributed solar photovoltaics (PV), and other renewables, across the continent.

He noted that although clean energy and decarbonising international investment and finance seem to be dominating the development discourse, Africa could leverage on its vast base of existing solid minerals, including rare-earth minerals and metals that would fuel clean energy.

In a joint presentation, experts at Vitol, Michael Curran, Vitol Global Head of Carbon Trading and Maryro Mendez, Vitol Refineries Research Team Lead, noted that technologies already exist to develop refineries that produce net zero carbon emissions.

But they noted that Environment, Social & Governance (ESG) investment mandates and capital reallocation away from hydrocarbons into renewables/energy transition amongst other issues have resulted in reduction in financing options and increased debt service costs for carbon-intensive sectors.

"Most companies already have plans for reducing emissions. These include measurement and reporting, operational improvement, and incorporating carbon-abatement objectives in investment proposals.

"Implementation, however, is in an initial stage and faces several barriers: resources are scarce, in terms of both capital and technical capabilities, and CO2 reduction is not always a top priority," the experts said.

While the refining sector contributes only 3 per cent to global energy sector emissions, there are significant opportunities for reducing these emissions especially in regions like Africa where demand for refined products will grow and emissions will grow accordingly, "they noted.

TCRA, service providers meet in Dar to improve communications services

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) and mobile phone service providers have met to discuss a plan to improve telecommunications services, especially in areas where services are not in good quality.

Held at TCRA Headquarters in Dar es Salaam, the meeting brought on board different service providers such as Vodacom Tanzania, Mic Tanzania (Tigo), Airtel, TTCL, and Halotel and officials from the Licensing and authority's monitoring department.

The two sides discussed how service providers can work by fixing communication service deficiencies in the identified areas.

Immediately after receiving the service provider action plan TCRA will conduct another assessment to determine if service providers have made improvements in specific areas.

TCRA senior engineer Mwesiga Barongo noted that the two sides have agreed on a number of issues that will see service providers implement, and then send feedback to the communication watchdog if they have improved services.

"Each service provider had its own level of service quality assessment results; so for areas with the poor quality we have directed them to prepare a work plan that they must implement by ensuring service improvements in fifteen areas we've surveyed across the country, after which TCRA will re-evaluate before the end of this year to determine if they have worked in those areas that have been found to have poor service quality," said Barongo.

Barongo identified some of the areas that TCRA has assessed to confirm the quality of services in the country that include Unguja, Pemba, Kyela, Mpanda, Dodoma, Nkasi, Sumbawanga, Moshi, Tembeke, Kigamboni, Ubungo, Kinondoni, Ilala, Tabora, and Tanga.

He stated that some service providers were found to have poor



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service delivery standards where they were instructed to ensure they raise the standard of service quality.

During the meeting, TCRA instructed service providers to ensure that they make the adjustments as

soon as possible, and if they face challenges they should seek TCRA assistance, especially in the area of communication infrastructure.

Speaking on the sidelines of the meeting some service providers pledged to work on the authority's recommendations to improve services in identified areas that were found with service challenges through a service quality assessment chart.

"On behalf of our company we are committed to ensuring that we implement all the instructions given to us by the Authority and will ensure that we implement the improvements as soon as possible," one of the service providers said.

TCRA conducts quarterly service quality assessments for telecommunications service providers and then provides an assessment report that is comparable to the evaluation by providers where once the information of both parties is brought together a professional agreement is reached and TCRA provides instructions to service providers to make improvements to service areas identified as defective.

TCRA is a quasi-independent government body responsible for regulating the communications and broadcasting sectors. It was established under the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Act no. 12 of 2003 to regulate the electronic communications, and postal services, and management of the national frequency spectrum in the United Republic of Tanzania. The Authority became operational in November 2003 and effectively took over the functions of the now defunct Tanzania Communications Commission and Tanzania Broadcasting Commission, respectively.

By Karen Allen, Lizette Lancaster and Thato Machabaphala

Social media vigilantism is dangerously alive and trending in South Africa

AS South Africa last week marked the first anniversary of the July unrest that swept through KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng provinces, the use of social media to instigate and agitate high-stakes events is in the spotlight.

Social media is often used for good – but can also be a tool to spread hate speech and incite violence, such as in terrorism, politics and xenophobia. Proprietors of social media platforms pump money into preventing terrorists from using their forums. The Facebook owners, for instance, were among the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism founders.

But what's being done about criminal and political actors who use social media algorithms to build real-world campaigns that undermine the rule of law?

Twitter's removal of inauthentic content from Nigerian president Muhammadu Buhari's account in 2021 that 'threatened secessionists' is an oft-cited example. But such cases are rare. Twitter publishes removal requests, but the process is complex and time-consuming. Also, the line between online activism and vigilantism is thin, making adjudication tricky.

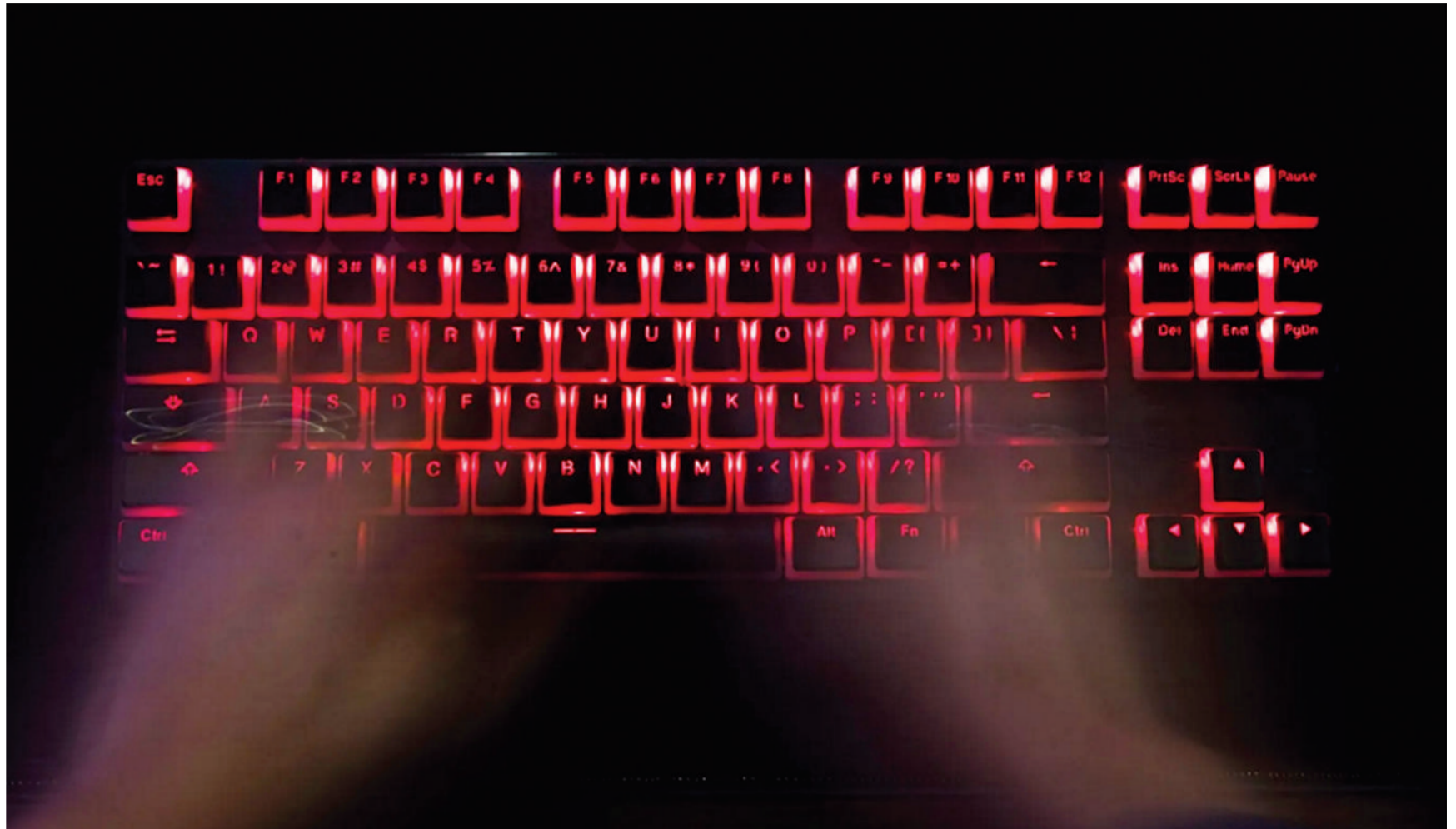
During last year's unrest, the #FreeJacobZuma #ShutdownKZN online campaign called for a national shutdown until former president Jacob Zuma was released from prison. President Cyril Ramaphosa resigned, and Parliament was dissolved. The revolutionary tone directly challenged the institutions of democracy.

Law enforcement was caught on the back foot. Neither the police nor political leaders could curb the spread of cyber messaging, despite warning that those circulating inflammatory posts online would face criminal charges. Nineteen people were arrested for instigating violence, but those who sought to inflame tensions on social media and the masterminds remain largely untouched.

Two years ago the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) highlighted the emerging threat of digital vigilantism. This is when social media is used to organise, shame, hound or dox (use personal information to harass) a target deemed by the online community to have transgressed established norms. The ISS examined hashtags like #PutSouthAfricansFirst, which propel overtly xenophobic content online.

Interest has grown in the role of social media in last year's insurrection and the morphing of Operation Dudula from an online campaign propelled by the #PutSouthAfricansFirst hashtag into a xenophobic movement. Operation Dudula emerged in 2021 as a mouthpiece seeking to force foreign nationals from the country and blaming them for unemployment and crime. But the movement's online versus real-world interactions provide rich material for social scientists.

Social media platforms amplify narratives through algorithms which, while increasing 'traffic' for advertising sales, tap into interests and biases and develop communities of like-minded people. These narratives



Social media platforms amplify narratives through algorithms which, while increasing 'traffic' for advertising sales, tap into interests and biases and develop communities of like-minded people. (Photo: Chris Ratcliffe/Bloomberg)

are amplified online and artificially propelled through cyberspace – then played out on the streets.

Data scientist Kyle Findlay says #PutSouthAfricansFirst has echoes of the Make America Great Again movement. Those adept at using social media deliver 'important' messages about "issues", especially during elections, while running in parallel with "messaging that cynically taps into the racial and ethnic fault lines that criss-cross our society." This makes attributing extreme xenophobic content difficult.

Operation Dudula uses migrants as scapegoats for South Africa's woes. This draws attention away from state failure to grow the economy and deal with joblessness, food insecurity and service delivery failure.

Various described as an 'offshoot' of the #PutSouthAfricansFirst movement, Operation Dudula uses the same #PutSouthAfricansFirst hashtag on social media to organise protests. ISS research in 2020 revealed that through powerful algorithms, experimental authors such as @ULeratoPillay could potentially reach nearly 50 million Twitter users and pump out xenophobic content using that same hashtag. Those propelling the message may not even realise they're doing it.

Since that research, data analytics experts and journalists have probed the source of such information operations. The amaBhungane investigations team found that potentially inflammatory utterings "proved useful to politicians who share them, enabling them to keep their own content within the bounds of plausible deniability, while still including dog whistles back to the more toxic content."

The team has sought to identify the key players pulling the #PutSouthAfricansFirst strings. It has identified numerous potential 'actors' ranging from the African National Congress's Radical Economic Transformation faction to the African Transformation Movement and ActionSA. All deny involvement.

And the ability to deny on social media is a dangerous weapon. While the self-proclaimed Operation Dudula leader who uses @Nhlhlanhlu to reach his 138,000 followers has a face and a name, more anonymous actors are unaccountable, using similar narratives and tactics.

The Centre for Analytics & Behavioural Change (CABC) has highlighted the apparent continued artificial inflation of the Operation Dudula presence on Twitter: "The CABC also found that while Lux [Nhlhlanhlu Paballo Mohlahu] leads the physical mobilisation of #OperationDudula and receives high traction on posts around the operation, he is not included in the top 10 authors within the conversation [on social media]. That suggests that parallel entities are tapping into the same sentiments."

The combination of online and in-person orchestration of vigilante activity must be identified and dealt with. Activism is protected under South Africa's law and constitution, but intimidation and incitement to commit criminal acts such as looting, arson, assault and murder aren't. The new Cyber Crimes Act seeks to criminalise content-related offences, but law enforcement and prosecutors

need to become more digitally literate so they can implement the legislation.

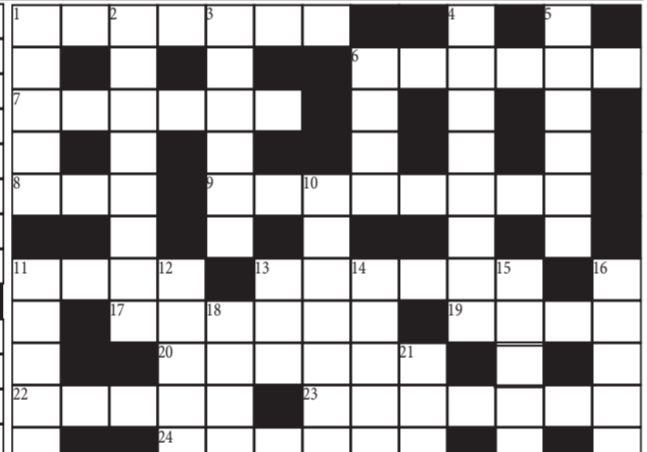
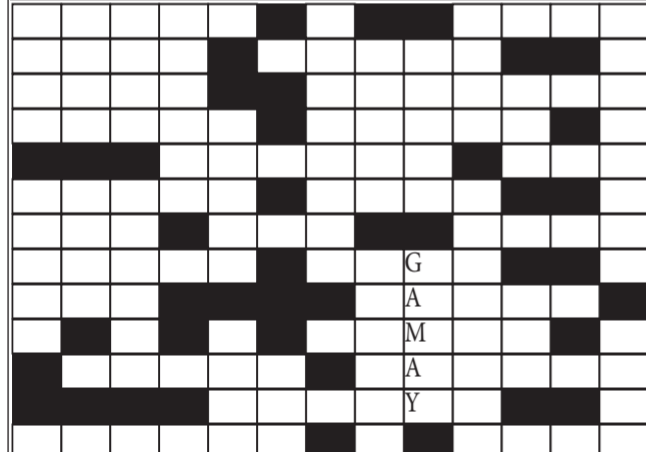
As South Africa remembers last year's violence, lawmakers and police shouldn't underestimate social media's potentially lethal power – in mobilising vigilante groups and coordinating efforts online. The government and civil society should use social media for fact-based communication campaigns that dismantle the myths underlying xenophobic sentiment.

Law enforcement and other government actors must focus on how, when and by whom social media is used, to be ahead of any potential outbreak of violence. Social media owners need to consider the clear evidence that their tools are being used to undermine democracy.

They could respond to take-down requests of posts inciting violence more swiftly or better understand the context in which their platforms are used. This would help position them as responsible players in an increasingly complex African information ecosystem.

Operation Dudula uses migrants as scapegoats for South Africa's woes. This draws attention away from state failure to grow the economy and deal with joblessness, food insecurity and service delivery failure

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CRDB Bank, IFC set \$105mn on small businesses in Tanzania and Burundi

By Guardian Reporter

CRDB Bank Plc and International Finance Corporation (IFC) have signed an agreement for a \$105 million loan to boost financing access for small business in Tanzania and Burundi, helping strengthen both countries' recovery from the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under the partnership, IFC is providing a \$100 million loan to CRDB Bank Tanzania, half of which will be in local currency, and a \$5 million loan to CRDB Bank Burundi to support lending to small businesses in both countries, including with gender component.

Up to quarter of the loan in Tanzania will be dedicated to women-owned businesses.

The partnership will increase the availability of longer tenor financing, which is not readily available in the market and has been scarce since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The loans are part of IFC's Base of the Pyramid Program, which helps financial services providers deliver funding to small businesses that have been hit the hardest by the COVID-19 induced slowdown.

IFC's financing is also supported by the International Development Association's Private Sector Window.

Small businesses are critical to the economies in Tanzania and Burundi.

In Tanzania, an estimated 3.2 million micro, small and medium-sized businesses contribute 27 percent of the country's GDP and employ more than



CRDB Bank Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director Abdumajid Nsekela (L) and International Finance Corporation Vice President Sergio Pimenta exchange signed agreement documents for the \$105 million loan to finance small businesses in Tanzania and Burundi. Quarter of the loan will be directed to women-owned businesses. The signing ceremony was held yesterday at a Dar es Salaam hotel.

5 million people.

However, roughly 81 percent of these businesses lack access to finance. Businesses in Burundi also struggle to access financing.

"This line of credit comes at an op-

portune time and will boost our support to SMEs while promoting gender diversification across the value chain. At CRDB Bank, we believe that gender equality and women's empowerment are central to development," said Ab-

dumajid Nsekela, CRDB Bank's Group CEO and managing director.

He said women have been disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, facing economic hardships that directly affect their families and

communities' livelihoods.

Through this partnership, he said, CRDB Bank Plc will help women-owned small businesses and entrepreneurs recover from the pandemic.

IFC's financing would support the development of productive sectors of the economy, including agribusiness, health, education, affordable housing, and infrastructure.

Other sectors include climate change mitigation and adaptation, SMEs, as well as women-owned small businesses.

"The partnership between IFC and CRDB Bank will support the growth of smaller businesses in countries where their contribution to jobs and economic activity are immense," said Sérgio Pimenta, IFC Vice President for Africa.

"The financing will also include a special focus on supporting women-owned businesses and advancing gender inclusion, a key part of IFC's strategy in Tanzania and Africa more broadly," he added.

IFC has a long-standing relationship with CRDB Bank and the financing announced yesterday is the fifth facility provided by IFC to CRDB Bank and is part of IFC's growing work in Tanzania to support the growth of small businesses and boost inclusive finance for women-owned businesses.

By Guardian Reporter

MANUFACTURING is becoming an important sector stimulating the recovery of the Zanzibar economy, after dominant tourism sector being hit by the impact of Covid-19 pandemic.

This follows the fast growth of Zanzibar exports of manufactured goods, which indicates smart move of the isles towards industrialization drive.

The recent Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and Bank of Tanzania (BoT) computations have shown more than doubled exports of manufactured goods, surpassing the value of exports of seaweeds.

BoT monthly economic review for June has shown that exports of manufactured goods from Zanzibar reached \$10.4

Exports of manufactured goods double in Zanzibar in 2022

million during the year ending May this year from \$6.67 million recorded during the year ended in May 2021, which is an growth of 56 percent.

The amount is higher than \$5.9 million recorded on exports of seaweeds and is the second to Cloves exports which injected \$62.7 million during the reviewed period.

During the year ended in May last year, seaweeds injected \$12.7 million, behind cloves, but now been pushed to the third position by manufactured goods.

The review shows only cloves and manufactured goods exports recorded positive trends during the period. The isles recorded boom exports of cloves during



Zanzibar Sugar manufacturing plant PHOTO/COURTESY

the period from \$1million recorded during the year ended in May 2021.

The review shows total goods exports reached \$86 million during the year ending May this year from \$23.67 million recorded during the year ended in May 2021 due to booming cloves exports.

The increased exports of manufactured goods also pushed up the imports of industrial supplies to Zanzibar as the report shows the growth of 66.9 percent during the reviewed period.

Imports of industrial supplies in Zanzibar increased to \$112.6 million during the year ending May this year from \$67.4 million in May 2021 while imports of foods and beverage for industrial use grew to

\$58.6 million from \$28 million respectively.

The imports of sugar for industrial use also increased during the period to \$2.8 million from \$2.6 million respectively, which is 5.9 percent.

According to Zanzibar Investment Promotion Authority (ZIPA), the industrialization drive is part of Zanzibar Vision 2020-2050 Blue economy which was unveiled in 2020.

Through Vision 2050, Zanzibar is targeting to increase the industrial value addition, including the commercialization of fisheries and aquaculture, in line with domestic and export market demand as well as the Blue Economy development.

Currently, Zanzibar has the line of manufacturing plants ranging from sugar, dairy, salt, cloves and spices.

New challenge on youths entrepreneurship launched in Temeke

By Guardian Reporter

OVER 500 young women and men aged 18 to 35 years in Temeke Municipality, mostly with micro business and grand dreams have signed up to participate in a grand business audition challenge.

The money and wealth mindset promotion dubbed "Akili Ya Pesa Challenge", chief judge, Maida Waziri, said in a press statement that youths with business no matter how small, need to be recognised and promoted.

According to Maida Waziri, the social project dedicated to increasing the take up of entrepreneurship by young Tanzanians who comprise the majority population will take place on 15th July 2022.

"We seek to change youth behaviour to be pro entrepreneurship proactively," she said.

The project plans to reach youths in Temeke Municipality, with entrepreneurship education, financial literacy and inspiration to take up entrepreneurship and create jobs.

"In looking for Temeke, we also want to highlight business/ investment/ entrepreneurship opportunities in the areas," she noted.

Leaders in Temeke led by the District Commissioner Jokate Mwegelo (pictured) and Temeke Lord Mayor Abdallah Mtinika are very passionate about youths in the area, and offer a very conducive environment for youth business growth and support.

The young people in Temeke need to see the



big picture, they are in one of the oldest and one of the most vital municipalities for overall development of Tanzania, they should take advantage and plunge into entrepreneurship, she said.

Dr Donath Olomi, the Chief Executive Officer of the Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship Development and the challenge judge, noted that, "Akili ya Pesa is about money and wealth mindset that young people in Tanzania needs to embrace. We need it for our nation to reach its economic growth goals and create employment for youths in big numbers."

The top 3 winners of Akili ya Pesa Challenge- Temeke will collectively take home about 6 million and get mentorship opportunities to grow their business. The trio will compete in a grand finale for the countrywide Challenge.

The Challenge is a social project dedicated to increasing the take up of entrepreneurship by young Tanzanians who comprise the majority population.

"We debuted on September 15 2020, and since then we have managed to engage over 100,000 youths on entrepreneurship via online channels, and over 5000 youths at diverse physical forums," he said.

"This has proved our thesis right, that Tanzanian youths if provided with entrepreneurship and business knowledge, there would be more uptakes in their starting and growing enterprises in all sectors of the economy".

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Local investors dominate DSE trading activity in July

By Guardian Reporter

LOCAL investors have dominated trading at the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) in July, accounting for more than 98 percent of both selling and buying activities.

The DSE market report shows so far 1.3bn/- turnover has been recorded during this month of which foreign investors injected only 1.04mn/- through buying and 25.6mn/- through selling, which translate into net outflow of 24mn/-.

The report shows local investors bought 99.92 percent of all share traded during the period ending Monday this week while foreign investors injected only 0.08 percent of total buying value.

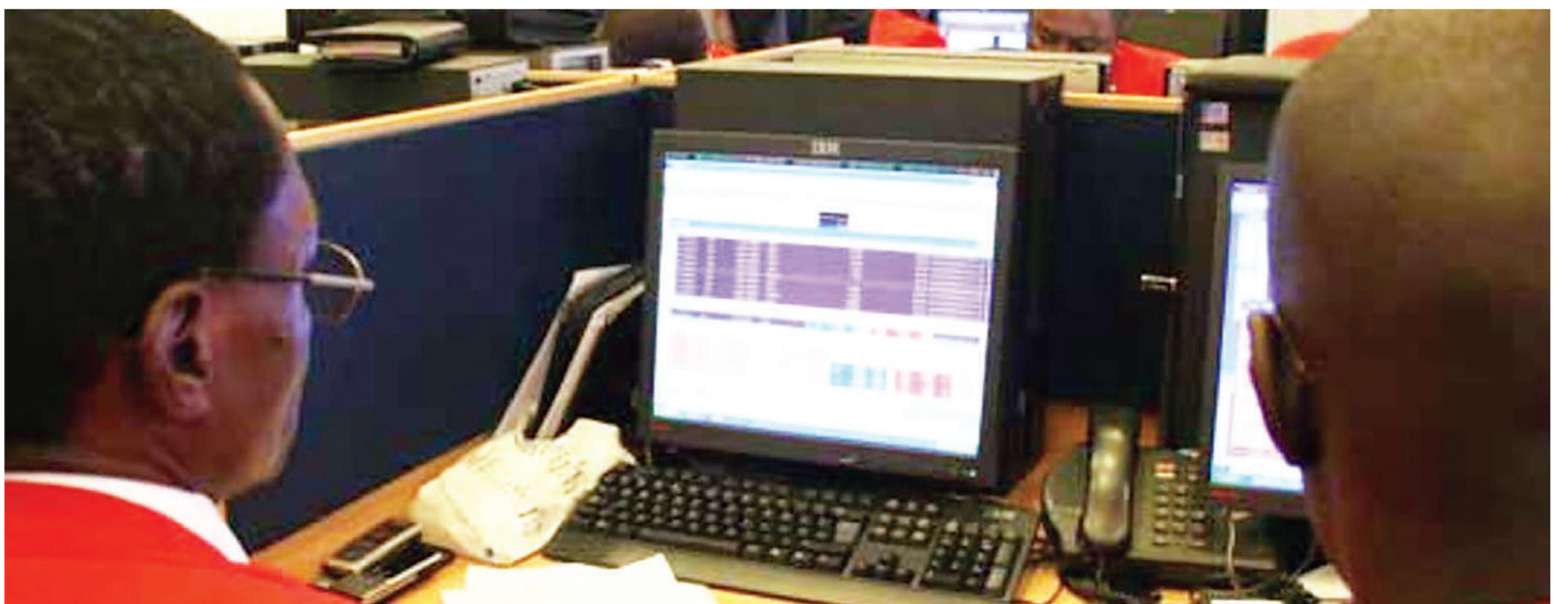
Local investors have also injected 98.08 percent of the value of

selling side, while foreign investors injected 1.92 percent of the value.

This shows that local investors mostly exchanged hands the major portion of shared traded at the DSE during the period reviewed.

During the second quarter of this year ending June, a total turnover of 40.2bn/- were recorded of which foreign investors injected 25.02bn through buying shares and 27.15bn/- through selling shares, which translated into 2bn/- net outflows.

The report shows the domestic market capitalization slightly went down to 10.24trn/- on Monday close from 10.3trn/- recorded during the closing session of June, while total market capitalization gained to 15.7trn/- from 15.6trn/- respectively.



Diagnostic report reveals ways to enhance inclusive insurance

By Francis Kajubi

In order to ensure inclusive insurance access among Tanzanians, services providers have been urged to develop more digital solutions to give people better access, develop more products to meet the needs, while the regulator need to review laws and regulations governing the sector to enhance new opportunities.

These are among of the solutions identified by the diagnostic report on inclusive insurance and risk financing in Tanzania from a joint survey by Insurance and Risk Finance Facility (IRFF) of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Tanzania Insurance Regulatory Authority (TIRA), and the Ministry of Finance and Planning.

It suggests improvements in data management and capitalization in advanced technologies by the public and the private sector for insurance services to benefit the common man.

The survey report gives way forwards on how the government can better protect the communities by setting up structured finance arrangements.

Speaking at the launch of the report in Dar es Salaam yesterday, TIRA Commissioner Dr Baghayo Saqware said that for the insurance sector to be truly inclusive, both the public and private sector have to work on several gaps hindering the sector's growth.

He said the industry faces limited funding to apply technical assistance interventions for future development.

Dr Saqware asserted that both the public and private sectors need to coordinate actions to develop public-private partnerships, and initiate sensitization programmes for consumers and training courses for a variety of stakeholders, enhance options to collect data and manage and analyze data relevant for insurance and risk finance.

UNDP Tanzania Resident Representative Christine Musisi said the survey was developed as a result of its newly established Finance Sector Hub.

"In covering inclusive insurance, sovereign risk financing, insurance investment, natural capital, health and SME development, UNDP will work with countries and communities to develop and deliver



TIRA Commissioner Dr Baghayo Saqware

insurance new solutions," she said.

She said UNDP will collaborate with partners to transform insurance markets through improved legislations, regulations, and institutional capacity.

"UNDP hopes that the findings of this diagnostic report will be used to develop an intervention programmer for improving Tanzania's enabling environment for inclusive insurance and risk financing," she added.

Jan Kellett, Senior Advisor, Finance Sector Hub and Corporate Lead, IRFF said the diagnostic process focused on three aspects which are completing a market analysis reviewing the demand- and supply-side of the insurance landscape and the challenges

to insurance market development.

The second aspect is completing a regulatory analysis to identify the critical regulatory provisions that impact on insurance; while the third aspect is develop strategic development recommendations and technical assistance interventions based on the findings in the diagnostic.

Finance and Planning Deputy Permanent Secretary Laurence Mafuru said the findings means that insurers should now start focusing on clients from other areas such as agriculture and fisheries to small and medium entrepreneurs.

The report states that Tanzania is exposed to frequent major hazards including earthquakes, drought, strong wind, flood and fire, thus risk financing and inclusive insurance are of crucial importance.

It states that the framework to manage disasters under the Disaster Management Department from the Prime Minister's Office is well structured but enforcement is weak.

Also although disaster risk reduction (DRR) is considered a local government responsibility, the funds are not specifically allocated for DRR activities at the local government authorities (LGA) level.

As a result, Tanzania still faces many natural environmental challenges from its climatic conditions; include variable

weather patterns and rainfall that contribute towards floods, drought, strong winds and fire.

The government spent \$20.5 million on weather-related disasters between 2000 and 2019. These costs covered replacement of 35,700 houses, 1,000 critical infrastructures (roads, bridges, schools, and hospitals), and relocation of over 572,600 people, 240 injuries and 450 deaths.

In the Mainland, the insurance sector is managed by three institutions, namely: Ministry of Finance and Planning (MoFP), Bank of Tanzania (BOT) and Tanzania Insurance Regulatory Authority (TIRA).

Insurance is still a small part of the financial sector only making up to 30 percent of the financial sector assets with low penetration rate of below one percent for the last decade.

The Insurance market has 30 registered insurance companies and two reinsurance companies (one recently registered in 2021), 70 insurance brokers, five reinsurance brokers, 938 insurance agents, 20 bancassurance agents, 53 loss assessors and adjusters, and four actuarial firms.

The Zanzibar market comprises 12 insurance companies, three insurance brokers and 36 insurance agents. The insurance market has grown in a limited manner in the last five years.

Oil dives back below \$100 over recession risk

NEW YORK

OIL posted another sharp intraday decline as Covid-19 resurgence in China added to concerns about a global economic slowdown.

West Texas Intermediate lost as much as 5.5 percent to trade back below \$100 a barrel, with losses deepening around noon London time.

Dwindling liquidity has left prices vulnerable to sharper moves of late, with Brent futures last week recording their third-largest slump ever in dollar terms.

Bearish sentiment has filtered through commodities as rising virus cases in China and looming US inflation data stoke concerns about demand. A stronger dollar has piled on the pressure, mak-



ing oil less attractive to investors and more expensive for emerging markets.

Crude has tumbled since early June on escalating fears the US may be heading for a recession as central banks hike rates aggressively to combat inflation. Nations are experiencing the first global energy crisis and "we might not have seen the worst of it yet," IEA Executive Director Fatih Birol said in Sydney. OPEC's first look at 2023 showed no relief from oil market tightness.

"More of the same with commodities taking a beating across the board," said Ole Hansen, head of commodities strategy at Saxo Bank. There are also "worries that the US CPI print on Wednesday may surprise to the upside again, just like it did last month. With that the risk of even an more aggressive growth-debilitating rate hike."

President Joe Biden is scheduled to visit Saudi Arabia this week during a tour to the Middle East as he seeks to tame high energy prices that have roiled the global economy.

The US believes OPEC has room to raise production should Biden's upcoming visit to the region yield any agreements. France's President will meet with the leader of the UAE next week to discuss oil supplies.

The market has tightened this year, in part due to upended trade flows from Russia after its invasion of Ukraine. US Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm is set to meet with counterparts from Australia, India and Japan during a visit to Sydney, and will use the talks to rally support for a cap on Russian prices.

Conservation vital for promoting tourism, businesses, Archbishops say

By Correspondent Beatrice Philemon

TANZANIANS have been urged to conserve environment and plant trees to restore natural habitats of bird and animals species that the country depends on for tourism activities, as well as honey production which create businesses for humans.

The action will also reduce greenhouse gas emission, fight climate change and later on protect the earth.

The Catholic Archbishop of Tabora Archdiocese, Rev. Paul Ruzoka (pictured) said yesterday at the on-going Association of Member Episcopal Conferences in Eastern Africa (AMECEA)'s 20th Plenary Assembly ongoing at Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre (JNICC).

"When environment become desert, people, animals and bird species are affected, die or go to other areas where they can actually thrive and will failure to obtain honey bee colony," he said.

According to him, this causes crowding and overpopulation that will also cause conflicts, human rights abuses, and increasing unstable global situation that is not safe for human beings and earth as well.

He called on Tanzanians including other AMECEA's member countries to take serious measures to protect the Earth, because deforestation affects animals in many ways including habitat destruction, reduce food availability for bird, animals and insects that help Tanzania to get medicine and businesses.

"They can protect our earth by planting indigenous trees species in damaged areas to restore the animals and bird's habitats, stimulates honey production for nutrition and medicine." He said

Archbishop of Arusha Archdiocese, Isaac Amani called on Tanza-



Catholic Archbishop of Tabora Archdiocese, Rev. Paul Ruzoka

nians to restore natural vegetation that has been damaged to maintain the ecological niche.

He lauded all participants attending AMECEA's assembly to goodwill ambassadors to disseminate information on environmental conservation, to love environment and protect earth.

"Let us conserve environment in areas where we live to keep our planet safe." He said.

Meanwhile, Cardinal Luis Antonio, the Prefect-Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples from the church's headquarters at Vatican, Rome, Italy added that "We are gathered in Tanzania to discuss issues relating to environmental issues because we see lack of caring on environment in many countries across the world, we see a lot of conflicts, violence and higher environmental degradation," he said.

He said if people love environment, they will love people and live together.

"As we create desert, the environment will come uncomfortable for human being, animals, birds and other species," he said.

KQ eyes new deal with lessors in a month

NAIROBI

KENYA Airways (KQ) is set to ink a deal with 12 lessors to change the lease terms on its aircraft fleet to hourly rates from fixed charges as part of a cost-cutting measure aimed at seeing the airline return to profitability.

Kenya Airways chief finance officer Hellen Mathuka said the carrier, which had opened negotiations with lessors in April is in the final stage of negotiations with all new aircraft owners to only pay when they fly leased aircraft.

However, one lessor out of the 12 is yet to agree to the new payment plan, which will be a departure from the previous agree-

ment where KQ would still pay the lease amount even if a plane is idle.

"The negotiations with all the 12 lessors are still ongoing. We are hoping to finalise this by end of July 2022. We are unable to share more details at this point due to contractual obligations," said Ms Mathuka in a response to Business Daily queries on Monday.

The national carrier has a fleet of 42 aircraft, either owned or on lease, according to data from its financial report in the year ended December 2021.

These comprised nine Boeing 787 wide-body jets, 10 Boeing 737 narrow-body jets, 15 Embraer regional jets, two Boeing 737

freighters, and six Bombardier Dash 8-400.

KQ has been trying to cut costs to remain afloat amid the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic and legacy problems.

Restructuring its fleet, including selling aircraft and sub-leasing to other airlines, has been one of KQ's focus areas in recent years as it seeks to return to profitability.

The fleet size has been dropping since 2015 in a period that has seen KQ struggle to return to profitability after making steep losses in 2014, causing some of its engineers and pilots to seek greener pastures.

It had 52 aircraft in 2015 and the fleet dropped to 39 in 2017

before rising to 42 last year.

The new arrangement has seen the cost of maintaining its fleet drop from Sh28.5 billion in 2020 to Sh16.6 billion last year.

It also saved Sh11 billion in the last financial year on aircraft ownership fees after changing the lease terms on its fleet from fixed costs to hourly rates.



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Graduates urged to prepare with Fourth Industrial Revolution

By Correspondent James Kandoya

HIGHER Learning institutions must realign to the fourth industrial revolution (4IR) to produce graduates who can fully utilize employment opportunities from the emerging technology.

Sandra Chogo, the Senior Auditor at the National Audit Office told The Guardian over the weekend that there were many opportunities coming with new emerging technology that have yet to be utilized.

Bitcoin is among technologies that make 4IR while others are Artificial Intelligence (AI), Cloud Infrastructure or cloud computing, big data analytics, nanotechnologies, advanced robotics and sensors.

Sandra said the emerging technology has come up with a number of employment opportunities adding that unless action, youths and other groups will be left behind.

"Higher learning institutions should now think of incorporating the 4IR technology in their curriculum as an important tool to enable new young graduates to utilise the opportunities," she said.

She said failure of that, the varsity will be produc-



4IR has an impact mainly on customer expectations, product enhancement, collaborative innovation and organisational forms.

ing graduates who cannot access the opportunities and therefore remaining complaining about unemployment.

"In the real sense, the varsity must produce experts in all cadres who are aware about the global technological changes warning

that failure of that, the country will be losing huge revenues," she added. She cited lawyers, saying that they ought to know the opportunities of

the emerging technology to avoid entering contracts into economic conflicts such as robot technology.

She advised them not to forget about crypto currency, the rapid growing business in the region including robots to avoid producing graduates who will be jobless in the streets.

According to her, the 4IR has effects mainly on customer expectations, product enhancement, collaborative innovation, and organizational forms.

"This calls for countries and companies to realign themselves with the 4IR to achieve, among other things, their business goals," Like the revolutions that preceded it, the Fourth Industrial Revolution has the potential to raise global income levels and improve the quality of life for populations around the world.

To date, those who have gained the most from it have been consumers able to afford and access the digital world; technology has made possible new products and services that increase the efficiency and pleasure of the personal lives.

In the future, technological innovation will also lead to a supply-side miracle, with long-term gains in efficiency and productivity.

Transportation and communication costs will drop, logistics and global supply chains will become more effective, and the cost of trade will diminish, all of which will open new markets and drive economic growth.

Standard Bank aims to ignite East African business growth

By Andrew Robertson

STANDARD Bank believes that the right capital and capacity interventions will set East Africa on a sustainable path to prosperity, including the very real possibility of becoming a middle-income economy within a generation.

In line with the Group's purpose of driving Africa's growth, the emergence, proliferation, and expansion of small and medium businesses in East Africa hold the key to the kind of broad-based economic inclusion on which long-term prosperity, stability and security is built.

Standard Bank estimates that there are approximately 10 million small and medium enterprises and other commercial businesses spread across East Africa. These businesses contribute significantly to the economies in which they operate, driving GDP growth and providing significant employment opportunities.

While these businesses present a great opportunity for Standard Bank to add more business clients, an even greater opportunity is presented by partnering with - and growing - existing clients.

As such, Standard Bank's Business and Commercial Clients (BCC) division are deliberately focused on building a capital and capability ecosystem supporting small traders, agribusinesses, emerging manufacturers, and entrepreneurs to grow into formal enterprises - or even become national corporates or cross-border multinationals.

Helping existing clients and their broader business ecosystems progress up the enterprise growth continuum requires that both Standard Bank and its clients do things differently. Carrying on with business as usual will not achieve the kind of multifactor growth necessary to put East Africa on a higher-performing and more inclusive growth trajectory.

Connecting with clients differently

While building client-centric business models is necessary, Standard Bank has also learned that, in Africa, clients live amongst family and communities. As a result, business and private lives are not compartmentalized.

Finding ways to show up differently - and much more relevantly - in clients' broader lives as well as across their value chains is critical. As such, understanding client businesses deeply whilst also participating actively in local chambers of commerce and community forums, or getting involved in community development or school and university networks, is important.

By understanding the networks that businesses operate in, Standard Bank can leverage its best-of-breed solutions and platforms to build capacity amongst local client teams while also unlocking growth across their broader ecosystems.

Most East African economies, for instance, are net importers. As such, while facilitating cross-border trade Standard Bank is also able to identify opportunities for the development of local manufacturing. By supporting the growth of the right manufacturing businesses able to supply existing value chains, Standard Bank enables local economic growth while also diversifying the regional economy and enhancing job creation.

By way of illustration, Standard Bank recently assisted a Kenyan manufacturer produce paper locally, replacing expensive international inputs with domestically sourced wastepaper and sugar cane by-products. As a result, many more local exporters now have branded boxes made to order at home, at a fraction of the cost of imported products.

This has made local export business more competitive globally while also increasing jobs, expertise, diversification, and growth at home. Similarly, by understanding another client's manufacturing process, Standard Bank's Kenyan team assisted the client adapt ethanol (produced as a by-product of sugar refining) into sanitiser during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Deploying digital to remove friction

BCC's digital capability is providing not only a deeper understanding of clients but also an ability to remove friction more effectively. Examples include Unayo, a platform-based payment service that any trader, entrepreneur, or business can use even if they don't have a formal bank account.

All they need is a phone, in Kenya, Standard Bank developed a home-grown FMCG business support platform enabling distributors to order products, pay suppliers and track orders in real time.

Tanzanians to have chances to visit Dubai

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

TWELVE Tanzanians aged over 30 years will have the chances to win a fully financed trip to Dubai for five nights through participation of Trip to Dubai campaign.

The raffle draw will be held on August 16 this year after commenting on Instagram when the Dubai Girls will conduct LIVE-INSTAGRAM shows.

A statement issued by Tonye Princewill, the Chief Executive Officer of RivExcel, Dubai Tourism's

PR agency in Africa said the ladies, Omoni Oboli, Uche Jombo, Ufuoma McDermott, and Chioma Akpoth will announce the raffle contest on their individual social media handles.

Criteria for qualification includes follow visitdubai.af on Instagram, leave a comment on the Dubai Girls video on the visitdubai.af post.

The winners will get a round trip economy flight ticket from nearest airport with flights to Dubai, 5 nights' accommodation, meals, entry permit, airport transfer, and

Dubai girls' treasure hunt tours.

He said participating individual must be a valid resident of an African country with a valid passport with at least 6 months validity from September 2022 and must reside in an African Country

"The winner must be eligible to be issued a UAE entry permit and must be vaccinated against Covid-19, he said in a statement.

"With the ultimate vision of positioning Dubai as the world's leading commercial centre, investment hub and tourism destination, Dubai's

Department of Economy and Tourism (DET) is mandated to support the Government in achieving its competitiveness vision to position the emirate as a major hub for global economy and tourism, and in boosting the emirate's economic and tourism competitiveness indicators," he said.

Under this remit, DET is driving efforts to further enhance Dubai's diversified, innovative service-based economy to attract top global talent, deliver a world-class business environment and accelerate productiv-

ity growth. Additionally, DET is supporting Dubai's vision to become the world's best city to live and work in by promoting its diverse destination proposition, unique lifestyle and outstanding quality of life, overall.

DET is the principal authority for the planning, supervision, development and marketing of Dubai's business and tourism sectors.

It is also responsible for the licensing and classification of all types of businesses, including hotels, tour operators and travel agents.

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New UK Premier to be announced on Sept 5, tax dominates contest

LONDON

BRITAIN'S new prime minister will be announced on Sept 5, with the first votes to begin eliminating candidates in a crowded and increasingly unpredictable and divisive contest to replace Boris Johnson coming this week.

So far 11 candidates have thrown their hat in the ring to succeed Johnson as leader of the ruling Conservative Party and prime minister after he quit following a dramatic rebellion by his own lawmakers and ministers after a series of scandals.

The 1922 committee of Conservative members of parliament (MPs) which organizes the leadership contest said hopefuls would need at least 20 nominations from the party's 358 lawmakers to even proceed to the first round of votes on Wednesday.

Anyone who then received less than 30 votes will be eliminated before another vote follows on Thursday. Nearly all the contenders have promised extensive tax cuts to win

over the support of their colleagues.

"I am very keen we get this concluded as smoothly, cleanly, and rapidly as possible," said Graham Brady, the committee's chair.

The field will be whittled down to a final two candidates by lawmakers, before a postal ballot of the Conservative Party's members, who number fewer than 200,000, takes place over the summer.

A poll for the Conservative Home website on Monday found former defense minister Penny Mordaunt was the most popular with members, followed by equalities minister Kemi Badenoch and Rishi Sunak, whose resignation as finance minister helped bring down Johnson.

"There seems to be a quite a big field at the moment, a lively contest," Brady said. "I hope we will have a very constructive contest, but (also) a really good opportunity for a proper, healthy, constructive debate about the future direction of the Conservative Party."

The battle to secure the top job



Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson

comes after one of the most tumultuous periods in modern British political history, when more than 50 government ministers and aides quit, denouncing Johnson's character, integrity and inability to tell the truth.

The new leader will also have to reverse evaporating support for the Conservatives. A survey by Savanta ComRes on Monday put the opposition Labour Party at 43 percent compared with 28 percent for the Conservatives, its biggest poll lead since 2013.

The succession contest has already become personal.

Former finance minister Sajid Javid, another of the candidates, criticized what he called "poisonous gossip" and "attack memos" delivered by some colleagues over the weekend.

"This isn't the 'House of Cards' or the 'Game of Thrones', and the people who are here just because they enjoy the game, they are in the wrong place," he said. "This is a time for pulling together, not apart."

Tax cuts

The issue of tax cuts was fast becoming the central battle in the race with nearly all of the candidates promising to cut business or personal taxes.

Setting out her pitch, Foreign Secretary Liz Truss, who has held ministerial jobs in a number of government departments including trade, justice and the treasury, said she would re-

verse the recent rise in National Insurance contributions and signaled a cut to corporation tax.

Fellow contenders Jeremy Hunt and Javid both pledged to cut corporation tax, while Mordaunt has promised to cut fuel duty.

Sunak is the early front-runner, but he is the only candidate who has played down the prospect of imminent tax cuts, saying the adoption of "comforting fairy tales" would leave future generations worse off.

This has prompted his rivals to attack his economic record after the tax burden rose to the highest level since the 1950s. One lawmaker confirmed that a dossier criticising Sunak's record had been circulating on lawmaker WhatsApp groups.

'Fantasy economics'

Nadhim Zahawi, appointed finance minister in the turmoil of last week, said he was also being targeted by rivals after media reports raised questions about the former businessman's personal finances and tax record.

Whoever wins the leadership race will be faced with a daunting in-tray.

Britain's economy is facing rocketing inflation, high debt, and low growth, with people coping with the tightest squeeze on their finances in decades, all set against a backdrop of an energy crunch exacerbated by the conflict in Ukraine which has sent fuel prices soaring.

On the issue of immigration, all the main leadership candidates have pledged to keep the government's policy of sending asylum seekers to Rwanda, showing how the party has moved to the right of the political spectrum in recent years.

Other candidates include the attorney general, Suella Braverman, the chair of parliament's foreign affairs committee Tom Tugendhat, and the transport secretary Grant Shapps.

Labour leader Keir Starmer in a speech took aim at an "arms race of fantasy economics" from the Conservative leadership candidates, claiming that more than 200 billion pounds (\$239 billion) of commitments made by them over the weekend were unfunded.

Johnson has declined to endorse any of the candidates.

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Gazprom not paying dividends does not mean this practice will continue – minister

MOSCOW

GAZPROM'S decision not to temporarily pay dividends does not mean that this practice will continue, Russian Finance Minister Anton Siluanov said in an interview with Vedomosti.

"Temporary refusal to pay dividends does not mean that this practice will continue in the coming years. Shareholders should understand that preserving resources for investment development, on the contrary, will give them more opportunities to receive good returns in the future. We were guided by this logic. As for other state-owned companies, including the oil and gas sector, they will pay record dividends to shareholders this year," the minister said.

Siluanov (pictured) said that Russia's decision to unfreeze the funds of non-residents will depend on actions of Western countries.

"Let's remember again why such measures were introduced. Western countries have blocked the funds of our companies, the country's gold, and foreign exchange reserves are frozen. Therefore, the decision to unfreeze non-residents' funds will depend on mirror actions from Western countries," Siluanov said.

Russia does not intend to switch to barter in foreign trade, but if companies agree on such transactions, the Ministry of Finance will not interfere, Siluanov said.

"We do not plan to switch to barter, but if our companies agree on barter transactions through accounting in the national currency, we will not interfere with it," Siluanov said.

He noted that the Ministry of Finance primarily plans to transfer payments in foreign trade into rubles as much as possible and supports the transition to trading liquefied natural gas (LNG) for rubles.



Putin expands simplified Russian citizenship acquisition on all residents of Ukraine

MOSCOW

THE option to obtain Russian citizenship via simplified procedure has been expanded to cover all residents of Ukraine, according to Russian President Vladimir Putin's decree published on Monday.

"Declare that citizens of Ukraine, Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) or Lugansk People's Republic (LPR) and people without citizenship permanently living in DPR, LPR or Ukraine [...] are entitled to appeal for admission to citizenship of the Russian Federation via simplified procedure in accordance with the [...] law 'On citizenship of the Russian Federation,'" the decree says.

The previous version of the decree only covered residents of DPR, LPR and Kherson and Zaporozhye Regions of Ukraine.

Meanwhile, service in armed forces or law enforcement of Donbass republics will not be an obstruction for acquisition of Russian citizenship, the decree says.

"Military service, service in national security or law enforcement agencies of Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republic cannot be considered an reason for denying Russian citizenship," the document said.

Under Russian legislation, the simplified procedure makes it possible to apply for Russian citizenship without fulfilling a number of preconditions, such as living in Russia for five years, have a source of income and undergoing a Russian language examination.

The simplified procedure has been introduced for DPR and LPR residents by Putin's decree in 2019 (back then, the republics were still considered parts of Ukraine).

The decree said it was signed "in order to protect the rights and freedoms of a man and a citizen, under universally recognized principles and norms of international law." In late May this year, the decree was expanded to cover Zaporozhye and Kherson Regions of Ukraine.



Russian President Vladimir Putin

Xi urges youth across Straits to strive for national rejuvenation

BEIJING

Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, has urged young people across the Taiwan Straits to jointly strive for the Chinese Dream of national rejuvenation.

Xi (pictured) made the remarks in a letter replying to young people from Taiwan who are attending the Straits Youth Forum held in Xiamen, Fujian province from Monday to yesterday.

Xi said in the letter that he was glad to learn that the young people from Taiwan have found a stage

on the mainland to realize their dreams, witnessed the rapid development and changes of the motherland, and felt the warm feelings between compatriots from both sides of the Taiwan Straits who are all of the same family.

"We will, as always, create favorable conditions for young people across the Taiwan Straits to learn from each other and provide more convenience for young people from Taiwan to study, work, start businesses and live on the mainland," read the letter.

Xi expressed his hope that the young people from Taiwan can



share more of their experiences on and feelings about the mainland with those in Taiwan so that more Taiwan youth will get to know the mainland and join hands with mainland youth to strive relentlessly for national rejuvenation.

Founded in 2003, the Straits Youth Forum is an important platform for youth exchanges across the Taiwan Straits. Fifty young people from Taiwan, who have been invited to attend this year's forum, wrote Xi a letter in which they stated their firm resolve to contribute to national rejuvenation and reunification.

Xinhua

Presidents of US, Mexico to meet after summit tensions

WASHINGTON

MEXICO'S leader will visit the White House on Tuesday, a month after snubbing an invitation to a US-hosted summit that sought to craft regional consensus on how to stem migrant border crossings that are piling pressure on the Biden administration.

Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador skipped the Summit of the Americas in Los Angeles to protest Biden's decision to exclude the leftist governments of Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua.

Instead, Lopez Obrador opted to visit Biden in July, insisting that relations between the two governments remained good and that during talks he would push to make it easier for Mexicans

to work in the United States and help regulate migration.

A senior US official acknowledged there had been some "exasperation" in parts of the US government over Lopez Obrador's no-show at the summit. But the visit showed the two governments had "already turned the page," the official added.

Looking ahead to the meeting, Mexico's interior minister said on June 22 the United States had agreed to offer 300,000 work visas, with about half for Mexicans and the rest for Central Americans.

A senior US administration official briefing reporters on Monday evening said that following the meeting, the two countries would announce a bilateral working group on "labor, migration

pathways and worker protections" and expand coordination on migration without providing details.

Republican lawmakers have blamed Biden for rising migrant crossings in the run-up to US midterm congressional elections in November. Lopez Obrador meanwhile has slammed the Texas government for measures cracking down on migrant border crossings.

Mexicans have more frequently been caught crossing the US-Mexico border illegally in recent years amid strong demand for workers in the United States and a sluggish economy in Mexico.

US Border Patrol made about 70,000 arrests of Mexican migrants in May, up from about 18,000 during the same month

in 2019. Some of those caught are repeat crossers, driving up the totals.

Mexicans made up roughly half of the 53 migrants who died in a sweltering tractor trailer during a failed smuggling attempt in San Antonio last month, according to officials.

Addressing another source of US-Mexico tensions, the White House talks are also expected to show "some progress" on resolving problems US firms have faced in Mexico's energy sector, the senior administration official said.

Ken Salazar, US ambassador to Mexico, said last month the two sides were working through such disputes involving over \$30 billion in investment.

Biden's meeting with Lopez

Obrador will come just hours before he embarks on his first Middle East trip as US president, with stops in Israel, the West Bank and Saudi Arabia.

Mexican and US officials will also announce a task force to work to disrupt the flow of fentanyl into both countries and commit to completing a border infrastructure modernization effort.

Lopez Obrador on Tuesday was due to meet US Vice-President Kamala Harris, Biden's point person on efforts to address the "root causes" of migration, before sitting down with Biden in the Oval Office.

On Wednesday morning, he will take part in a meeting of Mexican and US business executives before returning home.

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China kicks off renovation project to upgrade old municipal gas pipelines for higher safety, better livelihood

WANG Guiying is a 75-year-old woman living in Zhaodong, northeast China's Heilongjiang province. She lives in an old residential area built in 1990s. The area was not connected to natural gas pipeline network when it was built.

"In the past years, we cooked with gas cylinders," the woman said, adding that it became more and more difficult for her to carry these gas bottles upstairs as she got older.

Thanks to a renovation program launched in Zhaodong since the last year, gas pipes have been installed in the residential area where Wang lives. "I'm looking forward to the day when these pipelines are put into use," she said.

Gas pipeline renovation is one of the tasks recently raised by the Chinese government to renew municipal

pipeline systems between 2022 and 2025. According to a national plan, basically all municipal pipeline systems will have been renovated by the end of 2025.

A man surnamed Chen who runs a restaurant in Huzhou, east China's Zhejiang province is closely following the implementation of the plan.

According to him, his restaurant is on the ground floor of a high-rise residential building. The water pressure in the kitchen always becomes unstable when it comes to the peak hours of dining. Some neighbors upstairs are also troubled by this problem, he said.

"We consume a lot of water during the peak hours to cook and wash the dishes. When the water pressure gets unstable, the drain pipes will be easily jammed, which lowers the operational

efficiency of the restaurant," Chen told People's Daily.

The pipeline renovation plan has raised clear requirements to upgrade municipal water supply and drainage systems, so Zhang is hoping that the plan, once implemented, would bring tangible changes to his restaurant.

Municipal pipelines include tubes for water supply and drainage, natural gas, heating, electricity cables and communication cables. They are "blood vessels" and a lifeline for cities.

If high-rise buildings and towers are a facelift for cities, then gas and water supply networks are what mirror their real development.

It is learnt that the asbestos cement water supply pipes, grey cast iron gas pipes, as well as heating pipes that have been used for over 20 years in old

residential areas across the country will be replaced with new pipes made of more advanced, more environmentally friendly and safer materials.

An official with the National Development and Reform Commission told People's Daily that the renovation of municipal pipelines and other facilities will better protect the lives and properties of residents, and ensure the safe operation of cities. Besides, they will also facilitate investment and expand domestic demands, the official added.

For instance, Jinan, capital of east China's Shandong province, has kicked off a natural gas pipeline renovation project since late June to make indoor gas facilities safer. The project, covering 2.2 million residents in the city, is expected to see an investment of nearly 500 million (\$74.68 million) yuan in

the next two years.

To renovate municipal pipelines not only is an important measure to improve livelihood and drive economy, but also contributes to high-quality urban development.

Qin Zhaokui, professor with the College of Mechanical Engineering, China's Tongji University introduced that cities across China have different approaches to safety engineering. The renovation plan will on one hand enhance safety management of gas pipeline systems, and on the other hand offer a reference for each city.

"For example, the renovation will help better handle the relations between underground transportation facilities and underground tubes, and make the two of them better serve the high-quality development of cities,"

Qin said.

"In the past, municipal pipeline systems in China were built in accordance with low design and construction standards, and the materials and techniques were outdated. But today, there has been huge improvement in the engineering technology, material and equipment, and intelligent operation of these systems. We are ready and able to upgrade old pipelines in the city and improve the safety, reliability, and coordination of urban infrastructure, as well as the comfort of urban life. This project deserves huge investment and needs to be advanced rapidly," said Dong Shuqiu, deputy chief designer at the Beijing Tsinghua Tongheng Urban Planning & Design Institute.

People's Daily

Japan bids farewell to slain Shinzo Abe, its longest-serving premier

TOKYO

WITH prayers, flowers and flags draped in black ribbons, Japan yesterday said farewell to Shinzo Abe, a polarizing figure who dominated politics as the country's longest-serving premier, before being gunned down at a campaign rally last week.

Crowds packed pavements lined with a heavy police presence as the hearse carrying Abe, who died at age 67, departed from a central Tokyo temple on a procession through the city.

With nearly a dozen helicopters circling overhead, people bowed deeply, their hands clasped in prayer, as the hearse passed in a procession carried live on broadcaster NHK. Others clapped, cheered or waved.

"Thank you very much for your work for our country!", one man repeatedly shouted.

Hundreds had filed into the temple where Abe's funeral was held on Monday evening and Tuesday morning, prior to the private ceremony, to pay their respects. His killing on Friday by an unemployed man wielding a homemade gun stunned a nation where both gun crime and political violence are extremely rare.

The funeral procession passed through the capital's political heart of Nagatacho, where hundreds had lined up in front of the parliament building Abe first entered as a young lawmaker in 1993, after the death of his politician father.

Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and a group of cabinet ministers waited quietly in front of the office from which Abe, Japan's youngest prime minister when he first took office, led the nation for two stints, the longest from 2012 to 2020, when he resigned due to health problems.

As the hearse slowly passed, Kishida bowed his head, a set of Buddhist rosary beads around his clasped hands. Abe's widow, Akie, bowed back from the front seat of the hearse.

Paying respects

From early morning, long lines of people dressed in black, mixed with others in informal clothing with backpacks, formed outside the temple in the sultry summer air.

Keiko Noumi, a 58-year-old teacher, was one of many who came to offer prayers and flowers to a large photograph of Abe set up inside the temple



Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida (center), officials and employees offer prayers towards a hearse which carries the body of former prime minister Shinzo Abe, which makes a brief visit to the Prime Minister's Office yesterday in Tokyo. AP

grounds showing him in a simple white shirt, laughing with his hands on his hips.

"There was a sense of security when he was the prime minister in charge of the country," she said. "I really supported him, so this is very unfortunate."

Others queued in front of ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) headquarters to make offerings at a makeshift shrine that will be in place until Friday. Party

staffers come out to offer cold barley tea to mourners sweating in the sultry air.

Tributes have poured in from international leaders, with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken making a brief stop en route to the United States from Southeast Asia on Monday morning to pay his respects. US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, on a private visit as a family friend, also joined mourners.

Nearly 2,000 condolence messages arrived from nations around the world, Kyodo news agency said.

'Great courage, audacity'

French leader Emmanuel Macron sent his condolences in footage posted on the country's official presidential Twitter account after he visited the Japanese embassy in Paris.

"I remember all our meetings and work together, especially during my visit (to Japan) in 2019... I've lost a friend," said a solemn Macron.

"He served his country with great courage, and audacity."

The suspected killer, arrested at the scene and identified by police as 41-year-old Tetsuya Yamagami, believed Abe had promoted a religious group to which his mother made a "huge donation", Kyodo news agency has said, citing investigators.

The Unification Church, known for its mass weddings and devoted following, said on Monday the suspect's mother was one of its members. Reuters could not determine whether the mother belonged to any other religious organizations.

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Ethiopia commends growing joint commitments to deepen economic ties with Djibouti

ADDIS ABABA

THE Ethiopian government has commended the "ever-growing" joint commitments to further deepen the Ethiopia-Djibouti economic ties.

This came after a delegation led by Ahmed Shide, Ethiopia's Minister of Finance, visited the Red Sea nation and held a discussion with senior Djiboutian government officials, the Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) disclosed in a statement Sunday.

"The delegation praised the ever-growing commitment of both governments to further scale up their economic ties to a high gear by strengthening regular bilateral talks, which have been interrupted due to the COVID-19 pandemic and other circumstances," the statement said.

The Ethiopian delegation underscored that the two friendly countries have jointly invested more than 10 billion U.S. dollars in different infrastructure schemes.

According to the ministry, during the discussion, delegations of the two countries agreed on three issues in accordance with previous discussions by leaders of the two countries.

The agreements made include keeping the previous price quotation on Ethiopia's fruits and vegetable exports to Djibouti until a joint committee comes up with agreed terms, on the basis of the current market reality and conditions of the general population in Djibouti, the statement said.

It was also agreed that the maritime charges of the two countries would continue to remain unchanged until a decision is made following a joint deliberation. **Xinhua**

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Sri Lanka stops president's brother from flying out as anger surges

COLOMBO

SRI LANKAN immigration officials said yesterday they prevented the president's brother and former finance minister Basil Rajapaksa from flying out of the country, as anger mounted against the powerful family for a debilitating economic crisis.

It was not immediately clear where Rajapaksa, who also holds US citizenship, was trying to go. He resigned as finance minister in early April as street protests surged against shortages of fuel, food and other necessities, and quit his seat in parliament in June.

His elder brother Gotabaya Rajapaksa will resign as president on Wednesday to make way for a unity government, after thousands of protesters stormed his and the prime minister's official residences on Saturday demanding their ouster.

The president has not been

seen in public since Friday and his whereabouts are unclear. Parliament will elect his replacement on July 20.

The main opposition party has nominated its leader Sajith Premadasa, the son of an assassinated president, for the post. The ruling party is to decide on a nominee later in the day.

The Sri Lanka Immigration and Emigration Officers Association said its members declined to serve Basil Rajapaksa at the VIP departure lounge of the Colombo airport.

"Given the unrest in Sri Lanka, immigration officials are under tremendous pressure to not allow top-level people to leave the country," K.A.S. Kanugala, chairman of the association, told Reuters.

"We are concerned for our security. So until this issue is resolved, the immigration officials working at the VIP lounge decided to withdraw their services."



People carry gas cylinders after they bought it at a distribution center, in Colombo, Sri Lanka yesterday. AP

Pictures of Basil Rajapaksa at the lounge were carried by local media and widely shared on social media, with some people expressing anger at his attempts to leave the country. Basil Rajapaksa could not be immediately reached for comment and a close aide declined to give details.

A top official in the ruling party said on condition of anonymity that Basil Rajapaksa was still in the country.

The Rajapaksa family, including former Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, has dominated the politics of the country of 22 million for years and most Sri Lankans have blamed them for

their current misery.

'Freedom'

The tourism-dependent economy was hammered badly by the COVID-19 pandemic and a fall in remittances from overseas Sri Lankans, while a ban on chemical fertilizers damaged farm output. The ban was later reversed.

The Rajapaksas implemented populist tax cuts in 2019 that affected government finances while shrinking foreign reserves curtailed imports of fuel, food and medicines.

Petrol has been severely rationed, and long lines have formed in front of shops selling cooking gas. Headline inflation hit 54.6% last month, and the central bank has warned that it could rise to 70% in the coming months.

Sri Lanka's sovereign dollar bonds extended recent declines on Tuesday to touch fresh re-

cord lows. The 2025 bond suffered the biggest losses, down as much as 112.5 cents with bonds trading between 25-27 cents on the dollar, Tradeweb data showed.

Protesters have vowed to stay put in the official residences of the president and the prime minister until they quit. Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe did not move into his official residence, Temple Trees, after taking office in May, and was away when protesters set fire to his private home in Colombo on Saturday.

On Tuesday, seven people were hospitalized after a fight between two groups of protesters at Temple Trees, police spokesman Nalin Thaldudu told Reuters. It was not immediately clear what led to the fight.

A witness, who declined to be named, described it as a small incident.

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RCEP keeps releasing dividends

THE Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) has entered into force for more than six months. Constantly expanding its "circle of friends," the regional free trade agreement has released huge dividends for enterprises and consumers from participating countries in the past half a year.

The coming into force of the RCEP has lowered market access, thus allowing more Chinese products to get into the international market.

"Our company has applied for nine RCEP Certificates of Origin for ceramic tiles exported to South Korea, which involve 2.58 million yuan (\$384,988) of products. We are expected to enjoy a tariff reduction of over 100,000 yuan," said Zhu Zhifang, a ceramic tile producer in south China's Guangdong province.

Besides, more high-quality imports are entering the Chinese consumption market thanks to the RCEP, said an official from the Chinese Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM).

"During the first half of this year, we saw more and more premium products from overseas and the price of some of them was going down," said a citizen surnamed Chen from Beijing.

The RCEP lowers the cost of imported products by eliminating 90 percent of the tariffs on goods traded between its signatories. The high-level trade facilitation measures under the agreement also allows consumers to buy imported products at a fairer price and a faster speed.

The RCEP is the world's largest platform of institutional opening up. Its participating countries account for around 30 percent of the world's total population, economy and trade volume. As



The first direct export shipment under the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership starts at the Damaiyu port, Yuhuan, Taizhou, east China's Zhejiang province, June 6, 2022. File photo

a free trade pact with enormous market potential, the RCEP is expanding win-win benefits for all countries related.

In the first quarter of this year, Thailand's total trade volume under the RCEP exceeded 2.7 trillion Thai baht (\$75.8 billion), up 23 percent year on year. In particular, the growth in the agricultural sector surged by 43 percent.

"Monthong durians have a huge market in China. They make up a majority of our products," said a farmer running a durian farm in Chanthaburi province, Thailand. The woman told People's Daily that she will breed better varieties to cater to the diversified demands of international consumers.

In the same period, Vietnam's total trade volume with China, Japan, South Korea, and other ASEAN countries grew by 10 percent. Japan's trade volume with other RCEP participating countries neared \$200 billion, accounting for 47.6 percent of its total foreign trade.

Since the RCEP entered into force for South Korea on Febru-

ary 1 this year, the country's export hit \$63.48 billion in March, up 18.2 percent year on year. Since 1956, this was the greatest amount the country has ever seen.

According to estimation, the RCEP is expected to help its members increase export, stocks of outbound investment and GDP by 10.4 percent, 2.6 percent, and 1.8 percent, respectively by 2025.

HSBC forecasted that the share of RCEP members will rise to over 50 percent of global output in 2030. A report by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development said the RCEP has become a new focus of global trade for its size and vitality, which would significantly mitigate the negative impacts from COVID-19 on regional economy and restore confidence in global recovery.

"A number of promotional activities about the RCEP were held before the agreement went into force, which greatly helped us further expand the Japanese market," said Li Hui, who's in charge of customs affairs of a

special material company in Zhuhai, south China's Guangdong province.

Over the past six months, local governments and departments across China have rolled out substantial measures for better releasing the dividends of the RCEP.

Earlier this year, the MOMCOM, together with other departments, issued a guideline on the high-quality implementation of the RCEP, guiding local governments, industries, and enterprises to better suit the opener environment and more fierce competition after the RCEP came into force.

In April, the MOFCOM held a thematic training event about the RCEP for major enterprises. The event introduced the RCEP, the rules of RCEP market access and origin, access commitments of RCEP service trade and investment market, as well as the challenges and opportunities facing Chinese industries.

China's efforts to align the Chinese market with the RCEP and fulfill the country's commitment to opening up mirror its resolute and sincerity to further expand opening up.

"China takes the RCEP as an important platform to deepen institutional opening up, and is ready to fulfill 701 binding obligations and 170 encouraging obligations under the agreement," said Gu Xueming, president of the Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation.

"The country requests government departments and local governments to fulfill the RCEP at a high level, so as to nurture a sound environment for deepening reform in accordance with RCEP standards," Gu added.

People's Daily

Wang meets ASEAN secretary-general, vowing to boost ties

JAKARTA

CHINESE State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi met here on Monday with ASEAN Secretary-General Lim Jock Hoi, with both sides promising to strengthen ties.

Wang said at the meeting that China and ASEAN (the Association of Southeast Asian Nations) are each other's largest trading partner and China has always made ASEAN a foreign policy priority, supported the development and growth of ASEAN, and the ASEAN Community building.

China was the first to forge a strategic partnership with ASEAN and upgraded it to a comprehensive strategic partnership, said the Chinese state councilor.

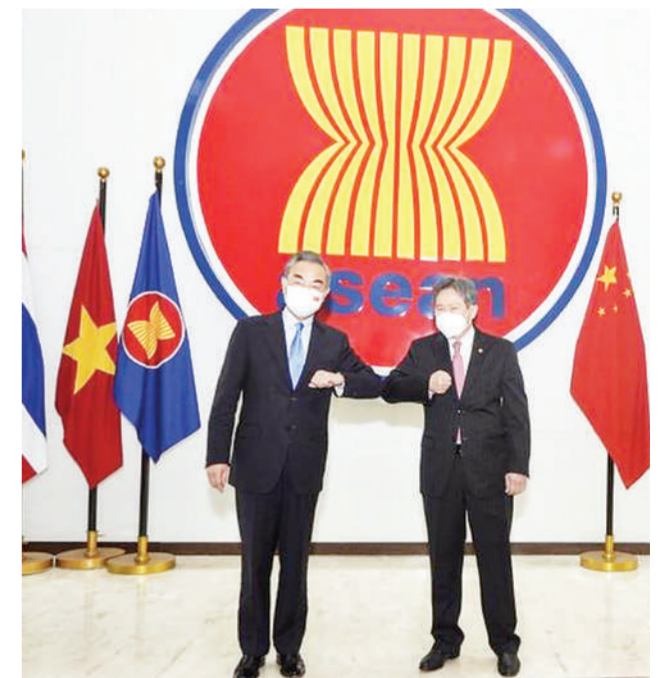
China was also the first to join the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia, the first to start free trade area (FTA) negotiations with ASEAN and the first to give unequivocal support for ASEAN's centrality in regional cooperation, he said.

Wang said China firmly supports the current effective ASEAN-led regional architecture, adding that with concerted efforts, China-ASEAN cooperation has shown vitality, making the region the safest and most promising for development.

He said China is willing to work with ASEAN to build a peaceful, safe and secure, prosperous, beautiful and amicable home, benefiting both Chinese and ASEAN people.

Wang said China and ASEAN staunchly support sovereign equality and greater democracy in international relations, taking the lead in the process of multipolarization.

Facing the rapidly changing international landscape and new challenges, China and ASEAN should be on high alert against any action that harms the ASEAN centrality in the regional architecture, and oppose any attempt that introduces



Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi (left) meets with ASEAN Secretary-General Lim Jock Hoi at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia, on Monday. XINHUA

geopolitical contest and bloc confrontation, Wang said.

China and ASEAN should jointly propose open regionalism and safeguard hard-won regional peace and stability to build bright prospects that feature solidarity and prosperity, Wang said.

For his part, Lim thanked China's timely assistance in providing ASEAN countries with vaccines and anti-pandemic supplies, and appreciated China's firm support for the ASEAN centrality and ASEAN Community building.

Lim also expressed appreciation for China's important contributions to accelerating regional economic recovery, achieving sustainable and inclusive growth and promoting development and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific.

He said ASEAN looks forward to strengthening the China-ASEAN comprehensive strategic partnership and jointly upholding open regionalism.

ASEAN stands ready to take the opportunity of the China-ASEAN Year of Sustainable Development Cooperation to deepen cooperation in various fields including connectivity, supply chain stability, digital economy, climate change, ecological protection, disaster prevention and mitigation and people-to-people exchanges.

Xinhua

SPORT



Aruti Aces Cricket Club's all-rounder, Ejaz Aziz, was adjudged Man of the Match when his club confronted Upanga Sports Club in this year's DC GP Big Bash T20 League semi-final which was held in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF DAR ES SALAAM CRICKET

Aruti Aces storms into 2022 DC GP Big Bash T20 League final

By Guardian Reporter

ARUTI Aces Cricket Club has inched closer to winning this year's DC GP Big Bash T20 League silverware, cruising to the showdown's final with a seven-run victory over Upanga Sports Club in a pulsating semi-final that took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

Both Upanga Sports Club and Aruti Aces Cricket Club had won their respective league ties, they were drawn to play against each other in the semi-final.

They had won convincingly in their group stage matches, with Upanga defeating Dar Cricket Club (DCC) and Lions Cricket Club, whereas Aruti Aces Cricket Club had two formidable sides compared to the ones that came up against Upanga Sports Club.

Aruti Aces Cricket Club took on Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Center (SKLPSC) and Strikers Cricket Club, beating both convincingly.

This year's DC GP Big Bash T20 League is a new version of the previous season's DC T20 competition, which had Aruti Aces emerging as winners.

Aruti Aces have turned into an outfit that boasts of class and impressive wins in past tournaments, winning matches from rather unfavourable positions.

The club posted 153/8 in 20 overs after winning the toss and elected to bat.

The side had a good start but had lost two wickets back-to-back, Ankit Baghel that somehow was on the right mode posted a 16-ball 17 whilst nailing a six from Upanga Sports Club's Sanjay Bom delivery.

The opening batsman was later dismissed by Upanga Sports Club's Suraj Pala, as Bom went for a catch after the batsman had gone for a six from Pala's delivery.

Promising performer Jaffary Kanyita was the following batsman to face dismissal off the following ball but then Mohammad Ali laid his hands on the bat and joined his teammate at the crease although it happened to be a short stay.

Ali had two boundaries off Bom's deliveries, giving Aruti Aces a restart but he was dismissed by Upanga Sports Club's Rishen Patel.

Experienced performer Ally Mpeka stepped up and he along with Ejaz Aziz scored 53 runs in six overs.

Aziz scored 43 runs in what was adjudged fast innings, hitting three boundaries and a six.

Mpeka eventually got run out on 27 runs but he had entered the game with the club's standing at 38 runs with four wickets taken.

The performer made his way back with the club having recorded 148 runs, Mpeka was run out in the 19th over.

Salum Jumbe that recorded 17-run 22 during the closing stages, hit two sixes as well as ran hard between the wickets.

Every fumble and mistake by Upanga Sports Club's fielders were fully exploited by Aruti Aces' batting unit.

Mpeka further had a brief stay with skipper

Bhavesh Govind who scored 10 runs from five balls that included two fours. Aruti Aces ended with 153 runs in their stipulated 20 overs.

In reply Upanga Sports Club openers went outright to Aruti Aces in the very first over.

The openers Vikram Rathore and Kishen Kamania notched three fours in the opening over but in the next over, Aruti Aces' medium-pacer Jumbe got rid of Kamania.

The hard-hitting Kamania was caught by Jumbe's bowling partner Mpeka and the Upanga Sports Club's cricketer was replaced by Patel that scored 17 runs for his side, blasting two boundaries.

Patel was then cleaned up by his old teammate, Govind. The Aruti Aces skipper also took a blinder off the bowling of Ali to get rid of Rathore who had recently scored a half-century.

Rathore made his way back with 12 runs and his outfit later attempted to take control once Bom laid his hands on the bat and partnered with Ashish Kamania.

The duo showcased a counter-attack, hitting Aruti Aces Mpeka, Govind, and Kibwana Salum for runs and turned the game around.

When Kamania got out, having posted 38 runs, it looked like a bit of relief for Aruti Aces but Pala played two extraordinary shots to bring Upanga Sports Club back in the game.

It once again looked like a see-saw kind of situation as Govind showed his calmness and changed the bowlers' ends.

Govind used Ali as the pace breaker and in the end got his team over the line.

It was one of the entertaining duels for cricket lovers on Saturday.

The oval was crowded with a lot of supporters and they were not disappointed, given they enjoyed an entertaining clash.

It was difficult for the fanatics to say whether there were losers in the match or not, what with the fireworks that were on show.

Aruti Aces have a history of having taken part in tough duels in past and that has turned out to be the uniqueness of the club.

At the end of the day, the margin of seven runs was the decider between the clubs, and that made Aruti Aces cruise to the final of the 2022 DC GP T20 Big Bash League.

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SPORTS

Geita Gold FC takes a giant leap forward into CAF Confederation Cup

By Correspondent Lloyd Ellipoke

DESPITE making their debut in local football's top flight only last season, Geita Gold FC is a team that has outstandingly punched above their weight to emerge as one of the big guns on our home patch.

Usually, inexperienced teams in the Mainland Premier League find it especially difficult to skirt the perils that ferocious competition poses to league debutants.

However, Geita Gold FC proved to be a team that was not fazed at all by the ultra-competitive nature of the league and they also proved to be especially adept at dishing out defeats in ties against many of the teams vying for glory in the Premier League.

Unsurprisingly, given their truly bedazzling exploits last season, Geita Gold FC fantastically finished in fourth place on the table, which, of course, means that they will be our flag-bearers in the CAF Confederation Cup next season.

The crucial question of the hour, then, is how will Geita Gold FC fare in continental football's second-tier competition next season?

Well, if the Geita-based side can hold onto their virtuous attributes of hard work and determination, then they ought to do mightily well on such an illustrious football stage.

Let us switch gears now to mull over women's tennis where Tunisian star Ons Jabeur rewrote the history books last Saturday albeit on the losing side.

Indeed, Jabeur's fairy-tale progress throughout Wimbledon, which arguably is the most greatly prized competition on the tennis landscape, came to a shuddering halt last Saturday in the final where she was beaten by Kazakhstan's Elena Rybakina.



Geita Gold FC players, fullback Amos Charles (R) and midfielder Kelvin Nashon (L) keep Mtibwa Sugar's attacker, Jaffary Salum, in check when the clubs met in this season's NBC Premier League match which took place in Geita last year. PHOTO: COURTESY OF MTIBWA SUGAR

That defeat notwithstanding, Jabeur's continuing steady rise in global women's tennis has captured the imagination of millions of her Tunisian compatriots and Africans to boot.

Indisputably, the Tunisian star has continued to blaze the glory trail and notch up more historic firsts in her already amazingly successful career.

It should be recollected here that we discussed the remarkable rise of Ons Jabeur into international women's tennis top ten rankings some time ago on these very pages.

And now, the Tunisian's seemingly single-minded efforts to rewrite the history books have only gathered more steam as she became the first African woman to grace the Wimbledon final last Saturday, which is one of tennis' annual four grand slams.

Then, Jabeur deserves to be showered with lavish praise for her admirable tennis acumen.

It is hoped then that she can continue on her compelling and breathtaking ascent to the pinnacle of women's tennis.

Returning to football, Pitsa Mosimane is unmistakably a household name in continental football.

Recently, news broke out that the South African tactician with the Midas Touch had parted ways with his erstwhile employers, Al Ahly of Egypt.

One wonders then which club Mosimane will head towards next.

Having secured a trophy-filled cabinet at all of his former clubs from Supersport, and Mamelodi Sundowns to Al Ahly, it will be interesting to see whether Mosimane can demonstrate his tried and tested tactical nous at his future club.

Africa's ties with FIFA set to improve after nolle prosequi on Blatter, Platini

By Correspondent John Kimbute

THERE is a turning of the page environment in the corridors of the International Federation of Football Associations (FIFA) following a nolle prosequi in a court in Switzerland.

An online chronicler said the case was centered on a \$2m payment from FIFA to Platini with Blatter's approval in 2011, for work done a decade earlier, noting that the verdict followed an 11-day trial last month at the federal criminal court of Switzerland in Bellinzona.

There were airs of unease among radical soccer observers around the world but a definite easing of tensions was being felt in higher ranks of the Confederation of African Football.

The chaos started in May 2015 in the wake of the failure by FIFA to hand the 2022 World Cup finals to the United States as expected, and instead it was handed to Qatar, who host the finals in November rather than at midyear due to the weather.

Then US Attorney General Loretta Lynch, criminal investigations (FBI) director James Comey and federal attorney Kelly Currie supervised investigations into how the campaign and lobbying were conducted.

They concluded that senior officials at the world soccer body had "corrupted the business of worldwide soccer (...) to enrich themselves," with 14 arrests made.

An online chronicler says that in the wake of raids and arrests in Switzerland relating to corruption within FIFA ranks, seven FIFA officials were arrested and 14 were indicted for their alleged role in a long-running bribery scandal.

Attorney General Lynch pointedly said she did not believe that those involved did their jobs in terms of protecting the integrity of soccer. Africa was hard hit when the outcry broke out.

What happened in the wake of the US government intervention was a sort of civil war within FIFA, as ex-FIFA secretary general Gianni Infantino, a protégé of FIFA president Sepp Blatter and fellow Swiss national from a nearby city to the FIFA head offices in Zurich, started rooting out top officials in



Confederation of African Football's president Patrice Motsepe.

various federations smeared in the scandal.

It was an issue of who received what for the various federations to agree that tiny Qatar organizes the finals instead of a large country, or in contrast, a consortium of Gulf cities where Qatar would be among those participating. Its singular eligibility raised sharp eyebrows.

Reverberations from the incident have continued right up to the moment the Swiss federal court decided to throw the matter into the pages of history, as the football world had suffered enough during the meantime.

Conducting routine operations in African football was equally affected, from national organization down to club football, as authorities in other countries moved to

intervene, in contrasting scenarios, to stay in the hands of those administering football to avoid business as usual tactics.

Still, FIFA retained a measure of continuity, banning countries if governments intervened in soccer, citing corruption.

CAF leaders all over the continental hierarchy have gone through harrowing times since then, starting with the protracted investigation of Africa's role in that decision, bringing Blatter to demand, a few weeks before the US acted, to demand that 'world football must respect Africa,' which some commentators said it was due to his intense connections with federation leaders all over the continent.

As the legal process continued,

FIFA changed its leadership to pick Gianni Infantino, then FIFA secretary-general, to replace Blatter.

Like Michel Platini, then president of the European federation, Infantino was a Blatter insider.

CAF has undergone organizational battles with the reorganized FIFA, with veteran CAF president Issa Hayatou fighting a rearguard battle over his case, losing an election in 2017 under heavy bombardment from FIFA, even when acting as interim FIFA president after Blatter fell.

Egyptian sports administrator Ahmad Ahmed took over as CAF president but was in 2020 handed a five-year ban by FIFA, overturned by the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS) as late as February 2022.

This ruling cleared the way for the Swiss court to look at things differently, more in tune with old FIFA procedures.

At one point, in late October 2015, after Blatter was handed a 90-day suspension so that investigations are conducted at FIFA head offices, he blamed Platini for backing out of a secret agreement to award the 2022 World Cup finals to the United States.

That implies a lack of a link between the FIFA payments to Platini and the Qatar award, which would suggest that Qatar talked to the European federation chieftain rather than FIFA, where the president obtained the UEFA chief's consent. Let it be what it was.

So, surprisingly as the veteran CAF president wins his battle, a few months later his colleagues in the world federation are also cleared, which will enable current CAF president Patrice Motsepe of South Africa to breathe more freely in reorganizing soccer, seeking cooperation with FIFA and governments in the zone.

As he is a billionaire founder and executive chairman for African Rainbow Minerals and ex-attorney, with other investments, he would in the post-2015 climate raise suspicions as well.

Even at the local level, this ill wind was not without its impact, as clubs battled rich people wishing to run clubs for years, decades.

Klopp: UCL chaos inquiry must show 'full truth'

LONDON

JURGEN Klopp has said UEFA's inquiry into the scenes which marred last season's Champions League final between Liverpool and Real Madrid in Paris must unearth "the full truth" into reasons why thousands of supporters missed the start of the game and were sprayed with tear gas by police.

Liverpool suffered a 1-0 defeat against Real in the Stade de France, but the game was delayed by 35 minutes as a consequence of huge crowds of fans being held up outside the stadium amid claims by local authorities of forged tickets and the late arrival of supporters.

UEFA have commissioned an independent inquiry into the events outside the stadium, which will be led by Portuguese politician Dr Tiago Brandao Rodrigues and according to sources, is expected to be released before the end of the year.

Klopp said that members of his family were caught up in the scenes outside the stadium, and he told ESPN it is crucial that the inquiry discovers the truth of what happened in order to prevent a repeat happening in the future.

"A lot of people have had to take back what they said before [about the fans]," Klopp told ESPN in Bangkok ahead of a pre-season tour of Thailand. "Our people are behind it [the inquiry] and want to make sure that we really get the full truth in the end. That will be really important for the future because people shouldn't be afraid of going to a Champions League final.

"In their minds, it should just be excitement and joy, looking forward to it. Not 'how can I get into the stadium?' That shouldn't be part of the preparation.

"We can't change it for this day anymore, but we can change it for all other days. It

was a special situation because it was rather late that Paris knew it would host the final, but I think there was enough time.

"Saint Denis, the stadium, they have a lot of events. It could have been better and they know it."

Klopp, whose Liverpool team face Manchester United in a friendly in Bangkok on Tuesday, admits he was unaware of the full extent of the situation outside the Stade de France prior to the game against Real.

But he said that, having since spoken to family members, he now has a full picture of the events before the game.

"I think we are getting closer [to the full story]," he said. "In the first week or so, when I was on holiday, the distance between what happened and what was delivered was quite big.

"You think, ok, because we were not outside. We didn't know, but we got information first-hand because our families were and they had to go exactly through that path. The owners had to go through this.

"If you haven't experienced it yourself, you listen to the people who know and they will tell you the truth. I know the truth, I know what happened.

"Why it happened? I think you can have a sense that it definitely was not perfectly organised.

"It's definitely true as well that we were all lucky that nothing else happened because, when you have a situation like this, everything, anything can pretty much happen.

"That's the positive outcome of it, but apart from that, when you speak of the Champions League final that day, it should be 'how did we lose the game,' but nobody speaks about that.

"It is all about the circumstances around it. Yes, it might take time, but it's important that it is clarified."

(Agencies)

Will court case revive European Super League? Explaining what's at stake



Fans around Europe turned out in droves to protest against the proposed European Super League last year, but a court case this week could see it given a chance. (Agencies)

By Gabriele Marcotti, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

THE media may be full of transfer stories right now – Cristiano Ronaldo's future, Barcelona's hunt for Robert Lewandowski, Paul Pogba's second homecoming at Juventus – but something far more important, something that could change the club game forever, was to be argued in a Luxembourg courtroom on Monday and Tuesday.

Case C-333/21 will be heard by the European Union's Court of Justice (CJEU) at the request of a Spanish court that has asked for an interpretation of European competition law. The outcome will either cement the existing "European model" of football – with its pyramid structure and its governing body, UEFA, acting as both competition organiser and regulator – or it will lead to the game's Big Bang moment, opening the door to a European Super League like the one that was quickly quashed in the spring of 2021.

Or, because these are lawyers and these matters are complex, we could end up with some legal gobbledygook that leaves room for some sort of "Super League lite," albeit without many of the perks the original Super League Twelve assigned themselves (i.e. no guaranteed places, more open access, greater solidarity payments flowing down the pyramid).

Q: Is it really that dramatic?

A: I think so. At the heart of it are two models of running sport. The current model effectively gives much of the power to governing bodies – such as national associations, UEFA and FIFA – on the basis that they are run by elected officials and represent the entire "pyramid" of football: from the biggest right down to amateur and youth athletes.

This setup has been largely taken for granted for the past 50 years or so, but it's now being challenged by an alternate model that would shift a fair amount of power away from governing bodies and into the hands of the biggest clubs, who are the ones generating a lot of the revenue.

Q: What are the three rebel Super League clubs – Juventus, Real Madrid and Barcelona – arguing?

A: They say UEFA are operating an illegal monopoly over European football because they organise the European competitions like the Champions League and Europa League, and at the same time act as a governing body for the sport. The clubs say they should be free to organise their own tournament, divide up the revenues as they see fit and invite whoever they like to join.

Technically, they can already do this – nobody's forcing them to play in the Champions League; they could compete in their own league instead, if they liked – but in real terms they can't, because there are a bunch of hurdles in the way. For example, their players would be banned from international competitions like the

World Cup, they would have trouble transferring players to non-Super League clubs, and in some leagues, they could get kicked out of their domestic competitions, like LaLiga in Spain or Serie A in Italy. So in practice, they say, they're not allowed to compete the way they would want to.

European competition law is designed to encourage fair competition and stop entities from abusing dominant positions. UEFA regulate the sport in Europe, but they also organise the biggest, most lucrative international competitions (and, in so doing, effectively compete with clubs for sponsors and broadcast revenue too). The Super League clubs insist UEFA should not be allowed to do both.

Q: What's the counterargument?

A: UEFA can point to the fact that they're not some sort of self-appointed oligarchy running the game, but they are elected, ultimately, by everyone in the system and that's who they answer to. Their stated mission is to act for the good of the sport as a whole. That means acting as a regulator, sure, but also funding the system and organising the game's most important international club competitions.

UEFA redistributes the vast majority of the net revenues they get back to clubs and national associations. It helps the former grow, and it allows the latter to develop the game, investing in areas such as football for youth athletes and athletes with disabilities, which in many cases might not be sustainable on their own.

Q: It kinda sounds like capitalism vs. socialism...

A: In some ways it is, though there's a lot of give-and-take from both sides. The original Super League proposal, for example, set aside a chunk of money in "solidarity payments" that would have gone to clubs and national associations not involved in the Super League. (Nowhere near as much as UEFA gives away out of the Champions League revenue, but still a sizeable amount.)

And on the other front, UEFA have moved closer over the years to what the biggest clubs want. They've given the European Club Association (ECA) seats on the UEFA executive committee, they've expanded and

redesigned the Champions League to generate more revenue, they've set up a joint venture with clubs to better sell commercial rights. And, of course, the bigger clubs get a bigger share of revenue than they did in the past.

But that's why this ruling is so important. If it lands decisively on one side or the other, it is going to completely change the relationship and the balance of power.

Q: How so?

A: Well, if it's totally in favour of the Super League clubs, it's pretty obvious. They can form their own tournament, sell their own commercial and broadcast rights and still be entitled to play in their domestic leagues without any sort of sanction, for example. There's no penalty for doing any of that. Heck, we could have an NBA-style global Super League, with investors paying franchise fees and setting up clubs in major cities like Berlin or Moscow (or heck, maybe Dubai and New York).

Equally, if they come down strongly on the side of UEFA and argue that clubs have to accept the current system, that's a potential game-changer too. After all, UEFA negotiate European cup formats – and revenue distribution – with stakeholders like clubs (via the ECA).

They would have even more leverage to do so than they do now, and they might end up with more leverage vis-a-vis FIFA too (remember, relations between UEFA and FIFA are far from idyllic). It will also likely create a precedent that will shut down (or make much more difficult) further breakaway attempts, or something like we saw in golf with the Saudi investment in the LIV Golf tour.

They will have to consider the broader impact their decision will have in the future, and I think this is going to be one of the more interesting things that will go into the court's deliberations. That may be part of the reason it's going to take them 10 to 12 weeks to come up with a verdict.

Q: Does that mean they're more likely to end up somewhere in the middle?

A: Maybe not in the middle, but somewhere between the two ex-

tremes, for sure. One thing that, I think, will be emphasised is that "closed leagues" (or de facto closed leagues, like the Super League was, with its 27-year licence) are off the table. But the Super League, for example, may push for something like what exists in basketball with the EuroLeague.

Some teams qualify for it every year, other teams acquire multiyear licences (up to 10 years) based on their achievements, infrastructure and the revenue they bring. They say it's necessary to guarantee financial stability and future investment, because missing out on the Champions League for even one year can cost a club anywhere from 20% to 40% of their revenue.

I'd expect UEFA's lawyers to make some sort of "specificity of sport" argument: a legal concept that says sports aren't just any other business. They're an intrinsic part of European culture, they have a social value, they can't be left to the whims of a free market. It's a little bit like utility companies or the fire department, or even schools: private and state-owned can exist side-by-side, but there have to be rules in place to protect everybody.

Q: Care to make a prediction about which way it's going to go?

A: Not really, but since you ask, I'd imagine they will land somewhere closer to the UEFA position.

Folks who follow the CJEU more closely than I do tell me that it's a political court and that they don't rule in a vacuum. They take into account prevailing sentiment – among governments, stakeholders, fans and voters – and support for the Super League is very limited, outside of the three rebel clubs and their fans and possibly a portion of the supporters of clubs like Milan, Inter and Atletico Madrid (who would benefit the most).

The six Premier League clubs who were involved and did a sharp U-turn after fan protests are also officially against it, and some have even pledged never to be a part of it... though you wonder if they'd change their mind based on the verdict. There may be some private equity people or other investors and maybe some broadcasters/sponsors who would favour it, but right now, they're all quiet.

Most European governments have weighed in against the rebel clubs. So too have most national associations, most leagues, most official fan groups, FIFA, the players' union FIFPro and the ECA. There's a ton of political weight and institutions hoping for a UEFA-friendly verdict here, and I think that matters.

Ten Hag: Ronaldo not available for transfer

BANGKOK, Thailand

MANCHESTER United manager Erik ten Hag insisted Cristiano Ronaldo is not available for transfer and that he is planning on having the striker in his squad next season.

Ten Hag revealed he had a conversation with Ronaldo before news broke that the 37-year-old wants to leave Old Trafford this summer but said the pair have not spoken since.

Ronaldo has been granted time off to deal with a family issue and has not travelled to Bangkok ahead of the first game of the pre-season against Liverpool at the Rajamangala National Stadium on Tuesday.

"He's not with us and it's due to personal issues," ten Hag said at a news conference Monday.

"We are planning for Cristiano Ronaldo for the season and that's it. I'm looking forward to working with him. I have read [that he wants to leave], but what I say is Cristiano is not for sale, he is in our plans and we want success together.

"I spoke with him before this issue came up, I had a conversation with him and I had a good talk. That is between Cristiano and me, what I can confirm is we had a really good conversation together."

Ten Hag has arrived in Thailand with Tyrell Malacia as the only new signing in the squad. Sources have told ESPN that United are chasing Frenkie de Jong and Lisandro Martinez, and ten Hag admitted he is keen to strengthen his midfield.

Christian Eriksen is expected to sign a three-year deal following a medical and could join up with the squad in Australia.

"We know what we want," ten Hag said. "We not only want new players, we want the right new players. We have a good squad, there's huge potential, only when we find [the right players to make] an improvement in our squad we will do [it]."

"Definitely we are searching for players in midfield. We have a need and we are still looking for players.

"It's going to be a long season but a season that is quite unusual due to the World Cup, so you need to be prepared for this and need more players than in a normal season."

Ten Hag also confirmed that Harry Maguire will remain club captain.

"I have to get to know all of the players, and that takes time, but he has been captain for years," he said. "He has achieved a lot of success, so I don't doubt this issue."

Maguire is training away from the main group because of a minor injury. Meanwhile, Fred has told ESPN that dressing room leaks at Manchester United will have to stop, but the Brazilian midfielder insists stories of a divided squad last season were overblown.

Suggestions of unrest among players at Old Trafford overshadowed an already miserable campaign as United slumped to a sixth-place finish in the Premier League.

And as the squad begin their new era under Erik ten Hag, Fred has urged his teammates to help their chances of success by sticking together and "minimising" rumours leaking out.

"Manchester United are a huge club, one of the biggest in the world so there'll always be rumours about the dressing room and numerous other things and we need to minimise this," Fred said in an interview with ESPN in Bangkok.

"Unfortunately a lot of fake news comes out in the media trying to harm our dressing room. We weren't doing well in the league.

"We have to protect ourselves from this, remaining strong and most importantly supporting your teammates every day.

"Last season we weren't good enough in everything we did.

"It's behind us now. We now have to think about the future, next season. We need to forget about last season, identify the errors and not repeat them."

Ten Hag is set to take charge of his first game on Tuesday when United play Liverpool in the Rajamangala National Stadium in Bangkok.

The Dutchman is stepping up his preparations for the new season on the summer tour of Thailand and Australia after having two weeks with his players at Carrington and Fred says the new boss has already made an impression.

"He's a great manager, everyone knows what he's achieved," he said.

"I'm sure great things are coming. He's very detailed in his work. I really like his work, I followed it at Ajax.

"He's always on the pitch making demands of us, constantly communicating with the players. This is really important for both me and the group.

"There are some new rules. There are things that he asks you to do, that's part of his work and our daily routine. We have to embrace them and work hard to improve."

Gwiji by David Chikoko



SPORT

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Gael Bigirimana. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

Bigirimana in pursuit of more glory at Yanga

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

YANGA's newly signed midfielder Gael Bigirimana has lifted the lid on reasons for his decision to move to the side, saying he will cooperate with his teammates to see to it the outfit achieves more glory.

The Burundian footballer was officially unveiled to Yanga's members and fanatics at the outfit's election that was held in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

Bigirimana, former England's Newcastle United midfielder, said he has come to Yanga to work as part of his long-term plans to return to Africa, a continent he left at a young age.

"I came to Yanga due to the history and size of this team, I have been hearing about it that it is a big club in Africa, and many African players, especially those from our region, are eager to play here," the midfielder noted.

Bigirimana added: "I am not the first player to play in Europe and return to Africa and I will not be the last."

"I have played to the best of my ability and everyone has seen, now it is my turn to play on my continent as I have been in Europe for many years," the footballer revealed.

The star, who can play in all mid-field areas, especially the defensive midfield, said his arrival at Yanga is aimed at garnering various trophies in tournaments his side will participate in and make the fans happy.

"The main issue is to work with my teammates to make sure we win the top honours in competitions we will be participating in, secondly to make Yanga the most respected team in Africa."

"The players that are on the side are the best and I am the best so if we cooperate I believe we will create a fearsome team," the midfielder revealed.

Bigirimana played for England's U-20 national team before deciding to play for Burundi's national team.

Yanga's new president, Hersi Said, disclosed during Bigirimana's introduction that earning respect in African football is the side's goal and that is why the outfit is signing the best players.

The leader noted: "This one comes from England, he is not an ordinary player and we are doing this to build a respectable Yanga that will lift major trophies at home and outside the country."

Bigirimana has signed for Yanga as a free agent after ending his contract with the Irish Premier League side, Glentoran FC.

The midfielder previously played for Solihull Moors of England, Hibernian FC, Motherwell FC, and Rangers of Scotland, as well as Coventry, and Newcastle United of England.

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Mbwana Samatta goes back to Fenerbahce for pre-season preps

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA's senior national team 'Taifa Stars' forward Mbwana Samatta has returned to preparations for next season with his Turkish outfit Fenerbahce.

More than 40 players, a few second-string squad players, and those out on loan also reported back.

Before Sunday's game, Fenerbahce had played a friendly game against England's side, Hull City.

The Turkish club already played five games in which in one way or another the team's coach, Jorge Jesus, has begun getting a proper look at his squad for next season.

Jesus, a new coach of the Turkish football giants, wanted more friendly matches to keep his players fit before playing against Dinamo Kyiv in Ukraine in the second round of the UEFA Champions League.

In these pre-season games, Jesus will come to conclusion on players to be left out of his squad based on the tactical plans he has and those who fail to conform to his systems will be shown the door and others will be released on loan.

The Portuguese coach has held the position of Samatta that was in Belgium playing for Royal Antwerp FC on loan last season.

Samatta is one of the players required to report early to the Fenerbahce camp and Jesus wanted to see the Tanzanian international striker in advance and discuss his plans with him.

The 'Taifa Stars' captain, who has scored one goal in the pre-season, is waiting for Jesus to find out whether the latter will decide to keep the forward in his squad after last season's loan spell in Belgium.

In addition to Samatta, there are 10 other Fenerbahce strikers and the question is who will remain and who will leave that is in Jesus's hands and he will make those decisions before the start of the season.

Ecuadorian Enner Valencia was linked with a move away from Fenerbahce due to a recent interview, however, he appears to be doing well in preparation for next season as he has scored in a row over the past three games.

In his interview, he pointed out: "When I first moved to Fenerbahce, I was playing on the wide areas then I started scoring goals after playing as a forward."

"Last season was not good for various reasons but next week my agent will come to Turkey to discuss my future."

German striker Mergim Berisha will be in his second season playing for Fenerbahce and last season which was his first did not go well for him as he scored just four goals in 22 games. In the pre-season games, Berisha has scored two goals.

Eren Bayraktar is a striker who seems to be experienced in Fenerbahce's first team, he has yet to score a single goal, last season he played for the club's under-19 team and reserve team.

Although last season was the first for Serdar Dursun in Turkey with Fenerbahce, the German national showed the club's leadership that they made no mistake in signing him as he scored 15 goals.

Dursun, former Germany's Darmstadt striker, appears to be on fire for offshore in pre-season training and has scored two goals.

Like Bayraktar, Arda Kurtulan is a budding youngster in the Fenerbahce squad and has a lot to learn from experienced strikers.

Armindo Bangna is a new signing for the Fenerbahce squad. He is a Portuguese national but was born in Guinea-Bissau.

Melih Bostan is 18 years old, which allows him to learn from Samatta and others.

Umut Keceli has not scored a single goal, and he is one of the players who played for the Fenerbahce youth team after doing well last season for the team in preparation for next season.

Diego Rossi is the Uruguayan international striker who last season scored six goals with Fenerbahce, in this pre-season scoring one goal.

Serbian coach Zoran Maki's mandate at Simba SC revealed

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

SIMBA SC has turned to Zoran Maki to lead their revival mission, with the Serbian gaffer penning a one-year deal at the Msimbazi Street outfit with the option of renewing.

Maki was officially unveiled as the new Simba SC coach on Tuesday, two weeks after it was confirmed he would replace Spaniard Franco Martin.

Simba SC's Media and Communication Manager, Ahmed Ally, revealed that Maki who previously coached CAF Champions League winners, Wydad AC, is expected to do well in the NBC Premier League, Azam Sports Federation Cup, as well as qualifying for the CAF Champions League semi-finals.

All noted: "We are in the press to unveil Simba's new vision ahead of the new season. In front of you is our new coach, Zoran Maki."

The official revealed: "Coach Maki has signed a one-year contract with us but we can extend the contract if he achieves the set goals."

Ally stated: "We want to reclaim the Premier League title, the Azam Sports Federation Cup and Community Shield, in the CAF Champions League, we want to reach the semi-finals."

The Msimbazi Reds are planning to travel to Egypt for their first pre-season tour.

Ally confirmed the team will leave for Egypt on Thursday with all players except those who will be reporting for Tanzania's senior national squad 'Taifa Stars' camp to prepare for African Nations Championship qualifiers' tie against Somalia.

The official stated: "Our team will leave Dar es Salaam on July 14 for the Egyptian city of Ismailia and return on August 5."

Ally pointed out: "We will leave with all the players except those who will be reporting for the national team duties. We will return for the annual Simba Day festival."

Speaking to journalists on Tuesday at lunchtime, Maki vowed the dethroned league champions would reclaim their domestic titles and also do well in the CAF Champions League next season.

"I have had success in various teams that I have worked for. Simba SC is the biggest team in Tanzania," the tactician pointed out.

He revealed: "It is a big challenge for me for the success they have had in Africa so there is work to be done."

"I'm here to make Simba better than last season. This year they finished second, next season they have to be first, last season they competed in the Confederation Cup and this year they have to do well in the CAF Cham-



Simba SC's new coach, Zoran Manojlovic, addressed journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday once the tactician was introduced to the club's members and followers. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

pions League."

The tactician said: "I am well informed about all the signings that have been made by the management for the new season. The pre-season is enough to analyze all the players."

"Every country that I have worked in before has big derby matches, so to do well you must be prepared to play such matches."

Flexibles by David Chikoko



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17:00 SSELEKT
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18:00 #Newz
18:30 Bongo Hits
19:00 EATV SAA 1
20:00 DADAZ (r)
21:00 UJENZI
21:30 Movie
22:30 Zote kuntu
23:00 KURASA
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