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BoT: Economy healthy, expect even stronger growth ahead

By Guardian Reporter

BANK of Tanzania statistics show that the country's economy performed well in the first quarter of the 2020/21 financial year despite disruptions caused by Covid-19, projecting even stronger growth this year.

The latest report by the monetary policy committee (MPC) of the central bank says that the economy continued to demonstrate satisfactory performance,

despite global spill-over effects of the pandemic.

"In the context of the recent performance in key areas of the economy, the MPC observed that the growth projection of 5.5 percent in 2020 will be realized, and strong growth of around 6 per cent or more is expected in 2021," it stated.

In the first half of 2020 growth averaged 4.9 per cent, largely driven by construction, agriculture, transport, along with mining

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Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi bids farewell to an Anglican Church of Tanzania delegation led by Zanzibar-based Bishop Michael Hafidh (2nd-L) after they paid him a visit at Zanzibar State House yesterday. Photo: Zanzibar State House

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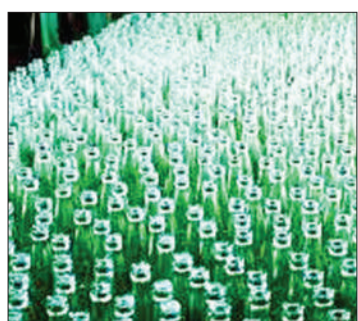
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JPM to see launch of key forest plantation

By Guardian Reporter, Chato

PRESIDENT John Magufuli is today scheduled to launch the government's second largest forest plantation in Chato District, Geita Region.

Briefing reporters on the event here yesterday, Regional Commissioner Robert Gabriel said that the tree farm located at Butengo village sits on 69,000 hectares of land, or 690 square kilometers.

This makes it second only to Sao Hill plantation in Mafinga, Iringa Region which occupies 135,900 hectares of land, 47,900 of which is natural forest, with the forest plantation covering some 88,000 hectares.

Established in the 2017/18 financial year, Chato Forest is 23rd government-owned forests managed by the Tanzania Forest Service (TFS).

The Chato Forest has been carved out of the Biharamulo Forest Plantation, established on the Biharamulo-Kahama Forest Reserve gazetted back in 1954.

"It is our expectation that tree-planting activities on this plantation will boost the economy of this region as a major source of raw materials like timber, poles and for paper

milling," he said.

"Beekeeping will gain a new impetus as well as forest conservation in the region and in the Lake Zone as a whole," he stated.

After presiding over the launch of the plantation, the president will proceed to Mbogwe district in the region to open a health centre, the RC indicated.

The overseer of these resources TFS is an executive agency mandated with the management of national forest and bee resources in a sustainable manner by ensuring sustainable supply of various forest and bee products and services, ensuring stable ecosystems and biological diversity.

Tanzania's largest forest plantation Sao Hill extends from Iringa region and small part of Kilombero District in Morogoro Region, 100 km south of Iringa municipality and 15 km from Mafinga town on the Tanzania-Zambia (TANZAM) highway.

The road cuts through on the south western part of the plantation, with the area also being accessible to the south at Mgololo by Tanzania Zambia Railway (TAZARA).

Airlines cut fares, lift 'Destination Tanzania'

By Guardian Reporter

MAJOR international airlines have cut their return tickets from Europe to Tanzania from January through October this year to attract more tourists, travel agencies affirm.

A travel update published by Simple Flying—a worldwide aviation news website—says that most airlines have since pegged their return tickets from London to under £450 (1.4m/-)

A variety of carriers are currently offering one-stop itineraries from London to various Tanzanian destinations up to October, the update noted, asserting that despite its popularity especially for Mount Kilimanjaro, finding fares below £450 return in economy is an uphill effort.

Several airlines connect through hubs in Europe and the Middle East to offer "great-



value itineraries" from London's Heathrow and Gatwick airports, it stated.

"These itineraries provide bargain returns to three exciting Tanzanian destinations. The cheapest of these is Dar es Salaam, a popular tourist city. Also coming in under £450 are Kilimanjaro, known for Africa's highest mountain, and the island of Zanzibar," it reads.

The news named the carriers in these itineraries as Turkish Airlines, Qatar Airways and Dutch flag carrier KLM. It remarked however

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'Middle-income status a call to work harder'

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

middle-income status last year.

TANZANIANS have been challenged to work harder instead of relaxing after the country attained lower-

The Minister for Finance and Planning, Dr Philip Mpango, said here yesterday that after climbing to upper ranking, efforts must be

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Free education sees AAF call for enrolment of young PwD

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

PARENTS of children with disabilities have been urged to register them in schools now that the government provides fee free education aimed at ensuring that all Tanzanians access education.

The call was made by Suleiman Magoma, the director of Albinism Awareness Foundation (AAF), a local non-governmental organisation (NGO) in Dodoma, saying through the systems, the government has made it possible to all children, including those with disabilities, most of who are from poor families to get education.

He made a statement during a visit to the Buigiri Primary School for the Blind in Chamwino district, Dodoma region.

The school, home to 120 pupils, has about 50 totally blind students, 11 have severe visual impairment and the others have normal vision while 14 are those with albinism.

Almost all of the pupils in the school, especially those with blindness come from very poor, rural families who simply cannot afford the fees for boarding and tuition. "I urge parents of children with albinism and other forms of disabilities to come forward and enroll them in schools for them to get quality fee free education their government provide in all public schools in the country" he said.

During the occasion, AAF donated equipment worth Sh 5.2 mn/- which included, walking sticks, boxes of sunscreen oil, special eye glasses for those with poor vision, caps and telescopes.

Magoma said the donation was contribution from friends, well-wishers and work mates who saw the need to touch lives of the less

fortunate pupils.

He called on other stakeholders to join the government efforts in helping the disabled children attain their goals just like other normal children. "What we have done is in support of what the government is doing to ensure the disabled get their rights" he said.

Magoma who is living with albinism called on stakeholders to also support children with albinism access education materials like books, pens, monocular telescope, hats, sunscreen oil, among others.

He thanked President John Magufuli and the entire government for the support, love and trust they have shown on people with albinism and other forms of disabilities.

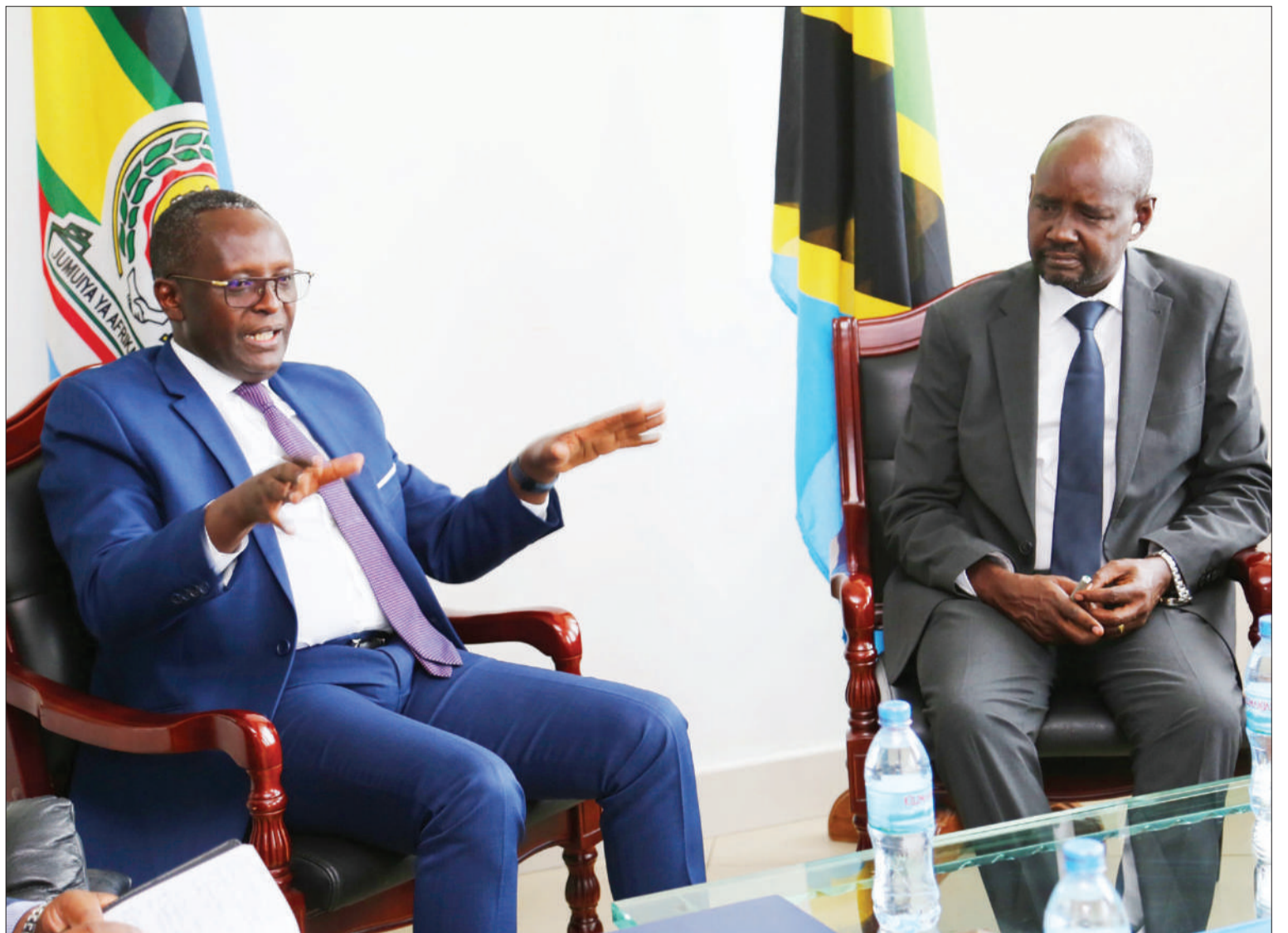
Magoma noted that reduced cases of killings on people with disabilities is a clear sign that the government was committed to ending the vice in the country completely.

School head teacher, Sospeter Jonathan thanked the organisation for the support, saying pupils needs a lot of support.

He said the government is doing a lot but still a lot more is needed, bearing in mind that most of the pupils come from very poor families.



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Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation deputy minister William ole Nasha (R) has a word in Dodoma city yesterday with East African Legislative Assembly Speaker Martin Ngoga in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

BoT: Economy healthy, expect even stronger growth ahead

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and quarrying, it said.

Inflation remained low in the last six months of 2020, ranging from 3.0 to 3.3 per cent, owing to adequate grain supplies and other basic staples, low oil prices and a stable exchange rate, it further noted.

Inflation is expected to remain within the projected band of 3-5 per cent, as upward inflationary pressures remain muted. Based on projected favourable macroeconomic conditions hereto, the exchange

rate is expected to remain stable. Furthermore, the MPC considered efforts made by the central bank to expand credit to the private sector and reduce lending interest rates, and recommended continuing to engage stakeholders to succeed in this endeavour, it elaborated.

The external sector sustained satisfactory performance, bolstered by exports, particularly gold, crops and manufactured goods. Foreign reserves remained adequate; covering upwards of five to six months of imports, while the performance of

government fiscal operations was on track, with rising tax revenues, it stated.

The committee noted that an accommodative monetary policy succeeded in lowering short-term interest rates, thus creating favourable conditions for trade and investment activities.

Private sector credit growth averaged 5.1 percent in the last six months of 2020, and is expected to regain momentum in the second half of fiscal 2020/21 as the global economy stabilises, it said.

"The banking sector remained

profitable and adequately capitalized, with capacity to withstand shocks," the committee underlined.

The MPC, at its 212th ordinary meeting held on 22nd January 2021, decided that BoT continues with an accommodative monetary policy to facilitate growth through credit to the private sector. The central bank will auction Treasury bills and bonds for government budgetary operations in accordance with the 2020/21 Government Issuance Plan, it added.



Simanjiro and Hanang legislators Christopher ole Sendeka (L) and Samwel Hhayuma (R), respectively, join other mourners in carrying the casket bearing the body of Special Seats colleague Martha Umbulla just before her burial in Dongobeshi ward in Mbulu District yesterday. She died on Thursday in India, where she was undergoing treatment. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

'Middle-income status a call to work harder'

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made by public and private sector entities to increase productivity and growth to make the ranking sustainable.

Scaling up global economic ranking from low to middle-income status makes a country more freely and independently plan its budget without the need for external support.

Officiating at the opening of the ministry's Workers' Council meeting, the minister said higher ranking implies that our country must work hard to continue attaining the desired positive change. "We have to work hard, sweating for the betterment of Tanzania," he stated.

On 1st July last year, the World Bank declared Tanzania a lower middle-income country, being a major milestone. "This was quite an achievement that called for a celebration in Tanzania and as the minister for economy I was really moved by the announcement," he declared.

The World Bank said Tanzania has made economic reforms, including making consistent plans and taking hard decisions aimed at improving its economic development, therefore it has been recognized as a lower-middle-income country.

Tanzania in 2019 recorded economic growth of seven percent, making the country one of the fastest-growing economies in Africa. Statistics show that Tanzania has a total population of 56.2m with \$1,050.68 in gross domestic product per capita.

Dr Mpango noted that success to gain middle-income status five years before expectations set out in

Vision 2025 showed that that with dedication and vision everything is possible.

However, he warned that for the government to maintain the tempo, workers, especially at the Treasury should refrain from "business as usual" attitudes, urging disciplinary measures on non performing workers.

"Let me remind you that doing things as usual is no longer acceptable in the ministry and those marked with laxity or prone to misappropriating funds have no place here" he said.

He called on Permanent Secretary Doto James to take measures within his powers to lay off such workers, along with those showing gross misconduct.

The minister stressed that there is no need to have so many workers at the ministry while just a few are toiling to make things better for Tanzanians, and others are joy-riders. At the same time he tasked those in leadership positions to nurture a culture of meeting with subordinates to help iron out frictions and disputes.

Experience has shown that disagreements at work are common in places where basic cooperation between leaders and those below them are not observed, he stated.

On a different note, Dr Mpango took issues with staff who do not adhere to ethics and formal code of conduct that they pledged to uphold, charging that leakage of government secrets is on the increase.

In this ICT era lot of classified information spills to the public through some civil servants, and any Treasury official caught in the trap will face legal measures, he added.

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that some of the Tanzanian services are 'triangular,' meaning serving two destinations in the country.

"This means that the outbound leg may be a one-stop journey, whereas the return will have two (or vice versa)."

Tanzania reopened its skies for international passenger flights mid-May last year at a time when many countries had closed their borders due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Since then, groups of tourists have been flocking to northern circuit spots and Zanzibar as fears over the severity

of Covid-19 pandemic rapidly began to fade, raising hopes for the tourism sector, still smarting from a long stretch of travel cancellations.

Tourism is one of the pillars of Tanzania's economy, contributing about 17.2 per cent to the gross domestic product and 25 per cent of foreign exchange earnings. The sector provides direct employment to more than 600,000 people and raised \$2.4bn in 2018, official statistics indicate.

President John Magufuli was recently quoted saying that the number of arrivals was still below capacity given the size of the country and its world-renowned attractions.

He advised the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism and its agencies to diversify tourism products and conduct promotions to increase the number of arrivals and boost income.

"There is a huge potential in cruise ship tourism, beach tourism as well as conference tourism. Make good use of these opportunities," he president asserted, underlining that the 1.5m arrivals registered by 2019 are low compared to the breadth of tourist attractions the country maintains.

"Mauritius attracts the same number of tourists only through beach tourism," he added

By Guardian Reporter

TANESCO directed to work together with inventor of new 'magnetic' power plant

ENERGY'S deputy minister Stephen Byabato has instructed Tanzania Electric Supply Company (TANESCO) to work together with the inventor of power generating plant using magnet by making another new plant within two weeks.

He issued the instructions early this week when he visited the innovator, Rogers Msuya (52) at his home in Dar es Salaam to see his innovation of a power generating plant using a magnet after he received the report of his innovation.

Deputy minister Byabato said all costs for making the plant will be met by the government through TANESCO.

He expressed his pleasure with the innovation saying if a huge power plant is made using a magnet would enable TANESCO, at a much lower cost to send electricity to areas still without REA and TANESCO power.

The deputy minister told

Msuya that in case the technology becomes successful, he will make sure his patent rights on the innovation will be protected including legal agreements with Tanesco to manufacture power plants.

For his part, Rogers Msuya told the Deputy Minister that the plant he manufactured had the capacity to produce 5 KVA, equivalent to 5,000 watts and added that in

case he gets cooperation from the government, he can develop the technology.

He said up to now he has made 10 prototypes of plants and acquired various people to use them on trial basis and he has not received any complaints from

them during the period of eight years.

He said the main quality of the plant is that it is silent, environment friendly and can operate for more than 20 years without maintenance.

He thanked the deputy

minister and other ministries and TANESCO officials for visiting him to see his innovation.

During the visit Byabato was accompanied by the Assistant Commissioner (Power), Innocent Luoga (who represented the Commissioner, TANESCO's deputy managing director (transport) Isaac Chanji (who represented TANESCO's managing director and other experts from the Ministry of Energy and TANESCO and newsmen.



Inviolat Dominick (R), a researcher with the Arusha branch of World Vegetable Centre, briefs a participant of a meeting on nutrition on ways to boost the role of vegetables in improving nutrition. This in Arusha city at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Woinde Shizza

Former PM roots for cultivation of nutritious crops to reduce stunting

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

FORMER Prime Minister Mizengo Pinda has said that the only way to address the serious problem of malnutrition which threatens the well-being of the country at the moment is to encourage the cultivation of nutritious crops to reduce stunting from 32 to 24 per cent.

Pinda made the call yesterday here when he speaking at the pan-African summit aimed at exploring the role of traditional vegetables in strengthening and diversifying food systems, reducing poverty, energizing the industry, and improving health and income for all citizens.

The three-day forum brought on board a number of experts on the sector from across the continent and the world at large.

He said that in order to reduce thinning to less than five percent, the rate set by the World Health Organization (WHO), there is a need to increase production of horticultural products from 7,230,217 tonnes to 14,600,000 tonnes by 2025.

"If we're to achieve these goals, we need to identify a number of factors, including capacity building of

local government and private institutions to reduce the cost of certification of exports, especially vegetables, whose main investors are women and youth," the ex-premier said.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), a total of 821 million people suffer from malnutrition-related eating disorders.

Pinda who is also a chairman of the Agri Thamani Foundation, said in Tanzania, malnutrition is a serious problem, whereby the 2018 nutrition status data, shows that more children are the highly affected group.

Statistics show that children aged 0 to 5, three million children stunted and 1.3 million children are underweight, while at the same age group, five million are anemic. Three million children of the same age are Vitamin A deficiency—a leading cause of preventable blindness in children and increase the risk of disease and death from severe infections such as diarrhoeal disease and measles.

It also estimated that 32 percent of women aged between 14 and 49 are overweight.

Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Director for the World Vegetable Center operations Dr

Gabriel Rugalema said the summit would ensure they formulate a strategy that will encourage the growth of the vegetables as well as how to care for them.

An economist from the East African Business Council (EABC), Adrian Njau urged the stakeholders to focus on the production of their traditional vegetables, rather than relying on imported produce and researching more local vegetables.



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Plastic Twines to be banned in the Country

By Guardian Reporter Tanga

Spinning Mill located at Pongwe, has narrated that the Government is looking forward to ban all plastic twines sold in the country either imported or made in Tanzania from imported raw materials. This move will help protect the local spinning mills and our environment. The plastic twines are not biodegradable and pollutes the environment while sisal twines when disposed turns into compost. PM has added that this is a task for NEMC to look into what type of plastic twines to be banned first because they pollute the environment and we have got local spinning mills producing full range of sisal twines which are biodegradable.

Prime Minister was on official tour in Tanga to inspect sisal estates and factories manufacturing different products made of sisal fibres. After inspecting the Amboni Spinning Mill and observed big stock pile of sisal products which

have been accumulated for lack of market because of plastic twines, he said there is a need for government to review the laws governing the importation and manufacturing of plastic twines in the country.

"We will review the act/law governing the manufacturing and importation of plastic twines which are not biodegradable while we have local sisal spinning mills which have produced full range of sisal twines and ropes and they just piled up in warehouses for lack of market. We have promoted sisal growing; it is mandatory that we also protect factories producing products using sisal fibres." Said the Prime Minister.

Source from Sisal Association of Tanzania (SAT) has said the ban will not affect fishing twines which are also made of plastic twines. This is because currently sisal spinning mills have not made products suitable for fishing.

All local spinning mills in the country have got a total installed



The Prime Minister of the united Republic of Tanzania, Hon Kassim Majaliwa

capacity of 35,500 tons. Capacity utilization is only 20% because of lack of markets. When the ban is introduced, factories will immediately meet the full demand and create employment for many more. It is expected

that our EAC sisal twine exports will grow rapidly as partner states may follow our example to protect our environment. This move will contribute hugely on national GDP because Sisal has got the longest value chain.



Tanga Regional Police Commander Blasius Chatanda shows journalists in Tanga city at the weekend a gun he said police impounded from bandits. Photo: Correspondent Boniface Gideon

Mbarali hold more than 200 cattle in Ihefu basin

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

AUTHORITIES in Mbarali District, Mbeya Region have seized more than 200 cattle in Ihefu basin in ongoing operation in the wetland, the main source of Great Ruaha River, which is a lifeline of Ruaha National Park.

Last week, Mbeya Regional Commissioner, Albert Chalamila urged pastoralists who invaded the basin to voluntarily remove their livestock from the wetland.

Izombe Msindai senior assistant commissioner for conservation Ruaha National Park said after the order of the Regional Commissioner, 90 per cent of pastoralists withdrew their livestock and a few stubborn people were the ones whose livestock were seized.

"In the operation, security forces found three herds of cattle and then decided to keep the herders in custody," he said, adding:

He said the operation is ongoing until all cattle are moved out from the wetland as "we have found that some pastoralists were temporarily removing the animals and returning them after discovering that operation had been discontinued."

According to him, the presence of livestock within the basin has ecological consequences due to the basin being one of the major sources of the Great Ruaha River.

He said the livestock were destroying the source and making the river incapable of flowing all year round, a situation that affected living organisms that depended on the river as well as other economic activities.

The official said since 1995 when the pastoralists started invading the basin, the Great Ruaha River has been drying up for between two and five months each year unlike in the past where it was flooding all year round.

"The destruction of this river has an impact not only on wild animals but also on humans, as you can see the environment is badly damaged," he said.

RC Chalamila urged the forces to continue with the operation to ensure the entire wetland is free from livestock.

He tasked security forces to focus more on an area called Nyota, where there are some pastoralists who have camped with their livestock.



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By Guardian Correspondent, Mbulu

Mbulu DC orders suspension of District Executive Director

THE District Commissioner for Mbulu in Manyara Region Chelestino Mofuga had directed the District Executive Director for the council to suspend the headmaster for Maretadu secondary school over incompetence.

According to the DC the head teacher has failed to timely complete the construction of four classrooms at the school.

He issued the directive when inspecting infrastructure

including the construction of the infrastructure at the school.

"There is no way the government has issued all the money required but the project is not complete up to now, I therefore I direct the suspension of the head master who was in charge of the project," he said.

The DC also directed the DED

to suspend the constructor for a hostel for incompetency.

Mofuga said there was a deliberate delay in the implementation of the project despite the government issuing all the required funds.

He said in implementing the project, the government released funds worth 175m/- for the project

since 2020 but it seems officials decided to deliberately delay.

The official directed the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) in the district to investigate the matter.

He issued a one month ultimatum to ensure the project was completed and started being used by the school.

National road network condition is good, says minister Chamuriho

By Guardian Reporter

THE condition of national road network has been greatly improved, attaining 87 per cent while those in the districts 56 per cent in respect of the roads that have been in good and fair condition for the period 2015/16 to 2019/20.

The remarks were given early this week by Works and Transport Minister Leonard Chamuriho when speaking at the second meeting of the Infrastructures Parliamentary Committee in Dodoma.

Chamuriho said the situation stems from good budgetary inflow from the Roads Fund Board (RFB) to TANROADS.

He told the committee that the ministry continues to supervise its institutions to ensure funds provided are used for the intended projects.

"In FY 2020/21 the Ministry approved TANROADS Procurement Plan in respect of 56 projects, 46 out of which were for roads, 11 for airports, three for bridges and one project for weigh

bridges," he said.

TANROADS Chief Executive Officer Eng Patrick Mfugale told the Committee that up to December 2020, the Agency received a total of 226.65bn/- from RFB, equivalent to 40 per cent of its 2020/21 budget.

Closing the meeting, Committee Chairperson Anne Kilango Malecela called on the Ministry to closely oversee the issue of overweight trucks saying these have greatly been contributing in roads destruction whose repair has been a burden to the government.

"Up to now the weigh bridge area has not been well supervised, hence more efforts are needed to ensure trucks do not exceed permitted weight, the fines on defaulters cannot meet the cost of repairs to the roads," she said.

The Ministry, through its various institutions submitted their reports to the parliamentary Committee including reports in regard to Contractors Registration Board (CRB) and Engineers Registration Board (ERB).



KCB Tanzania Arusha branch officer Tumaini Swai (L) presents an award to Theodora Tarimo (C), a winner of a '2Jajiri' promotion draw, at a ceremony in Arusha yesterday. Looking on is KCB Tanzania business officer Renatus Mroso. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

TASAF beneficiaries urged to use subsidy to improve their wellbeing

BENEFICIARIES of Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) have been reminded of their responsibility to improve their wellbeing by utilising the subsidies they receive.

During his official visit to inspect the implementation of the programme at Kinamagi village in Uyui District, Tabora Region, Deputy minister in the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance Degratius Ndejemi

told the beneficiaries not to use the money sumptuously, instead they should use it projects for their own development including farming, livestock keeping and small business.

He said it was the responsibility for every TASAF beneficiary to ensure he

elevates himself economically through the funds, and the government continues to implement its responsibility to enable all poor households were economically empowered through TASAF.

The Deputy Minister also called on the Fund's beneficiaries not to

hesitate to free themselves from abject poverty for fear of being removed from the programme, and instead they should be proud by moving away from poverty and become examples for others to emulate.

He also called on village governments to stop imposing

minor contributions, such as for building of schools whenever the beneficiaries receive the subsidies, saying such contributions hinders them to use them for the projects earmarked for their own development.

After he spoke to TASAF beneficiaries at the Kinamagi

village, Byabato visited one of TASAF beneficiaries, Enviolatha Gerald Kamage who used her subsidies for buying a sewing machine, a solar power and installing REA electricity in her home.

He also visited another TASAF beneficiary, Zena Hussein Maganga who used her subsidies in keeping goats, chicken and purchase of fertilizer for her farms as well as installation of solar power in her home to enable her children do homework at night.



Jovinary Rwezahura, an analyst with the Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority's zonal laboratory in Mwanza city, pictured yesterday checking the level of alcohol in antiseptics using special high-speed machine known as steam distillation unit. Photo: Correspondent Devota Mwachanga

'Back to Eden' project to plant trees in all regions in Tanzania

By Guardian Correspondent, Tanga

A non-governmental organisation known as Foundation for Trees Tanzania has launched a project dubbed 'Back to Eden' aimed at planting 100 million trees.

The Director for the organisation, Dr Emanuel Swai, said the number of trees is the same as the number of trees to be planted yearly in every region

from now to 2025. "Tanzania is one of the countries in which severe environmental degradation is witnessed and there has been deforestation which has led to climate change," he said.

The project is being implemented by the organisation in collaboration with other stakeholders.

Dr Swai said Tanzania is among countries that have been affected by pollution of the environment

which has led to climate change.

He said changes in climate have been a result of lack of balance between carbon dioxide and greenhouse gases.

"Uncontrolled cutting down of trees has reduced the consumption of carbon dioxide which is important for plant growth and this has led to an increase in carbon dioxide in the atmosphere which causes heat," he said.

He said through his organisation they are determined to reduce carbon emission by bringing back nature which has been destroyed due to human activities.

He called upon the public to be aware of the effects which has led to increased rains in various parts of the country.

This has caused harm to humanity through floods and destroyed infrastructure and killed people in huge numbers.

France determined to promote growth of Tanzanian culture, arts

By Francis Kajubi

FRANCE is determined at supporting and promoting the growth of Tanzanian culture and arts by strengthening the cultural ties between the two countries and facilitating exposure of their cultures among their people.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday ahead of the 6th Edition Night of Ideas gala 2021 to be held this week, Ambassador of France, Frederick Clavier, said that in the next few weeks he will meet the newly appointed minister of information, culture, arts, and sports to discuss how the two countries can collaborate in penetrating their culture and arts among their people.

"In strengthening the culture and arts of our people we need to work together by coming up with a common approach that we can apply altogether in creating more space for Tanzanian artists to penetrate their arts to France and other European countries and vice versa," said Clavier.

According to him, France is a big country like Tanzania, its people are civilized in the perspectives of economics, society, and politics. But civilization is as big as the culture of the people of a certain country.

Tanzania and France can come together and grow the culture of the people from the two countries by sharing and exchanging experiences.

Commenting on the night of ideas gala-themed 'closer' the ambassador said that the event will shed light on Tanzanian culture uniqueness through a debate on how to live together in a multicultural reality, exhibitions by painters, dance performance,

and music concert.

He commended the good long-existing relationships between Tanzania and the neighboring French-speaking islands like Mayotte citing it as a good example of how people from the two parts have shared their cultures in terms of arts and language.

"About 200 higher learners from universities in Dar es Salaam have been invited to take part in the event to learn and explore their artistic work. To promote culture is also to promote social inclusion and to support job creation for the young people living in the urban areas;

That is why the French Embassy is committed to continue and to increase the support to the upcoming artists and to collaborate with cultural institutions in Tanzania as BASATA, Nafasi Art Space, Muda Africa or the DCMA in Zanzibar," said Clavier.

Cecille Frobert, Head of Development Cooperation and Cultural Affairs at the French Embassy, said that the event will be celebrated across the world on the same day at the Alliance Francaise centers of the France embassies.

"Every year on the last Thursday of January, all the French embassies, Alliance Francaises, French institutions around the world celebrate culture and the free movement of ideas. France is doing all this because it believes the cultural industry and creative industry strengthen the social relations and promote the priority themes of development in the aspects of gender, education, citizenship, and solidarity," said Frobert.

Traditional healers call upon govt to review law on traditional medicines

By Correspondent Michael

Sikapundwa, Morogoro

THE Federation of Traditional Medicine Associations has appealed to the government to review the traditional medicine law of 2002 number 23, which was amended in 2017, saying the law is unfriendly to the herbalists.

Secretary of the federation, Othman Shem made the call on Monday when speaking at the natural herbs exhibitions organised by Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) and held at the Morogoro main market grounds.

He said the law has been suppressing traditional herbalists on the criteria of 'conventional medicines' when compared to 'traditional medicines' during diagnosis and their registration.

He said apart from the high cost of registration of traditional medicines, 1.5m/- for a single medicine, a very high rate for ordinary Tanzanians, many other criteria for registration are unfriendly to them.

"They bring in criteria for modern medicines to traditional herbs in evaluating their quality, a very wrong practice as you cannot have 'artificial' and 'natural' to be in the same category, impossible, the aim here is to

deliberately defeat our endeavours," he said.

Shem further said the issue of criteria has managed to register only 30 types of medicines from over 75,000 practicing herbalists countrywide.

He said the law, which he dubbed as suppressive has prevented to advertise any traditional medicine that one may have and that all medicines will be

found in hospitals, the arrangement he claimed was difficult to grasp, saying what are to be done with the medicines that were not in hospitals?

Shem appealed to the government to review the law because they use modern experts in setting up the criteria to evaluate the medicines which they have no experience or knowledge of, instead of using experts in traditional medicine.

FARM AFRICA

PUBLIC NOTICE

Farm Africa has been working in Tanzania since 1990 as International Non-Governmental Organization (INGO) with a certificate of registration no. I-NGO/0008750. The long-term objective is to contribute to poverty alleviation by developing replicable community-based approaches for improving agricultural productivity and sustainable land use in Tanzania.

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On 20th January 2021, Farm Africa signed a grant agreement with UN Women Tanzania worth TZS 309,725,021 /=- to implement a one-year project focusing on sunflower value chain which is the part of a wider 3-year Joint Programme entitled "Realizing Gender Equality through Empowering Women and Adolescent Girls" and also focus on women empowerment and improving the capacity of local institutions to prevent Gender-based violence.

Farm Africa role is to provide technical expertise to three AMCOs and their members to increase sunflower production and productivity through GAP and securing high-quality input supply, increase their collective bargaining power marketing, reduce post-harvest loss and establish a sunflower warehouse for aggregation and storage. To increase women participation in AMCOs activities, membership and making a decision is a crucial role for Farm Africa when implementing the project.

The project will be implemented in Ikungi District in Singida region This notice is in compliance with Non-Governmental Organizations (Amendments) Regulations, 2018 GN609 of 19th October 2018.

In case of further information please email: infotanzania@farmafrika.org

EALC East African Law CHAMBERS

New Partner Announcement

We, East African Law Chambers (EALC), are pleased to announce the elevation of Jacqueline Matiko to Partner with effect from 1st January 2021.



Jacquiline started her career at an international audit firm where she specialised in providing tax compliance and advisory services to a wide variety of clients for seven years. In 2019, Jacquiline joined EALC where in addition to handling tax compliance, tax advisory and tax litigation matters, she expanded her area of specialisation to include corporate law covering corporate set-ups, restructuring, cross-border, mergers and acquisitions transactions and other complex commercial transactions across a wide range of industries. She has also represented clients successfully in the tax dispute lifecycle - from managing tax audits by the tax authority to representing clients at the different tax dispute adjudication forums in both Tanzania and Zanzibar.

Jacquiline is an advocate of the High Court of Tanzania having been admitted to the Bar in 2012 and is an active member of Tanganyika Law Society and a Registered Tax Consultant with the Tanzania Revenue Authority.

Jacquiline holds a Bachelor of Laws degree (LL.B) from Mzumbe University, a post graduate diploma in legal practice from the Law School of Tanzania and a Master of Arts (MA) in Revenue Law and Administration from the University of Dar es Salaam.

Jacquiline has extensive experience and excellent technical knowledge in tax and corporate law and represents the EALC's differentiator and commitment towards delivering pragmatic tax and legal solutions to clients.

Secondary school teachers to benefit from ICT training

By Correspondent James Kandoya

BRAC Maendeleo Tanzania intends to equip secondary school's teachers across the country with digital skills to enable them accessing necessary information related to their career.

BRAC Maendeleo Project Manager Veronica Kamwela said this over the weekend in Dar es Salaam during the function to award certificate for 20 students of Temeke Secondary School who have completed one-year course on Information Communication Technology (ICT).

Kamwela said that the project skill for their future project implemented by the organisation was a one-year project.

"After successfully training girl students, we are now redesigning the project and may be this year we will start training teachers to make it sustainable," she said.

She said students had been enrolled in the 'skills for their future project' which aims to equip youths with basic ICT, coding and entrepreneurship skills focusing on preparing them for the fourth industrial revolution.

Kamwela said as part of the project in 2020, BRAC Tanzania handed over 20 computers to be used in the classroom and 20 smart tablets worth 36m/-, which are used by participating students for practicing even at home.

The organisation also dished out 750 reusable sanitary pads to girls participating in two youth empowerment projects named goal and ELA through 25 adolescent clubs located in Ilala and Temeke districts.

The initiatives are part of the project's to support the girls in

promoting menstrual hygiene and improve attendance to the club's activities and schools.

Temeke Secondary School headmaster Ingia Mtenga said: "We are grateful to BRAC for choosing our school to implement this project. Through the project our school has gained computer lab, computers and tablets that will benefit more students."

"Through this project, 18 teachers have acquired some basic ICT skills."

One of the benefited students, Halima Bakari thanked the organisation for the support to the school, saying that the digital skills knowledge had also enabled them to access online notes especially during the coronavirus pandemic.

"We are happy for the training which enabled us also to help our parents to conduct business online," she said.



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Residents of Mapogoro in Mbarali District attend the burial of villagemate Pawa Sama (22), with reports suggesting that he took his own life after security guards in Ihefu Valley confiscated 50 of his head of cattle. Photo: Correspondent Nebart Msokwa

Stop levelling trumped-up charges at suspects, RC Mtaka tells police

By Guardian Correspondent, Simiyu

SIMIYU Regional Commissioner Anthony Mtaka, has called upon state organs concerned in arrest and investigation of criminal suspects to adhere to justice and humanity.

He said sometimes justice is denied to suspects because the organs involved in the arrest and investigation do not abide by laws and regulations.

RC Mtaka gave the remarks early this week at the launching of celebrations of the Law Week and 100 Years of the High Court held

in Bariadi in the region.

Mtaka called on the Police Force to change in its day-to-day operations because the right of the suspects begins in their area before reaching the courts, many people have been detained without committing any crime.

He said complaints from people being arrested on trumped up charges have been many, hence the police should change for justice to prevail.

"If the arresting and investigation officers lie, there wouldn't be justice at all, and the

courts can fail to get the truth, and police's lies can be taken as truth, and the suspect can get punished from mere lies.

"The foundations for justice and humanity should begin with the police because they are the initial officials in any criminal case, hence the absence of justice at that level would make it difficult for any court to mete out justice," RC Mtaka added.

Earlier, speaking at the event, Senior Judge of the High Court, Shinyanga Zone Gerson Mdemu said during the Law week, people will have the

opportunity to know how the judiciary performs its duties while adhering to justice.

Judge Mdemu said they plan to use the law week to reach all people in various areas including places for auctions and markets with the aim to make every Tanzanian understand about legal issues and the working of the important pillar of state.

"You are required to come out in large numbers through the week long celebrations, we shall be here in Bariadi, come out to get this essential knowledge," added Judge Mdemu.



Anna Magutu (R), Director of Judicial Supervision Inspection and Ethics at the High Court of Tanzania, listens to Elisha Chibanila of Kongwa District in Dodoma Region when the latter visited the High Court pavilion at an exhibition to mark the court's 100th anniversary in Dodoma city yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

By Guardian Correspondent, Nyasa

Nyasa DC warns traders against smuggling of goods, tax evasion

NYASA District Commissioner Isabela Chilumba has called on small and middle entrepreneurs and other business people in the district to conduct legal trade and pay legal taxes, as well as desist from bringing in goods from foreign countries without paying taxes.

She gave the warning at Mbamba Bay recently when she spoke to the business people at a meeting that discussed issues of trade and development.

DC Chilumba said entrepreneurs and traders in Nyasa District are faced with various challenges including tax evasion through smuggling of goods from various neighbouring

countries including Malawi and Mozambique.

She added that she was forced to call the meeting to educate the traders on issues of tax payment and stop smuggling of goods in particular edible oil and sugar.

She said if they want to import goods from foreign countries, they should do so by following the appropriate laws and procedures as well as paying tax.

"I would like to tell you that we have the names of the traders who engage in smuggling of goods into the country, we have

frequently been arresting them and confiscate the goods and other stern punitive measures but still they continue to do so. So we decided to call you here today to impress you to stop smuggling and pay tax from your businesses. Further stern measures await those who will ignore this last warning," DC Chilumba said.

Meanwhile, she praised them for grabbing business opportunities in Nyasa District by bringing in various goods and ensuring all kinds of goods were obtainable in the district especially at Mbamba

Bay, the district's headquarters.

For their part the traders appealed to the government to reduce the rates of tax and levies especially on imported goods, saying what pushes many of them to evade paying tax was the high rates of these taxes charged by TRA, thereby reducing their profit margins.

Nyasa District trade officer Zaitun Hamza called on the traders to understand the rates of taxes they are charged were in accordance with the tax laws hence nobody can reduce them.

Conference to examine gender equality insights at workplaces

By Guardian Reporter

A SYMPOSIUM bringing together top corporate executives is set to take place in Dar es Salaam on Friday with the aim of giving new insights on guiding policies and practices on gender equality.

Centered on the 'Women in Leadership', the symposium will focus specifically on Tanzanian corporate landscape, said a statement released yesterday by the organisers, the UN Global Compact Network Tanzania (UNGCNT).

UNGCNT is a local network chapter of the United Nations Global Compact dedicated to assisting Tanzanian organisations meet the global goals.

"Women and men in the leadership realm have agreed to share insights that are expected to be food for thought in the current practice and question the status quo to enhance improvement of what is being practiced and find out what we can do to make a difference on gender equality in our work so as to uplift and amplify the unique strengths that women bring to the business world," reads the statement.

The advisory said the physical conference will be a space for women and men to learn on how to harness their distinct strengths to truly flourish in the workplace, and beyond.

"Excellence doesn't distinguish between genders. Instead, it recognizes talent and good management. That's why the best companies are open to a diverse and balanced work environment, supporting and actively promoting gender equality. It is always good to know that men and women are equal, but not identical."

Executive Director of the UNGCNT, Marsha Macatta-Yambi emphasized on the motivation and belief that local businesses

and non-businesses affects environments and residents' lives in a multitude of ways and thus are encouraging corporate sustainability.

"Corporate sustainability entails corporates' operating in ways that at a minimum, meet fundamental responsibilities in the areas of human rights, labor, environment and anti-corruption. This symposium is taking place within the framework of UNGCNT in partnership with Women In Management Africa (WIMA)," she said the statement.

The one-day symposium will provide opportunities to physically network, engage with speakers, and experience 70+ dynamic executives as they share their journeys, insights, and tangible takeaways, the statement said.

"Extraordinary times call for extraordinary leadership—join us and be part of making Tanzania an even better place to live and work."



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This is one of several classroom buildings undergoing construction, as found earlier this week at Mabuimerafuru Secondary School in the Musoma Rural constituency on a self-help basis, chiefly with a view to accommodating newly enrolled Form I students sometime later this year. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

IFC provides loan to support Tanzanian glassmaker amidst COVID-19 challenges

By Guardian Reporter

A Member of the World Bank Group-IFC has announced a loan to Kioo, East Africa's largest producer of glass bottles, to help the Tanzanian company weather COVID-19-related challenges, protect jobs, and invest in energy-efficient machinery to reduce its carbon footprint.

IFC's \$10 million loan will provide Kioo with working capital during a challenging time for the region's beverage industry, which is facing falling demand because of COVID-19 and associated measures to contain its spread, including the closure of bars and restaurants.

The loan to Kioo is part of IFC's \$8 billion fast-track financing package, announced in March 2020 to support existing clients and preserve jobs and economic activity during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Kumar Krishnan, General Manager at Kioo Limited, said: "Despite the effects of the pandemic, Kioo, with IFC's support, continues to pursue its long-term vision of continuous improvement. IFC's support will enable us to emerge from the current, difficult environment in a stronger position and be well placed to serve our customers as a preferred supplier."

Frank Ajilore, IFC Resident Representative for Tanzania and Burundi, said: "Supporting businesses with financing is a major part of IFC's strategy to protect jobs and sustain economic activities as we navigate the challenges of COVID-19. Our investment in partnership with

Kioo will help strengthen the company's cash flow and lay a foundation for a stronger future."

Kioo employs 600 people and supplies glass containers to 12 countries on the African continent, as well as to countries in the Indian Ocean. Glass containers account for 90 percent of beverage packaging in sub-Saharan Africa.

Kioo is committed to reduce its environmental impact by installing energy-efficient equipment at its factory in Dar es Salaam, including more efficient production systems.

Since 2015, IFC has invested more than \$300 million in Tanzania in the agriculture, light manufacturing, and infrastructure sectors.

Kioo has been in existence since 1963. It is the only glass container manufacturer in Tanzania and the largest in eastern and central Africa. Its plant and head office are in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Kioo sells bottles and jars in flint, amber and green colors to producers of carbonated soft drinks, alcoholic beverages, and foods.

IFC—a member of the World Bank Group—is the largest global development institution focused on the private sector in emerging markets. We work in more than 100 countries, using our capital, expertise, and influence to create markets and opportunities in developing countries. In fiscal year 2020, we invested \$22 billion in private companies and financial institutions in developing countries, leveraging the power of the private sector to end extreme poverty and boost shared prosperity.

CFAO Motors introduces Suzuki's new S-Presso

By Guardian Reporter

SUZUKI general distributors CFAO Motors have introduced to the market the new member of the Suzuki family known as the S-Presso.

The S-Presso has been introduced by the Japanese automaker is meant to offer something more affordable to consumers without breaking the bank retail from USD \$12,500. -

As a city car, the S-Presso is compacted enough to navigate through traffic and tight parking

spaces. The S-Presso's rear bench is folded flat with the seats erect, the Suzuki has 240L of boot space to its disposal versus other brands within the same segment. S-Presso boast with 180mm of ground clearance is fitted with 14-inch wheels.

The S-Presso is powered by the same engine found in the Suzuki Celerio and is a budget hatchback powered by a 1.0-litre three-cylinder with power output for the 998-cc engine with 50kW and 90Nm. The engine is compact and fuel efficient which provides

the energy to drive more. The car is built with a light HEARTECT platform. A five-speed manual gearbox is also standard and automated manual transmission (AMT) available for our Tanzania market.

The S-Presso has been designed inside out for spaciousness and comfort. The S-Presso ensures that it does not just appears spacious and robust from the outside, but also delivers ample space inside, providing comfort and convenience in every drive for

both the driver and passengers.

The unique instrument panel with its vibrant and innovative styling delivers one of a kind user interface. The meter cluster placed at the centre gives the driver a new, heightened driving experience.

CFAO Motors is pleased to inform its customers that now spot Suzuki S-Presso is on the road in Tanzania. And customers are invited for viewing at the showroom located in Pugu/Nyerere Road, Dar es salaam.

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We need a re-think to improve the quality of our education

‘THE best inheritance to leave your child is education’, goes the old adage, implying that whatever of value you give your children cannot compare with education, the value of which is long lasting. Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4 is about quality education and is among the 17 Sustainable Development Goals established by the United Nations in September 2015. The full title of SDG 4 is ‘Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all’.

Education is the process of facilitating learning, or the acquisition of knowledge, skills, values, morals, beliefs, and habits. Educational methods include teaching, training, storytelling, discussion and directed research. Education frequently takes place under the guidance of educators, however learners can also educate themselves. Education can take place in formal or informal settings and any experience that has a formative effect on the way one thinks, feels, or acts may be considered educational. The methodology of teaching is called pedagogy.

Formal education is commonly divided formally into such stages as preschool or kindergarten, primary school, secondary school and then college, university, or apprenticeship. A right to education has been recognised by some governments and Tanzania is no exception and the United Nations. In most regions, education is compulsory up to a certain age. There is a movement for education reform, and in particular for evidence-based education with global initiatives aimed at achieving the Sustainable Development Goal 4, which promotes quality education for all.

Reviewing the educational system and policies in Tanzania, one sees various classes within society in which the chance of getting an education depends on who they are and where they live and that education only benefits a few within the society.

According to LHCR Report in 2018, however, introduction of a fee-free education policy by the government has helped to increase access to education at primary and secondary school levels.

Previously, children from poor families normally ended up being house-girls and house-boys. The education systems favoured a certain group of people enjoying benefits at the expense of others, hence creating very different results in final primary and secondary school examinations.

For instance, a good learning environment in urban primary and secondary schools is among the factors that makes such a difference, thus making education an essential right for Tanzania children.

The education gap that is now a challenge is the inequality that exists in urban areas between the kind of schools that children from rich families attend and those for middle to poorer children. As far as the importance of education is concerned, we need to re-think what can be done to improve the quality of education for the future of our children, so as to ensure that they receive quality education regardless of where and who they are.

The government should invest to make schools safe-havens for children by creating good environments that will encourage children to continue studying, rather than quitting school out of humiliation and beatings that undermine their ability to learn.

Leprosy increases as world gives attention to newer endemic diseases

WORLD Leprosy Day is observed internationally every year on the last Sunday of January to increase the public awareness of leprosy or Hansen’s Disease. This date was chosen by French humanitarian Raoul Follereau as a tribute to the life of Mahatma Gandhi who had compassion for people afflicted with leprosy.

Leprosy is curable, and if treated early enough disabilities related to the disease can be averted. But treatment can take between six to 12 months. In the first six months of this year, the southern African nation of Mozambique has already registered 300 more cases of leprosy, some 951 cases, than it registered for the whole of 2017.

Tanzania is also in the process of eliminating Leprosy as a public health problem. The country has recorded a dramatic reduction of leprosy cases in the last 20 years from more than 35,000 cases in 1983 to about 4,000 in 2004.

The leprosy control strategy in Tanzania includes the following: Expansion of opportunities to further reduce the disease burden through timely case-finding and treatment, contact-tracing, BCG vaccination, and improved socioeconomic conditions. Close monitoring of the rate of new cases with grade 2 disabilities in the population. Strengthening of leprosy control activities in areas where a high proportion of new cases with grade 2 disabilities are being detected. Promotion of the use of community-based rehabilitation to improve the quality of life of persons and

families affected by leprosy. Efforts to integrate leprosy control into general health care services and Application of cost-effective methods to improve community awareness, acceptance, and involvement to combat stigma and discrimination against persons and families affected by leprosy. The diagnosis of leprosy must be based on the proper history and careful clinical examination of the person for signs of leprosy. Leprosy is one of the oldest recorded diseases in the world. It is an infectious chronic disease that targets the nervous system, especially the nerves in the cooler parts of the body: the hands, feet, and face. Infection can lead to damage of the nerves, respiratory tract, skin, and eyes. This nerve damage may result in a lack of ability to feel pain, which can lead to the loss of parts of a person’s extremities from repeated injuries or infection due to unnoticed wounds. An infected person may also experience muscle weakness and poor eyesight. Leprosy symptoms may begin within one year, but for some people symptoms may take 20 years or more to occur.

Leprosy is spread between people, although extensive contact is necessary. Spread is thought to occur through a cough or contact with fluid from the nose of a person infected by leprosy. Genetic factors and immune function play a role in how easily a person catches the disease. Leprosy does not spread during pregnancy to the unborn child, or through sexual contact. Leprosy occurs more commonly among people living in poverty.

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Idiocy of underage married girls’ suffrage

By Shaka Momodu

Just when you think that you’ve heard or seen the worst of government’s bizarre pronouncements, you are suddenly faced with the rude awakening that this government is eager to break its own worst record. Have you heard that the National Assembly Joint Committee on the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) Matters has proposed that INEC should allow underage girls forced or lured into early marriage to vote in elections?

The Chairman, Senate Committee on INEC, Kabiru Gaya, was quoted to have said: “The joint committee has proposed that if a lady who is not up to 18 years is married, she should be considered to be mature enough and be eligible to vote.” They have proposed a review of the provision in the Electoral Act that pegs the eligibility of voters at 18 years. The proposal is nefarious and the motive behind it is clearly the next election. The promoters of this silly legislation want to swell the voters’ register with married juvenile girls to give the Northern part of the country where the practice is rampant greater numerical voting advantage over the rest of the country.

The Northern political elite is forever scheming for political advantage in order to maintain political power for their group/ethnic interest. The poor ordinary peasants are mere pawns in a vicious lust for power by a corrupt elite that has maintained a crushing chokehold on them. The question that immediately jumps out is why is this so important to its proponents when other matters such as ensuring the credibility and integrity of the electoral process are yet to be given attention?

The joint committee is not interested in the transmission of results real time to reduce the incidence of rigging and the attendant endless litigations which have gulped a lot of taxpayers’ money as attested by INEC before and after elections. Who are the likely beneficiaries of the bizarre and atrocious proposal? Certainly not the married underage girls, and certainly not the system or the democratic process or its evolution, but the Northern political elite who are not looking at educating and developing the next generation but have their eyes firmly primed on winning the next election.

Who originated this latest despicable brainwave? And why was it unanimous? Are you telling me there was no good member of conscience, courageous enough to oppose this crazy and retrogressive idea? Do you mean to tell me none of the members of the National Assembly Joint Committee on INEC

Matters saw the implications of this recommendation? I am genuinely disturbed by the cavalier manner of the recommendation and the quality of thought that goes into the legislative process by the lawmakers.

That every single senator and House member of the joint committee supported the recommendation to lower the voting age for married juveniles is a telling clue to the tomfoolery going on in the National Assembly and the quality of representation we the people are getting. These are lawmakers from hell.

Did Kabiru Gaya and his co-travellers on this foolish path not know that the very “phrase underage marriage” connotes a negative tradition the world is eagerly moving away from? How do they now think it is right to confer benefits on the practitioners? I am really scandalised by this senseless recommendation.

Sometimes, I feel like just giving up on this country. How can a country ever progress when almost every policy idea is driven by the desire of one part to scam the rest of the country in order to hold onto power? But how can I give up? You just can’t give up the fight against clowns who make laws for us or the officials who formulate crazy policies and give us two weeks to comply or block our phone lines in clear defiance of government’s own Covid-19 safety protocols.

It’s a shame that such a perfidious recommendation was a “unanimous decision” of members of the committee. The political motivation behind it is not so hidden. Beyond the politics, however, is the very clear discriminatory nature of the recommendation. It is an evil political proposal to legitimise and milk the child-marriage scourge for political advantage in one part of the country against the other. It is an affront to the constitution which pegs the eligible voting age at 18 and the Child Rights Act of 2003 which has been domesticated by 25 states and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja. This Act prohibits child marriage and places the minimum legal age for marriage at 18 years.

Clearly, the proposal of our lawmakers is a direct encouragement of the same practice that the Child Rights Act was enacted to discourage. It encourages juvenile girls who are not yet physically, mentally or psychologically ready to deal with the complexities of marital life and childbirth to embrace marriage. Of course this practice is common in poor rural or remote communities with limited access to sexual and reproductive health education, where modern health practices are still seen as a taboo.

According to the World

Health Organisation (WHO), “Complications in pregnancy and childbirth are the leading causes of death in girls aged 15-19 globally, and 90% of adolescent pregnancies in the developing world are girls in that age bracket already married. Also, girls who give birth before the age of 15 are five times more likely to die in childbirth than girls in their 20s. Child brides are also more vulnerable to other pregnancy-related injuries such as obstetric fistula, which can have devastating long-term consequences, especially if left untreated. In fact, 65% of all obstetric fistula cases occur in girls under 18.”

Nigeria has 14 million out-of-school children, the majority of whom are in the North; an even more disproportionate percentage of that figure is the girl-child. These grim statistics should bother any right-thinking, well-meaning lawmaker or official of any responsible government. But instead of seeking measures to discourage this age-old practice of child-marriage, our lawmakers are seeking political advantage from it by incentivizing a practice that is clearly detrimental to the health of the girl-child and the society at large.

In their warped thinking, “If a lady, who is not up to 18 years, is married, she should be considered to be mature enough and be eligible to vote.” While those who are still in school of similar age or even older than the married ones cannot vote because they are not married! So for following what is supposedly the right path, they can’t vote. More graphically, an unmarried 17-year-old girl that is pursuing an education can’t vote, while an 11-year-old that is married and uneducated can vote. Is this not discriminatory against other girls and even the boy-child?

In the first place, members of the joint committee which made that useless recommendation forgot that underage girls were not considered mature in taking the life-altering decision to marry in the first place, and in most cases to complete strangers. Such decisions were taken and imposed on them by their parents or guardians. Anyway, how does marriage confer maturity - even maturity to discern the political environment on the girl-child? The joint committee should tell us how it arrived at the insane proposal.

You see, the National Assembly is clearly hamstrung by the background of its members. It is largely populated by certificate forgers and people with a criminal past. Their oversight functions are means of coercion, extortion and bribe-taking. Many of them lack the basic understanding of their duties. They are more concerned with preserving the benefits they derive

from the corruption that makes Nigeria a big-for-nothing country.

I completely agree with the women bodies that have condemned this proposal from a totally corrupt and incompetent legislature. The Nigerian Feminist Forum had strong words for them on the issue, accusing the lawmakers of taking part in a deliberate act of misconduct by legitimising the sufferings of underage girls forced into marriage rather than be in school. Speaking on behalf of the forum, Ihuoma Obibi reminded the lawmakers (or lawbreakers) that the Child Rights Act recognises children as those below 18 years and therefore called on the legislature not to use the bodies of Nigerian women to play the politics of who would rule Nigeria.

Addressing the issue too, President, Women Arise, Dr. Joe Okei Odumakin said the amendment, if pushed through, would encourage child marriage. She consequently called on members of the National Assembly to throw “this horrible proposal into the trash can, as it does not in any way present us as a serious nation, committed to the advancement of the future of the girl child.”

According to her, it was worrisome that at a time the world was improving upon every known framework and advocacies towards advancing girl-child education and of course an end to underage marriage, some politicians were making moves to further worsen the menace of child marriage by advancing such a terrible practice, as a basis for selfish political gains. “The implication of allowing such an amendment in our electoral law simply means that more of our underage girls will be pushed into early marriages by politicians capitalising on pervasive poverty, particularly in the Northern part of the country, just for selfish political advantages,” she noted.

The recommendation that married underage girls be allowed to vote is really not of any benefit to the victims. It will neither put food on the table, nor change their life of servitude. It will not make them more enlightened, knowledgeable or get an education. Rather, it will increase the number of ignorant but vulnerable people that politicians use to rig elections and this affects everyone.

John F. Kennedy, the late President of the United States, aptly captured the dangers of one ignorant person to the security of all. According to him, knowledge is power more so today than ever before. An educated person knows that only educated and informed people will be a free people. “The ignorance of one voter in a democracy impairs the security of all.”

Historic English shoe-maker counts the costs of Brexit

By William Schomberg

At Tricker's, a 192 year-old maker of English luxury shoes beloved by Prince Charles and Japanese fashionistas, relief at averting a no-deal Brexit quickly turned to dismay at the new price of doing business with the European Union.

Invoices are mounting from parcel firms that ship the company's heavy brogue shoes and boots - which typically sell for 450 pounds (\$612.77) a pair - to EU clients, saddling it with extra costs which could hit 100,000 pounds a year.

A last-gasp trade deal between London and Brussels avoided the big barrier of border tariffs.

But Tricker's, like many firms on both sides of the border, is finding that paying value-added tax has become a lot more complicated for direct sales to consumers.

British exporters must now comply with different VAT rates across the bloc's 27 member states.

Tricker's has handed the task to parcel firms which are charging additional handling fees for each package sent to the EU from the company's factory in Northampton, a central English town famous for its boots and shoes since the 1400s.

Shipments that used to take one day to arrive are now taking three or four.

And when the couriers get things wrong, the strain of the paperwork only grows at a time when COVID-19 is already stretching many manufacturers to the limit.

"We've been through...world wars, financial crises, stock market crashes. Last year, the first lockdown was the first time we'd actually been closed," Tricker's Managing Director Martin Mason said on an empty shop-floor in the factory where normally 86 employees would produce 1,000 pairs of shoes a week.

"Even during the world wars we were open, making boots for the army," he said. "To deal with Brexit on top of what we've been experiencing with coronavirus has been certainly a double whammy. We will get through it. It will be tough."

Prime Minister Boris Johnson has said the recent disruptions to trade are largely "teething problems" and he points to the potential for export growth if Britain strikes trade deals with the United States, India and beyond.

PRICES UP, MARGINS SQUEEZED

Compounding the problems are VAT invoices sent by parcel firms for shoes sent back to Northampton by wholesalers and by EU clients seeking repairs which should incur no tax.

The expected Brexit-related costs of about 100,000 pounds (\$136,690) a year would be equivalent to almost 10% of online sales which in turn represent about 15% of total turnover at Tricker's, Mason said.



Martin Mason, managing director of British luxury shoemaker Trickers poses for an interview where he discusses European Union customers affected by new tax costs and an increase in product returns, in Northampton, Britain, January 25, 2021. REUTERS

That has led the firm to raise prices for EU customers and absorb the rest of the hit in its bottom line.

"I think all companies here in the UK are getting extra costs as a result of the deal," Mason said.

Other British companies, who opted not to pay the VAT themselves, are now facing a wave of returned goods from disgruntled customers. British consumers are also balking at paying more

than they expected for goods bought from EU vendors.

Brexit has tangled up many businesses from fashion producers to fisheries, in extra paperwork and higher costs, hindering or even preventing them from getting goods into the EU.

British government budget forecasters estimate that the country's economy will be 4% smaller in 15 years' time than it would have been had it stayed

in the EU. Mason said there were some potential upsides for Brexit for his firm which exports about 85% of all the shoes it makes.

A deal agreed with Japan - which accounts for a third of Tricker's business compared with about 15% which comes from the EU - would be a help and an agreement with the United States might lower its import tariffs. But for now, his immediate priority is to sort out the VAT

problems.

"I really hope that over time common sense prevails and people do understand that this friction of getting product into Europe has got to be smoothed down," Mason said.

"It is a bit of a barrier to recovery post COVID, but...if wise heads get together and solve some of these issues then hopefully it will become easier."

(\$1 = 0.7344 pounds)

Many strategies but little progress securing the Sahel

By Nadia Adam and Ornella Moderan

SINCE it started nine years ago, the Sahel security crisis has claimed tens of thousands of lives, forcibly displaced millions, and triggered record levels of food shortages. Last year alone it claimed nearly 6,500 lives in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger.

Widespread violence and insecurity have sparked a severe humanitarian crisis, with an estimated 13.4 million people needing immediate assistance by October 2020 - 20% of the region's population.

The situation is particularly alarming in the Liptako-Gourma region, where Mali, Niger and Burkina share porous borders. Attacks by violent extremist groups and other armed actors combine with illicit activities, local conflicts and communal violence to further weaken a region that's long suffered from governance deficiencies.

Despite the efforts of governments and their international partners to contain the threat posed by armed and terror groups, attacks against security forces and civilians continue. Most recently, at least 100 villagers died in assaults on two villages in Niger's Tillabéry region. Mass atrocities against civilians occurred in neighbouring Mali and Burkina Faso in 2019, but this is the first time Niger has experienced a massacre of civilians of this magnitude since the crisis began.

States have invested considerably in addressing the crisis and its consequences, including through coordination, both bilaterally and under the G5 Sahel Joint Force. While the French counter-terrorist Operation Barkhane covers the entire region, Mali also receives support from the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission (MINUSMA) in Mali and the military European Union (EU) Training Mission. The EU has also deployed a mission to build capacity among Mali and Niger's interior security forces.

But these efforts haven't delivered safety and security for local populations. Recent Institute for Security Studies (ISS) research examines some of the strategies used by states in Liptako-Gourma and draws lessons from their experiences.

It finds that the preference for military-driven responses generally overlooks the links between security, governance and development. All three dimensions must be dealt with through a comprehensive approach and proper sequencing.

The need for such holistic strategies is not a new recommendation. Both Mali and Burkina Faso have tried to implement this, with programmes such as Mali's Integrated Security Plan for the Central Regions and Burkina Faso's Emergency Plan for the Sahel.

While these plans show states' commitment to curb insecurity, ISS research found that their design was rushed and didn't rely on sufficient context analysis. The plans reflected a limited understanding of the nature and dynamics of the phenomena that fuel insecurity. As a result, not all the problems were targeted, and in some cases



A French soldier stands inside a military helicopter during a Barkhane counter-terrorism operation in Africa's Sahel region in Gao, northern Mali, 19 May 2017. (File photo)

the situation deteriorated. For example, approaching insecurity in central Mali mainly through a counter-terrorism lens led to field strategies that aggravated local conflicts.

In Burkina Faso, the second iteration of the emergency plan for the Sahel offered an improved model, after a 2018 programme review revealed the need for greater adaptability to local contexts. This shows that states are willing to learn and improve their approaches - a positive development that needs to extend to programme implementers.

Unlike Mali and Burkina Faso, which had to develop ad hoc programmes quickly amid spiralling insecurity, Niger relied on existing institutions, such as the High Authority for Peace Consolidation, to drive strategic thinking on insecurity. This allowed the country to benefit from readily available institutional infrastructure and capacity, confirming the advantages of long-term national peacebuilding investment.

Other institutions, such as Niger's National Centre for Strategic and Security Studies, also helped analyse the security situation. However, these initiatives remained largely state-owned and could have benefited from more meaningful involvement of civil society and the frontline perspective of local communities, including women and youth.

Another research finding points to the need for the judiciary to react promptly to incidents of serious human rights violations, such as the civilian massacres occurring in villages across Liptako-Gourma since 2019. This is critical to stop the cycle of intercommunity violence and retaliation that thrives on feelings of injustice, stigmatisation and abandonment by the state.

The need for justice also applies to allegations of human rights abuses by defence and security forces. Whether actual or perceived, the lack of accountability for security sector misconduct undermines civilians' relationships with soldiers and police. It reinforces popular perceptions of the state as a predatory actor, echoing terror groups' propaganda.

Governments need to prioritise the fight against impunity as a core component of a stronger commitment to protect civilians and uphold the rule of law. Most importantly, protecting civilians must become a strategic priority underpinning the action of all national and international defence and security forces on the ground.

The effectiveness of their work should no longer be assessed exclusively through the number of 'terrorists neutralised' or 'battalions/personnel trained', but also the number of villages rescued timeously and civilian

lives saved.

This shift will require moving from what has been an all too reactive mode of operation to one that invests more in anticipation and prevention. Prevention needs to be both operational (avoiding immediate or imminent tragedies) and structural (addressing the root causes of violence). These causal factors include frustrations over issues like land administration, access to natural resources, and inclusion in local decision making.

2021 will be a year of power transfers and political transitions in the Sahel. Burkina Faso's recent elections renewed the government and national assembly. The 21 February run-off to Niger's elections will give the country a new president. And Mali will continue to navigate the political transition that started with last August's coup.

This is the perfect time for new leaders to rethink their countries' strategies for addressing insecurity in Liptako-Gourma and beyond. This means learning lessons from recent experience. **DM**



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Feminist movements continue to battle culture of impunity in Egypt

NEW DELHI

TEN years ago, on January 25, one of the biggest revolutions in the world took place in Egypt's Tahrir Square, as protestors poured into the streets chanting slogans of "Bread, Freedom and Social Justice", demanding one of the region's longest-serving and autocratic President Hosni Mubarak to step down. Three weeks later, on February 11th, Mubarak stepped down as president, leaving the Egyptian military in control of the country.

Amnesty International in a statement said, several female protestors at Tahrir Square were taken into military custody on March 9th, 2011 - the day after International Women's Day - and subjected to grave torture, including being beaten, prodded with electric shock batons, subjected to strip searches and forced to submit to 'virginity tests' and threatened with prostitution.

Major General Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF), said that "virginity tests" had been carried out on female detainees in March to "protect" the army against possible allegations of rape".

When the administrative court issued a ruling against this practise and called it illegal, a military court acquitted the physician who performed these tests, sending out a clear message of

impunity.

A decade after the January 25th Revolution in Egypt, the country continues to thrive on this culture of impunity. A 2013 United Nations study found that nearly all Egyptian women - 99 percent of those surveyed has been victims of sexual harassment. Egypt has continued to deny accusations of these grave human rights violations and sexual violence. In 2020, Rights groups estimated some 60,000 detainees in Egypt are political prisoners, including activist, journalists and lawyers

Mozn Hassan, one of Egypt's most outspoken voices on human rights, founder and Executive Director of Nazra for Feminist Studies has been working on building an Egyptian feminist movement and support women human rights defenders through legal and psychological intervention in the country much before the Egyptian revolution took place in 2011.

Nazra for Feminist Studies was established in 2005 in Cairo, where it continued building the feminist movement in Egypt and the MENA region. "We are losing everyday, but the feminist movement in Egypt is not a failed movement," says Mozn Hassan to IPS News.

"Being an independent feminist voice can cost you a lot, targeting by state actors, asset freeze, travel ban, charges of supporting women to have "irresponsible liberty", or facing threats of charges that could bring you



Mozn Hassan

to life time in prisons, are just a few examples," said Mozn.

Since June 2016 a travel

ban has been imposed on Mozn Hassan, following previous incidents of judicial harassment against Nazra

for Feminist Studies, including summons in relation to foreign funding case. In January 2017, Cairo Crimi-

nal Court ruled to freeze assets of Mozn Hassan and her non-government organization Nazra for Feminist Studies. Last year in July 2020, the Criminal Court of North Cairo rejected the appeal of the travel ban, later postponing the review of a request to cancel this ban.

"What is happening to Nazra is a clear example of how patriarchal and conservative individuals cannot accept feminism and feminist acts. I am only one amongst other human rights defenders who has been charged for supporting women to have 'irresponsible liberty'.

"We have seen different types of pain, loss and grief. We saw systematic sexual assaults; we are seeing friends celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Egyptian revolution in jail in the time of Covid-19. At the same time, we are also seeing women's movements struggling and fighting to have rights, something that has never happened in the Egyptian constitution," says Mozn.

In November 2019 United Nations member countries at the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) at the Human Rights Council in Geneva criticised Egypt's human rights crisis and called on to end torture and ill-treatment, investigate crimes committed by security forces, allow non governmental organizations and activists to work independently, and protect human rights while countering terrorism.

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet and several UN experts have repeatedly condemned abuses in Egypt. Several countries have also urged Egypt to make serious measures to halt violations against women.

"Being an activist is hard, being a feminist is harder and being a person who is not part of a social gang, even harder in Egypt. It really is a choice," says Mozn.

A decade after the revolution in Egypt that overthrew the long-time dictator, what followed the country was economic collapse, job losses, deteriorating human rights conditions, brutal military dictatorship, failing public healthcare systems, and extreme poverty. The committee to Protect Journalists ranked Egypt third, behind China and Turkey, in detaining journalists.

The only way to continue is to understand why we are doing what we do, to continue believing in what is right, says Mozn. "We are gaining support from people, there are small changes but without the process of freedom and democracy in place, the costs will always be higher than gains. We need a holistic vision compiled with political will to move forward."

"Solidarity is the secret that makes us continue doing our work, and heal from those who want to stop us. Solidarity has been the key aspect of our resilience at Nazra and for me personally as well," says Mozn. **IPS**

Biden's arms control ambitions are welcome—but delivering them will not be easy

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A DEADLY pandemic to control. An urgent nationwide vaccination programme to roll out. An economic crisis to navigate. Political divisions and distrust deep enough to spark mob violence and terrorism.

The 46th President of the United States faces a barrage of critical domestic challenges from day one.

Nevertheless, one matter of foreign policy will need to be at the top of his agenda: there will be barely two weeks left to save the 2010 strategic nuclear arms control treaty with Russia, New START, from extinction.

New START is the last nuclear arms control treaty left standing between the USA and Russia. It sets caps on the deployment of the long-range portion of the world's two biggest nuclear arsenals and is due to expire on 5 February.

Fortunately, both incoming president Joe Biden and his Russian counterpart, Vladimir Putin, have indicated their willingness to extend the treaty without conditions. So, it is likely to be a smooth process.

Amid the mistrust that colours today's geopolitical landscape, far harder arms control challenges lie ahead.

The crisis in arms control

The past four years have seen major parts of the international arms control architecture weakened or dismantled. The 1987 Treaty on the Elimination of Intermediate-Range and Shorter-Range Missiles (INF Treaty) collapsed in 2019.

In 2018, the USA unilaterally pulled out of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA)—the 2015 'nuclear deal' with Iran signed up to by all five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council along with Germany and the European Union.

In November last year the USA formally withdrew from the 2002 Treaty on Open Skies, which allowed countries across the Euro-Atlantic space, from Anchorage to Vladivostok, to carry out unarmed surveillance flights over each other's territory in order to monitor military activity.

Russia has now announced it is following suit.

The 1968 Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) is also looking precarious. Much of the world is frustrated at the continued possession of nuclear weapons by the five nuclear weapon states



Rosemary DiCarlo, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, briefs the members of the UN Security Council. Iran and US are both accused of undermining the 2015 nuclear deal.

recognized by the NPT—the USA, Russia, France, China and the United Kingdom—as well as Israel, India, Pakistan and North Korea. The 2017 Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), which will enter into force on 22 January, was born of this frustration.

While the US presidency of Donald J. Trump has been particularly detrimental to arms control, problems were growing long before, and are far from being resolved.

'Arms control for a new era'

Joe Biden brings to the presidency an impressive depth and breadth of experience in the field of arms control and international negotiation.

He made a commitment to 'arms control for a new era' a prominent part of his electoral platform and characterized the extension of New START as 'a foundation for new arms control arrangements'.

New arms control arrangements are certainly needed. Without them, there is a serious risk of the further spread, and potential use, of nuclear weapons or other weapons of mass destruction.

It is also necessary to deal with an increasingly unpredictable, and expensive, arms race based on competition in technologies rather than numbers of weapons and characterized by the increasing entanglement of nuclear and non-nuclear technologies.

Several factors, such as missile defence, advanced conventional capabilities, hypersonic weapons, the accelerated militarization of outer space and the potential application of artificial intelligence to strategic weapons, are affecting the nuclear calculus and strategic stability.

It is unclear how these factors should be addressed in arms control negotiations. The task of designing a new approach to arms control is, in itself, dauntingly complex. And negotiations will take place in a far from ideal context.

Complicating factors

Delivering a new, effective arms control architecture will demand creativity, cooperation and compromise on all sides. Joe Biden has said that the USA will

lead the process. But his team will face severe constraints.

The challenges around returning to the JCPOA—something Joe Biden has said he hopes to achieve—are illustrative. The JCPOA was proving a successful non-proliferation tool until the US withdrawal.

But it was only entered into by the USA in the face of strong opposition from the Republican Party, which has not weakened in the interim. In addition, there are a number of other problems and external factors that could distract attention from urgent work on the JCPOA.

Even with control of both houses of the US Congress, it will be difficult for Joe Biden to obtain the support needed to approve future arms control treaties with Russia (or other states).

Thus, the incoming president may well be restricted to executive orders, which are limited in scope and can easily be revoked by future US administrations.

Congressional approval will also be necessary to terminate certain sanctions on Iran in 2023, as is required under the terms of the JCPOA.

Recent US actions have also damaged the USA's international reputation in many quarters—among both adversaries and allies—which will further complicate arms control diplomacy.

A collective challenge

The world faces a range of potentially destabilizing realities in the coming decades, from climate change and other environmental crises to the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Part of the big picture is that the geopolitical order is shifting, with new regional powers and new alliances in which the USA is less influential.

In arms control, as in many other areas, the international community needs to find new ways of working to secure our common interest.

We should hope that the successful extension of New START will be the prelude to a gradual resurgence of arms control, non-proliferation, disarmament and risk reduction. But, as with the other big issues of our time, success will depend on all key actors stepping up. **IPS**

Gagan Gupta speaks on the Tanzania India business forum

By Guardian Reporter

THERE are several Indian firms operating in Tanzania. In light of marking the India Republic Day, 'the Guardian newspaper' had an interview with Tanzania - India Business Forum chairman Gagan Gupta on how the Forum is involved in Tanzania Business Operation. Excerpts...

Q: Briefly, can you tell us about the historical background of Tanzania - India Business Forum?

ANSW: The Tanzania India Business Forum (previously known as Indian Business Forum) was formally launched

in September 2013. It is a non-profit organization in Tanzania to boost or facilitate business and trade relations between India and Tanzania. The organ was initiated by High commission of India to provide a forum for connecting business interests in Tanzania and India to boost the trade between the two countries. It also represents the interests of businesses and professionals originating from India, and facilitates provision of information, guidance and assistance to Indian companies and professionals in their quest to establish businesses and professions in diverse fields in

Tanzania. It also provides a forum for exchange of ideas, skills and how to identify reliable markets for products.

Q: What kind of services that TIBF offer between the two countries?

ANSW: Services that TIBF offer between the two countries is to facilitate Tanzanian businessmen related to agriculture, Industrial, trade etc. to connect directly to the Indian Businessmen, to open up the window of doing business directly between the two countries. TIBF connects Fair atmosphere and makes India and Tanzania relationship stronger.



Q: What is the contribution of TIBF to the economic development of Tanzania? Are there any challenges that TIBF face in daily operation?

ANSW: Through this organ

we can get possible Indian businessmen who invest and continue to invest again and again. Because of the advantage of the same historical background of India and Tanzania, some agriculture and industrial machines are related. Therefore, it leads to easy transfer of technology and machines, transfer of expertise and eventually the economy of Tanzania gets to grow.

Q: Tanzania is one of the fastest developing economies in Africa that results in both increased opportunities for advancements well as risk on a global

scale. How does TIBF undertake this?

ANSW: Our President Hon. Dr. John Pombe Magufuli provide conducive environment for investors and industrialization to happen and with this opportunity TIBF is inviting more investors in Tanzania to come and invest.

Q: Does TIBF support the country's government other bodies like Tanzania Investment Centre, Tanzania Revenue Authority, Business Registration & Licensing Authority, etc? How

ANSW: Tanzania India Business Forum support's the country's government other

bodies like TRATIC, BRELA etc. by first implementing their rules and regulations, provide platform for B2B meetings, seminars which are very useful tools to provide information and knowledge to the Tanzanian Indian businessmen.

India-Tanzania current ties have evolved into a modern and pragmatic relationship with sound political understanding, diversified economic engagement, people to people contacts in the field of education & healthcare, and development partnership in capacity building training, concessional credit lines and grant projects.

Entrepreneur quits job, deciding to go back home to start agribusiness

WINDHOEK

EBEN Ngula, 29, grew up in the town of Ondangwa in the north of Namibia. The villages in this part of the country are characterised by the waving heads of mahangu before it is harvested in May or June of every year. Mahangu is a hardy and drought-resistant pearl millet (a cereal grain that belongs to the grass family) indigenous to the region.

Ngula knew the majority of the people living in the rural villages around Ondangwa always have excess mahangu that they look to sell to local millers to make flour. "After harvest, they always have grain stored throughout the year. I realised availability would not be a problem for a milling business," Ngula explains.

It was while he was a production manager for Namibia Grape Company in the south of the country near the Orange River, that Ngula conceptualised and planned his venture. In June 2020, African Grain Millers was founded.

"I'd always wanted to venture into food production, specifically a product the majority of the population consumes. Initially, I thought about eggs but they perish quickly so I decided on mahangu flour," he says.

Ngula studied agriculture at the University of Namibia but admits his four years at Namibia Grape Company is where he mastered the ins and outs of food production. "I never knew exactly where to start. At Namibia Grape Company, I learnt about food safety, food protocols, everything about packaging, even export and logistics."

He wanted to move back north because he missed his home and he was ready for a new challenge. Before resigning, he put the branding of his new company in place and finalised the registration. This took longer in a year when regulatory officials needed to social distance and stay home under various Covid-19 lockdowns in the country.

Using money he had saved up over four years of receiving production bonuses from Namibia Grape

Company and supplementing these funds with a personal loan from the bank, Ngula procured the required machines, packed up everything and moved back home.

Early challenges

Ngula never wants to relive those first couple of weeks after the company manufactured and packaged its first products. He reached out to retailers, delivered sample packages, and contacted them constantly to try and get his product to the end-customer, often not hearing back from them at all.

Vowing to not become disheartened, Ngula approached smaller retailers near the company's base in Ondangwa. These shopkeepers were eager to stock his product but did not have the cash flow to pay upfront. "I had to adapt my strategy and provide the stock on credit," Ngula says.

He also added another distribution channel to boost sales. "We have this initiative where individuals act as our agents. I send them the products at wholesale price and they provide it to tuck shop owners in the community."

Since those first couple of weeks, things have picked up and now, six months later, African Grain Millers has had to boost production by adding a second shift. "The orders that have come in have surpassed my production capacity, currently just short of two tonnes per week. We have divided the current team into two shifts and are producing almost 24 hours a day," Ngula reveals.

An early lesson he learnt is not to overpromise in the quest to win over customers. The company received an order close to the capital city, Windhoek, and agreed on a delivery date. It started raining and Ngula discovered the one delivery vehicle had a leak, which would compromise the mahangu during the transportation process. African Grain Millers could not deliver on time. The company now factors in additional time for larger orders to protect the integrity



of the brand.

African Grain Millers receives its supply of mahangu from the local farmers in the community. These growers approach the company, who then sends someone to evaluate the size and quality of the grain before agreeing on a price for the purchase.

Some of the growers bring their grain to the warehouse facility where the processing takes place and African Grain Millers also uses its own vehicles to collect the procured product. It cleans, grinds and mills the mahangu and packages it for delivery to the retailers and agents.

While there are other mahangu millers in Namibia, Ngula believes his company has a distinct advantage to become the brand of choice.

Firstly, he says, the company produces mahangu flour of higher quality because its milling process is slower. "We take our time to process and this makes for a finer bag of mahangu."

He also believes the company has an edge over the competition due to its extra emphasis on marketing through various social media platforms.

Ngula says mahangu is in demand thanks to its historic prevalence in the community. "More than half of the population prefer mahangu over the alternatives."

Growth and expansion

While agents are currently bringing in orders, established retail is where growth lies and takes up the majority of African Grain Millers' production capacity.

The company has managed to secure some shelf space in the local stores of major retailer Spar, as well as independent outlets in the northern towns of Tsumeb and Otjiwarongo.

Ngula is already planning to procure more machinery and appoint new employees (currently the company has a team of seven) in the next quarter to support the growing demand.

Water, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink

By Guardian Reporter

DURING his inauguration speech for the 12th Parliament in Dodoma last year, President John Magufuli spoke about water problems in the country. In his view, he said it is the number one problem facing the majority of Tanzanians.

If you read into statistics given by the government, you will notice that since President Magufuli came to power, the issues have been addressed extensively. But, despite all the efforts, the truth is almost half the people in Tanzania have no access to safe and clean water for both their domestic and economic use.

In the 2020 General Election campaigns, Prime Minister, Kassim Majaliwa, explained how much money the government had spent in the last five years to tackle water scarcity. Majaliwa was bold enough to state the obvious - that a lot needs to be done.

"President Magufuli's government has implemented 1,423 water projects across 28 towns in Tanzania. The value of all the projects comes at 1.2trillion/-. Availability of clean and safe water in villages is on the up from 47 percent in 2015 to 70 in 2020. In towns, the increase is from 74 percent in 2015 to 84 percent in 2020," he said.

Water and Accountability in Tanzania

The water issue has been an accountability issue for quite some time in Tanzania. In various Controller and Auditor General (CAG) reports since the Fourth Phase presidency of Jakaya Kikwete, the issue has been raised. The CAG has been at pains to state that despite the importance of water, a lot of it was lost unaccountably leaving a lot of people suffering.

For example, for the year 2012/2013, the CAG reported that 44 percent of water distributed by public authorities was lost on the way.

This is to say, almost half the water distributed to the customers was lost before reaching their targets.

CAG observed that the problems are caused by three major reasons; dilapidated water infrastructure, lack of monitoring mechanism from the point of production to customers, and inadequate funds to repair the infrastructure.

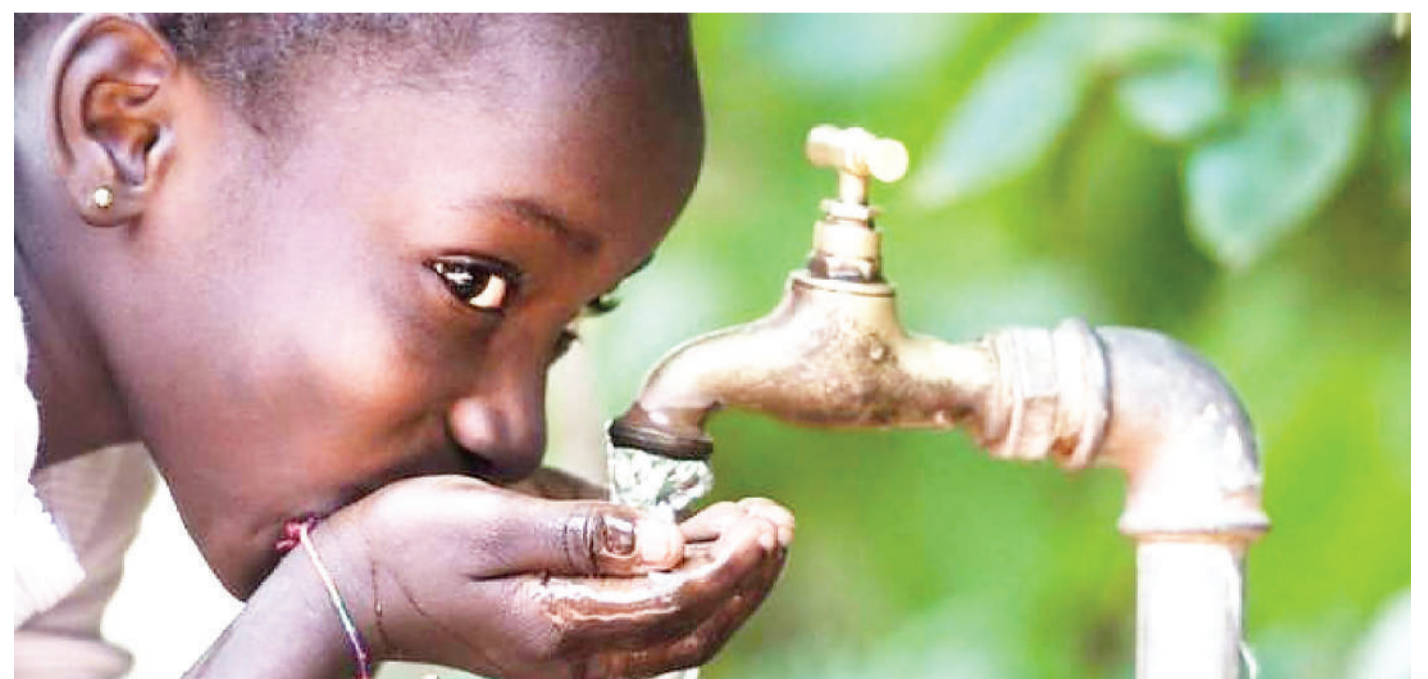
That was CAG eight years ago. Despite speaking out about it and offering his professional advice as per the constitution, it looks like the problem still exists. In the current CAG report of 2018/2019, the problem of loss of so much water is still biting.

"The issues of unnecessary loss of water still continue. The audit discovered that 20 water authorities in the country had a water loss in the region of 155.84billion/-. The amount is 74.14billion/- more than the minimum amount allowed.

"Other issues with regard to water scarcity in the country are the fact that many people are not connected in the supply system, production of water of questionable standards, and the customers who are not paying their bills. As of 30th June 2019, the customers owed 106.31billion/-. This is not good enough. Also, in some incidences, the authorities do not provide water services for 24 hours a day," said CAG.

Why Water is important?

Nothing is more abundant on earth than water. If you put all the dry land on earth in the water, it can fit in only one sea - Pacific. The mammoth water body has a size of 155



square kilometres. Mind you, that will leave Indian Ocean, Atlantic Ocean and many others with none of the dry land.

More than 97 available water in the world are from seas and oceans. We cannot consume those because of their salty nature. Two percent of the remaining water have been stored as ice in earth's poles. It leaves us with only one percent for humans, animals and plants use.

That is where the problem of water scarcity in this world comes. It is true that there is so much water around us but also true that there is so little water for people, animals and plants consumption.

With the increase in population and economic activities, the stress on water resources continues. It is no doubt that if we cannot

use efficiently and judiciously the little water that is available to us, more people will suffer in the future.

The old adage goes; Water is life. We cannot survive without water and that is so true. The water in the oceans or seas cannot be used to drink, wash our clothes or irrigation. We can only depend on the available one percent for drinking and other economic activities.

What needs to be done?

To tackle the problem, it is imperative for the government, service providers and the people to understand that while it is important to invest more in the water sector to make sure that more and more people have access to clean and safe water, it is also

critical to prevent unnecessary water loss. The good thing is that the CAG does give us some hints on what we, as collective can do to make sure as many people as possible have access to this precious resource.

CAG says we need to invest more in repairing of the existing water supply infrastructure, to put in proper system of monitoring water supply from the production, supply and its use. Lastly, but not the least, is to make sure that whenever there is a water leakage somewhere, people are educated to, promptly call the authorities and the response has to be swift.

Trump gets a date with fate, Yellen gets a date with history

By An Wentzel

THE House voted to impeach Donald Trump on Wednesday, 13 January, a week after the Capitol riot which tried to derail the certification of the Electoral College votes and left five people dead. On Monday, 25 January, the article of impeachment was delivered to the clerk of the Senate, and the second impeachment of Trump is set to get going around February 8.

Constitutionally, the impeachment starts the day after the article is read in the Senate, but Republican leader Mitch McConnell asked for more time, which the Senate majority leader agreed to.

It will be the fourth impeachment trial of a president in the history of the US. It is also the first time a president has been impeached twice and the first time one has faced an impeachment trial after he has left office.

Unlike the first, the second trial will not be presided over by Chief Justice John Roberts, since Trump is no longer a sitting president and the constitutional requirement of a chief justice presiding falls away. The most senior Senator and President Pro Tempore (the Senator in the majority party with the longest record of continuous service), Patrick Leahy, will preside.

Leahy, despite having called for Trump's conviction earlier, pledged on Monday to be impartial.

Some American political analysts have said Roberts does not like being involved in political cases and is probably pleased he doesn't have to preside.

The article of impeachment - the charge of incitement - was read to the Senate by the lead House impeachment manager, Republican Senator Jamie Raskin:

"President Trump gravely endangered the security of the United States and its institutions of government... President Trump thus warrants impeachment and trial, removal from office and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of trust, honour or profit under the United States."

A Senate conviction could lead to another vote - to block Trump



Donald Trump



Janet Yellen

from holding "any office of trust, honour or profit under the United States" in future and ensure he cannot run for office again in 2024, as he has stated.

Trump is losing more than the presidency - the cachet of being "in his circle" is gone. His country club, Mar-a-Lago, is reported to be rapidly losing \$200,000-a-year members who apparently paid for the privilege of being associated with a sitting president and "the food's no good".

The Senate also voted on Monday

to confirm economist Janet Yellen as the US' first woman Secretary of the Treasury in the department's 230-year existence. The vote was an overwhelming 84-15 (with one abstention) for the 74-year-old former chair of the Federal Reserve (the Fed), where she was also the first woman in the position from 2014 to 2018. She also headed former president Bill Clinton's Council of Economic Advisers in the late 1990s.

Before Senate approval, Yellen received a unanimous green light

from the Senate Finance Committee last week.

In a radio interview in 2019 she said Trump did not understand economic policy or the Fed's responsibility: "I doubt that he would even be able to say that the Fed's goals are maximum employment and price stability..."

It is expected Yellen will shape President Joe Biden's economic policies and, more immediately, be a central figure in getting Congress to approve his \$1.9-trillion coronavirus relief plan. She has been vocal

in her support for more stimulus measures, telling the Senate Finance Committee that "more must be done". She said: "Without further action we risk a longer, more painful recession now."

While acknowledging the US needs to move towards fiscal sustainability and work on reducing its debt, Yellen says the problem at hand must be dealt with first: "Right now, with interest rates at historic lows, the smartest thing we can do is to act big."

On Monday, Biden also said he was

hoping to be able to increase his 100 million vaccinations in 100 days to 150 million in 100 days as soon as distribution issues are resolved. Meanwhile, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo has urged New Yorkers to be patient while they wait for more doses: "We have the operational capacity to do more than 100,000 doses a day - we just need the dosages."

According to Johns Hopkins University, the US closed Monday with 25.2 million confirmed Covid-19 cases and more than 420,000 deaths. **DM**

Qinghai launches campaign to eradicate parasitic disease in pasturing areas, consolidates poverty alleviation achievements

By Liu Chengyou, Jia Fengfeng

"THE surgery went well," said Fan Haining, vice president of Qinghai University Affiliated Hospital, northwest China's Qinghai province. Fan's words reassured Tsering Tandrup, 40, whose wife was diagnosed with echinococcosis four years ago.

Qinghai is a plateau province and home to a vast number of herdsmen. Echinococcosis was once the No. 1 threat for the herdsmen there, as they always live on grassland or by the water, and have close contact with livestock. In addition, the poor healthcare condition and high cost of treatment also made local herdsmen reluctant to go to hospitals. Therefore, the disease was also one of the largest barriers for poverty alleviation.

Since Qinghai launched a campaign to eradicate echinococcosis in 2016, the province has screened a total of over 5 million residents, which covered almost all the population living in endemic areas. The number of the infected added up to 14,000. More than 7,900 of them received free medical treatment, and more than 2,800 received free surgeries.

"We established standardized wards for treating echinococcosis patients and adopt a graded treatment method," said Cui Hongyuan, member of a medical team sent to Qinghai by the Organization Department of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and Communist Youth League of China Central Committee.

Key doctors are sent to local communities to perform surgeries for patients with mild symptoms, while those in severer conditions are transferred to Xining, the capital of Qinghai province for treatment, Cui explained.

"We are also supported by medical insurance and charity fund, which enables us to not only pay for the medical cost of



Doctors check medical images of patients.

the patients, but also offer them living allowances," Cui told People's Daily.

The campaign is led by major hospitals in the province and joined by a team

headed by academician Dong Jiahong of the Chinese Academy of Engineering. Free drugs are handed out to all patients by cities and prefectures, counties, townships

and villages, and those in severe conditions are centralized for surgeries.

Letso is a cadre sent to the Qinghai University Affiliated Hospital by Gande county

of Qinghai province to handle communication and coordination work. In order to admit as many patients as possible, counties of Qinghai joined efforts with local hospitals. The county governments organize, screen, evaluate and transfer the patients, while hospitals receive and treat them, as well as complete follow-up visits. "This month 40 patients were discharged, and we'll be able to make a triumphant return in the next couple of days," Letso said, being proud of what she has done.

Given the efforts made by local governments, cadres, doctors and nurses, as well as the medical insurance and charity fund, patients are becoming increasingly more willing to be treated at hospitals.

"We shall not only perform surgeries and treatment, but also focus on how to precisely prevent and control the disease in a scientific manner," Dong said. He made a clear timeline to eradicate echinococcosis: to effectively contain it by 2020, control it by 2025, and eliminate it by 2030.

In June the last year, Qinghai kicked off a special action to perform surgeries for echinococcosis patients. As of the end of November, patients in all cities and prefectures other than Golog and Yushu had their surgeries performed, and all the remaining 156 were expected to go through surgeries before the end of 2020.

"An echinococcosis control paradigm that combines scientific research, cultivation of doctors, education on patients and diagnosis and treatment management has been established, thanks to the joint efforts made by multiple departments and relevant parties," said an official from Qinghai's health commission.

According to the official, the health commission will keep enhancing the public health capability of the pasturing areas, so as to further consolidate the achievements of poverty alleviation and the building of a moderately prosperous society in all respects.

REMUNERATION

Shanta Gold Ltd awards directors shares said to be worth 187.2m/- as an incentive

By Guardian Reporter

THANKS to appreciating global gold prices and meeting their key performance indices, top management officials at Shanta Gold Limited have been awarded 4,543,126 bonus shares estimated to be valued at over 187.2m/-.

In a statement, the London Stock Exchange listed gold miner which owns New Luika Gold Mine in Chunya District of Mbeya Region and Singida Gold Mine in Ikungi District

of Singida Region, named the awarded senior management officials as CEO, Eric Zurrin, Chief Financial Officer, Luke Leslie, Technical Director, Honest Mrema, General Manager for Government Relations, Philbert Rweyamamu, Human Resources Director, Calvin Mlingi and Group Financial Controller, Matthew Gormley.

"Performance pay in shares is based on prescribed KPIs set out at the beginning of 2020 and the number of shares awarded is calculated based on an average share price over the calen-



dar year 2020 of 13.28 pence per share," the company said in its statement adding that each have been issued with ordinary shares of 0.01p each.

The statement further noted that the bonus shares were given under Shanta Gold's existing contractual arrangements and is in line with the remuneration policy set out in its annual report published on 28 February 2020.

"In aggregate, this will result in the

issuance of 4,543,126 ordinary shares. Application has been made to London Stock Exchange Plc for those 4,543,126 ordinary shares to be admitted to trading on Alternative investment market.

Admission is expected to occur and dealings in the new ordinary shares are expected to commence on the LSE at 8.00 a.m. on or around 27 January 2021," the statement added.

From admission, the company's issued ordinary share capital will comprise 1,048,008,658 ordinary shares with voting rights. No ordinary shares are held in treasury.

The figure of 1,048,008,658 may be used by the company's shareholders as the denominator for the calculations by which they will determine if they are required to notify their interest in, or a change to their interest in, the company under the Financial Conduct Authority's Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules.

WHISTLEBLOWER

KRA eyes citizen tips in Sh894bn tax drive

NAIROBI

THE Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) is banking on intelligence tips by the public to help it expand the tax net as it faces the herculean task of raising nearly Sh900 billion in the second half of the current fiscal year ending June on the back of a double-digit shortfall in tax receipts in the first half ended last month.

The KRA says it expects increased participation by the public in reporting tax cheats and its staff who abet tax evasion and bribery when it finally rolls out a web-based anonymous reporting system within this half, a platform it has been trying to install since 2013.

Under this arrangement, a whistleblower will be assigned a special code to identify her once she reports a tax crime on the website, concealing her real identity. "We are implementing the web-based anonymous reporting system to enable the public to report tax evasion while remaining anonymous," KRA commissioner-general Githii Mburu says in a forecast on tax collection for the second half of the fiscal year ending June.

The taxman has been relying on walk-ins or e-mails and telephone calls made through KRA's Complaints and Information Centre for tips – a technique which has had limited success partly because it requires in-

formants to submit their personal details.

Tax receipts amounted to Sh673.61 billion in the July-December 2020 period, Treasury data shows, a drop of Sh105.72 billion, or 13.57 per cent, compared with a similar period a year earlier when the taxman netted Sh779.32 billion.

The first-half tax collection represents a Sh110.21 billion shortfall on a prorated target of Sh783.82 billion and is the lowest in the period since Sh630.37 billion in six-month through December 2017 when the country underwent a bruising presidential poll whose outcome was disputed by the opposition.

Tax collections were weighed down by depressed corporate

sales as a result of an eroded consumer purchasing power, hurting consumption levies such as value-added taxes (VAT) on the back of pandemic tax reliefs.

Mr Mburu is banking on increased compliance enforcement measures of existing and new tax streams, removal of tax reliefs this month except for workers earning a maximum of Sh24,000 and recovering economic activity to help the agency achieve a full-year goal of nearly Sh1.57 trillion. This means the taxman will have to collect Sh894.03 billion between January and June 2021 to meet the target, with Mr Mburu saying receipts are "expected to accelerate within forecast



KRA commissioner general Githii Mburu.

rates."

Achieving this ambitious target will mean growing tax receipts by Sh219.88 billion over and above Sh674.15 billion it netted in the second half of fiscal year ended June 2020 and Sh134.85 billion more than Sh759.18 billion collected in January-June 2019 period.

"KRA has intensified compliance enforce-

ment efforts by driving the implementation of the new tax measures including digital service tax, minimum alternative tax (and) voluntary disclosure programme," the chief taxman said in the outlook statement dated January 15. "KRA is further intensifying the use of a robust intelligence network to curb tax evasion and the use of technology to support tax collection."

PARTNERSHIP

COMESA, TDB move to harmonise digital payments for small enterprises

KIGALI

THE business council of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) has partnered with the Trade and Development Bank to further develop affordable solutions that will increase intra-trade and financial flows for Micro Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs).

The development was announced during a financial services regulators meeting, in Kigali, last week.

The institution represents the interest of the private sector at a regional level. CBC's Digital Financial Inclusion programme, piloted in nine countries, including Rwanda, is expected to catalyse the transition of MSMEs from a cash-dominant to a cash-lite economy, where they have access to affordable, interoperable, secure, and real-time digital financial transactions.

Other countries include Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. "The establishment of a digital low-value common payment policy for MSMEs will result in streamlining predominantly cash-based small-

scale enterprises into digital economies that enjoy accessible, affordable, interoperable, transparent and real-time cross-border retail payments," said Sandra Uwera, the Chief Executive Officer at CBC, during the meeting.

"This digital financial inclusion drive is expected to boost volumes of cross-border transactions, the formalization of SMEs and their participation in intra-regional trade," Uwera added.

Admassu Tadesse, President of TDB noted that the development will among other things, "Ensure that an open and enabling environment for financial services, from predictable laws and regulations to sound and accessible physical digital infrastructure, is in place while protecting consumers."

During the meeting, officials reiterated that facilitating and promoting MSMEs' participation in Digital Financial Inclusion can accrue benefits such as economic growth, macroeconomic policy effectiveness, and job creation.

Speaking at the sidelines of the event, Michel Sebera, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Trade and Industry explained that previously

there have been a number of key challenges holding back the potential of MSMEs.

"They include high collateral requirements by formal financial institutions; difficulties in making and receiving payments within the COMESA region; unsecured digital financial services platforms; and many others," he added.

Addressing the challenges, according to Robert Bafakulera, Chairman of the Rwanda Private Sector Federation, is critical given the prevailing economic conditions brought by the Covid-19 pandemic.

"While the Covid-19 pandemic is set to increase use of these services, it has also posed challenges for the growth of the industry's smaller players like SMEs and highlighted unequal access to digital infrastructure.

Several actions will need to be taken to ensure maximum inclusion going forward," Bafakulera asserted. Improved interoperability, partnerships, regulatory dialogue and consumer protection are some of the key factors that will result from an operational digital financial inclusion of MSMEs, he added.



CBC's CEO, Sandra Uwera

BOOST

SA plans three renewable energy rounds over the coming year

JOHANNESBURG

ANC presentation shows plans to launch first round in January or February, for 2 600MW of wind and solar energy.

South Africa plans to launch three procurement rounds for 6 800 megawatts (MW) of renewable en-

ergy over the next year, as well as a combined 5 000MW of new coal, gas and storage, a presentation by the governing African National Congress (ANC) showed.

Africa's most industrialised nation is heavily dependent on coal-fired power but plans to move towards a more diversified mix of genera-

tion sources. It regularly suffers outages because of faults at ailing state-owned utility Eskom that have deterred investment in the country and hobbled economic growth.

The presentation, made at a three-day meeting of party officials and allies that ended on Sunday and shared with Reuters by two sources, showed

the ANC plans to launch the first renewables round in January or February for 2 600MW of wind and solar, with another 2 600MW round in August and a third for 1 600MW in January or February 2022.

A procurement round for roughly 500MW of energy storage would start around September, followed

by rounds for 1 500MW of coal and 3 000MW of gas around December. An ANC spokesman did not respond to a request for comment. An energy ministry spokesman acknowledged receipt of questions but could not immediately comment.

The capacity envisaged by the

ANC is in line with the country's Integrated Resource Plan, a government document that lays out the power mix until 2030.

A 2019 update of the plan contained big allocations for wind and solar but also included new coal, which some analysts said was an attempt to placate lobbyists for the fuel.

PROMOTION

Twelve more scoop bank's 'MastaBata' prizes worth 28.8 million/-

By Guardian Reporter

TWELVE NMB Bank Plc customers won cash and material prizes worth 28.2m/- as the promotion nears its grand finale in February.

NMB's Head of Card Business, Philbert Casmir said in Dar es Salaam yesterday during the eighth draw of the four month campaign that so far, over 87.6m/- out of 200m/- has already been given away in both cash and material prizes.

"We still have much more on offer because hardly a half of the allocated

prize amount has been exhausted so we encourage our customers to continue participating," Casmir said while adding that customers who use NMB Mastercard or Masterpass QR to make payments for goods and services qualify to win.

The promotion which started in November last year, gives away 100,000/- cash prizes in weekly draws, Samsung smartphones, television flat screen, refrigerators and microwaves, are among prizes given through monthly draws.

Casmir said the promotion has



NMB Bank Plc's manager for card business, Sophia Mwamwitwa (2nd-L) presents a refrigerator to 'Rose Marealle of Mbezi in Dar es Salaam after she emerged winner during a monthly 'MastaBata' draw held in the commercial capital yesterday. Looking on is NMB Mbezi branch manager Nestory Mwombeki. Photo courtesy of NMB.

three more draws before reaching the climax when the lucky winner will go home with a paid up trip to Ngorongoro Crater, Serengeti National Park or Spice Islands of Zanzibar. The grand finale winner may also

choose an alternative prize to forfeit the paid up trip with a partner.

"So I urge NMB customers to continue using their Mastercard and Masterpass QR to win the weekly, monthly but even

more important the grand finale prize of the paid up trip to a destination of their choice," he added.

During yesterday's draw which was witnessed by Gaming Board of Tanzania Inspec-

tor, Pendo Albert, the twelve winners took prizes of their choice, among which were Samsung Galaxy Note 20 smartphone worth 2.4m/-, water dispenser, laptop and the flat screen with three months of Dstv subscription.

DIGITISATION

BRAC Uganda Bank looks to capitalise on Software Group tech

KAMPALA

NAIROBI-BASED global software firm Software Group has secured a new contract for its latest Agency Banking platform with BRAC Uganda Bank Ltd, a prominent financial institution in Uganda.

According to a statement released to the media, Software Group's technology will support the Bank's plans to extend its outreach to underserved areas through Agency Banking, "providing highly convenient, digital financial services closer to customers."

The statement continues: "Adopting the market-leading Agency Banking platform, the bank will be offering a rich set of services, due to go live during the course 2021, available outside of normal office hours and close to where their customers are, providing greater convenience, boosting trust during the COVID era by reducing in-branch congestion, and mobilising customer deposits

while at the same time reducing operational costs."

The Agency Banking platform allows BRAC Uganda Bank Ltd. to scale its points of sale rapidly without investing in costly branch and ATM networks, as part of its financial inclusion agenda to engage with a wider customer base.

William Mawejje, Deputy CEO and COO for BRAC Uganda Bank Ltd., said: "We are delighted to partner with Software Group and leverage their market-leading Agency Banking Solution with financial support from World Saving and Retail Bank Institute (WSBI). Delivering financial services to 84 districts and over 200,000 microfinance members via our agent network helps save lives, to stop the spread of COVID and supports our sustainable development goals in Uganda."

Craig Albertson, Business Development Director Anglophone Africa at Software Group commented, "We are proud to partner with BRAC



William Mawejje, Deputy CEO and COO for BRAC Uganda Bank Limited.

Uganda Bank Ltd. in achieving their ambitious outreach goals and significantly enhancing customer experience.

Moreover, utilizing digital solutions such as Agency Banking plays an essential role in preventing the spread of COVID-19, as it will avoid the need for the bank's customers to queue in branch offices and help them manage social distancing."

The companies believe Agency Banking to be one of the fastest growing digital financial channels in Africa "allowing banks to offer digital banking products and services (including phone top ups and bill payments for example) outside of traditional banks, through 3rd party vendors such as shops or roadside kiosks."

According to Software Group, the Agency Banking solution is currently implemented in more than 15 countries across Africa.

DIVESTITURE

Zimbabwe seeks to list company holding state mining assets

HARARE

ZIMBABWE, banking on mining to end two decades of economic stagnation, plans to list the company in which it has placed state mining assets to raise cash to meet government obligations, the nation's finance minister said.

Late last year, the government created Kuvimba Mining House Ltd., in which the state pension fund and sovereign wealth fund hold 65%, to house its holdings in platinum, gold and nickel. It intends to use revenue from the company to meet a laundry list of requirements ranging from compensating White farmers for infrastructure on farms that were seized two decades ago to improving pensions. "In the next two years, it will be a highly profitable group," Finance Minister Mthuli Ncube said in an interview last week. "When we eventually list, government will offload some of its shareholding."

The creation of Kuvimba, which means trust in the Shona language, is the latest attempt by the government to kickstart its mining industry.

While companies have been deterred by local ownership requirements and a frequently changing currency regime, investors from Russia, Cyprus and Nigeria are now exploring digging platinum mines in Zimbabwe, which has the world's third-biggest reserves of the metal.

'Hard Currency'

In addition to partnering Russian investors in a platinum venture, Kuvimba plans to rehabilitate aging mines and develop new ones.

The company will likely be listed on a dollar-denominated stock exchange that was established in the resort town of Victoria Falls last year, as well as another "hard currency" exchange, the minister said.

The rest of the company is owned by a consortium headed by David Brown, the former chief executive officer of South Africa's Impala Platinum Holdings Ltd., he said, without giving details about the arrangement. "We are looking for international skills, skills with a track record and he has a track record," Ncube said.

Money from Kuvimba will also be used to back entrepreneurs, compensate people who lost the value of their bank deposits when the local currency crashed, bolster funding for veterans of the 1970s liberation war and provide seed capital for a new government worker pension fund, he said.

E-COMMERCE

COVID-19 new wave: Online shopping still among measures to limit spread

LAGOS

AS authorities put measures in place to prevent the rapid spread of covid-19 in the light of the second wave of the pandemic emanating from mutation variants of the dreaded virus, Jumia Nigeria CEO, Massimiliano Spalazzi has highlighted the services of e-Commerce platforms as one of the measures to help mitigate the spread among Nigerians.

While speaking on the crucial role and contributions of e-commerce in the present day socio-economic reality in Nigeria, Spalazzi said online shopping will help promote the adoption of social distancing measures and eliminate the contact risk associated with brick and mortar stores, as people can purchase different products of their choice and get them delivered from the safety of their home.

"Online shopping remains one of the ways individuals can take precautions to limit the spread of Covid-19.

People are being urged to avoid large gatherings, and limit human contact as much as possible. Ecommerce platforms possess all these features that will help customers keep to the safety culture.

From the comfort of their safety, customers can shop on the Jumia platforms, make payment through

online payment solutions like JumiaPay and get them delivered via Jumia Express, or our contactless agents," he said.

He pointed out the crucial role played by e-commerce platforms during the 2020 Covid-19 lockdown. "What we have seen last year has been how relevant and important e-commerce was in serving the population during these tough times. We've seen many different situations happen from the Covid-19, which obliged people to be locked down and having to purchase their goods in a safe way."

During the first wave of the pandemic, ecommerce platforms served as a veritable channel for brands and businesses to connect with their customers. Global brands such as Coca-Cola, Procter & Gamble, Reckitt Benkiser, Nestle, Unilever and other essential goods manufacturers partnered with Jumia for sales of their products.

Likewise, online retail platforms were key for the survival of food and grocery enterprises when sit-in services were prohibited with customers restricted by social distancing rule. It was a period where more customers boarded the e-commerce foodservice train and several local restaurants partnered with Jumia to keep their food, beverage, and grocery service going during the lockdown.



Jumia Nigeria CEO, Massimiliano Spalazzi.

PLEA

Abolish tax to ease wheat flour price, millers urge State

NAIROBI

WHEAT millers want the government to abolish duty on wheat and return it to zero-rated Value Added Tax. Millers want wheat in order to cushion consumers against the grain's rising international prices.

The government currently charges a 10 percent duty on imported wheat, with millers arguing that they will reduce the cost of wheat products by the same margin if the duty is removed.

Kenya relies mainly on imports of wheat as the country does not produce enough to meet the annual demand. Effective this month, wheat products such as bread were moved from zero-rated to exempt VAT sta-

tus, denying manufacturers a tax refund. "If the import duty on the wheat is waived, this will go a long way in protecting the consumers. It is a major intervention that would work well as we do not have control over the rising cost of the commodity internationally," said the millers.

Millers have also opposed any possible price control to tame the price of wheat products, saying that it will not work well in Kenya's economy.

The government indicated last week that it was monitoring the rising cost of commodities as it mulls intervention to tame the effects of the price increase.

Economist Tony Watima sided with the processors saying to save

the Kenyans from the current high cost of living, the government would have extended the tax relief measure to the citizens to enable them cope with the rising prices of the commodities.

"A tax relief would enable households to have more disposable income that they can spend in the economy and help its recovery," said Mr Watima. The cost of bread, which is also determined by the international prices of wheat, has gone up in the first time in four years.

Nearly all brands have gone up with a 400 grammes going up by Sh5 to sell at Sh55 with 600 grammes going for Sh70 from Sh65 previously.

HISTORIC

Janet Yellen becomes first female US Treasury Secretary

WASHINGTON

JANET Yellen, US President Joe Biden's nominee for Treasury Secretary, was confirmed by a majority in the Senate on Monday, making her the first woman in the job. Ms Yellen, 74, had a smooth confirmation and wide support from senators across the aisle, with 84 yes and 15 no votes, following a unanimous vote by the finance committee on Friday.

Her appointment is among many firsts in her career. She was the first woman to be Federal Reserve chair under Barack Obama (2014-2018) after previously serving as vice chair, and the only woman to earn a doctorate in economics from Yale in 1971. From 1997 to 2000, Ms Yellen was the head of Bill Clinton's Council of Economic Advisers.

Her most urgent priority will be getting Congress to agree on a pandemic stimulus. In her hearing last

week, Ms Yellen urged senators to "act big" by agreeing to Mr Biden's \$1.9 trillion stimulus. Such a measure, she said, "creates more prosperity for more people and ensures that American workers can compete in an increasingly competitive global economy."

"Neither the [president] nor I propose this relief package without an appreciation for the country's debt burden. But right now, with interest rates at historic lows, the smartest thing we can do is act big," she said. "I believe the benefits will far outweigh the costs, especially if we care about helping people who have been struggling for a very long time." She also singled out China as the "most important strategic competitor" for the US, promising to utilise all available policy tools to counter its abuses.

"China is clearly our most important strategic competitor," she said, and accused Beijing of "undercutting American companies by dumping products; erecting trade barriers; and giving illegal subsidies to corporations." It steals intellectual property and "is guilty of horrendous human rights abuses", Ms Yellen told senators.

But unlike during the Trump era, Ms Yellen said Mr Biden proposed an "array of options" in dealing with the China threat that would primarily focus on rebuilding alliances. "We need to work with our allies rather than unilaterally," she told the committee.



Janet Yellen speaks during a panel at the American Economic Association/Allied Social Science Association in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 4, 2019.

On trade, Ms Yellen pointed to a pivot under the Biden administration. "I believe we should try to address unfair trade practices and the best way to do that is to work with our allies rather than unilaterally," she said.

In contrast, former president Donald Trump led one of the most hawkish and isolationist policies with regard to trade in recent history. Under him, the US clashed with allies in Europe, Canada, Japan, Mexico and the Middle East by imposing tariffs on key exports such as steel and cars.

Mr Trump also withdrew from the Trans-Pacific Partnership, renegotiated Nafta and entered a trade war with China. Ms Yellen is the third Biden Cabinet nominee to be confirmed by the Senate, following Avril Haines as Director of National Intelligence and Gen Lloyd Austin as Defence Secretary.

OPTIMISM



ECB president, Christine Lagarde speaking at the World Economic Forum in Davos.

ECB's Christine Lagarde: 'Our hope is that 2021 is still the year of recovery'

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European Central Bank president Christine Lagarde said the lender hopes 2021 remains the year of recovery, with the first phase of the rebound loaded with uncertainty as the vaccination drive gets underway and the second centred on countries opening up. Speaking at the World Economic Forum, Ms Lagarde said growth in the fourth quarter of 2020 will be negative, which impacts the first quarter of this year and means that fiscal policy must "play a dominant role" during the first phase of the recovery.

"Phase one is clearly one that is still tied with a very high level of uncertainty, as vaccinations are produced, supplied and distributed [and] as we see more lockdown measures, sometimes more stringent, as the variants are also now being rolled out in our societies," Ms Lagarde told delegates attending a session on restoring economic growth on Monday. "So phase one ... is still about crossing that bridge to the recovery but where the journey seems to be a little bit delayed."

The European Central Bank kept interest rates and its stimulus package unchanged last week, when Ms Lagarde held the pandemic bond-buying programme at €1.85 trillion (\$2.24tn), following a €500bn boost last month. Ms Lagarde said the ECB's goal is to continue supporting all sectors of the economy, and "make sure that fi-

nancing conditions remain favourable."

Once the global economy can "cross the bridge" from phase one to phase two, then "we are on the other side", where the economy is reopening and "then the challenges are different" because it is a "new economy", said Ms Lagarde.

Positive developments to look forward to in phase two include the fact that many advanced economies, particularly in Europe, have leapfrogged by about seven years in terms of digitalisation, said Ms Lagarde. Other positives centre around the way people work, with it very likely that about 20 per cent of the time worked in offices pre-pandemic will be undertaken from home.

She also pointed to how technological changes are helping pandemic-affected businesses, with venture capital spent on sectors particularly affected by social distancing up 56 per cent since December 2019. Looking ahead, however, she stressed that climate change is an issue that must be dealt with "as a matter of priority," with major countries already focused on that fight.

She said the post-pandemic era will also present a number of challenges, including unemployment, which data-wise does "not appear that bad." Eurozone unemployment fell slightly in November for the second month in a row, with the jobless rate dipping to 8.3 per cent of the workforce from 8.4 per cent in October.

The figure for those out of work decreased by 172,000 in November, according to Eurostat, as the declining jobless rate followed a similar pattern to October, however, the positive data may mask the real picture.

"That is really hiding actual numbers that are a lot worse, because a lot of people are being discouraged from ... looking for jobs because they know that they will not find those jobs," said Ms Lagarde.



ISIDINGO MONDAY - FRIDAY STARTING 7:30 PM



ITV PGM SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 23 Jan

5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha
7:00	Habari
8:00	Al Jazeera
9:00	Watoto wetu
10:00	Shika Bamba 5
10:30	Mjue Zaidi rpt
11:15	Chetu ni chetu rpt
12:15	Korean drama rpt: Hwarang
13:45	Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin
16:00	Igizo rpt: Mizengwe
16:20	Igizo: Mtego
17:00	Shamsham za Pwani
18:00	Jiji Letu
18:15	Korean drama: Hwarang
19:00	Jungu Kuu
19:30	Shika Bamba
20:00	Habari
21:00	Art and lifestyle
21:30	ITV TOP 10
22:10	Isidingo rpt
00:30	DWTV

SUNDAY 24 Jan

5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha
7:00	Habari
8:00	Al Jazeera
09:00	Watoto Wetu
10:00	Isidingo rpt
11:40	Mjue zaidi
12:35	Movie: Bongo Mafia rpt
14:00	Tamasha la michozo
15:30	Mwangaza
16:30	ITV Top 10
17:30	Kipindi cha kikristo
18:00	Jiji Letu
18:15	Mapishi
18:30	Matukio ya wiki
19:30	Igizo: Mtego
20:00	Habari
21:00	Kipindi maalum: Biko
21:05	Mizengwe
21:30	Mjue Zaidi
22:14	Bongo Movie: Wajanja wa Mjini
00:05	Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin

MONDAY 25 Jan

5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha
7:30	HABARI
8:00	Kumekucha Michezo
8:55	Habari za saa
9:00	Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30	Isidingo
9:55	Habari za saa
10:00	Watoto Wetu rpt
10:30	Uchumi na biashara rpt
10:55	Habari za saa
11:00	The Base rpt
11:55	Habari za saa
12:00	Al Jazeera
12:30	Jarida la wanawake rpt
12:55	Habari za saa
13:00	Dakika 45 rpt
13:55	Habari za saa
14:00	Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin
14:55	Habari za saa
15:00	Meza huru
16:30	Watoto Wetu
17:00	The Base
18:00	Jiji Letu
18:15	Korean drama rpt: Hwarang
19:00	Ijue Sheria
19:30	Isidingo
20:00	Habari
21:00	Kipindi Maalum: Tanesco
21:30	Kipindi Maalum: Ripoti Maalum
22:15	Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin

20:00	Habari
21:05	Dakika 45
22:00	Telenovela: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin
23:00	Habari
23:30	The Base
00:30	Al Jazeera
02:00	DWTV

TUESDAY 26 Jan

5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha
7:30	HABARI
8:00	Kumekucha Michezo
8:55	Habari za saa
9:00	Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30	Isidingo
9:55	Habari za saa
10:00	Watoto wetu rpt
10:30	Jungu kuu rpt
10:55	Habari za saa
11:00	The Base rpt
11:55	Habari za saa
12:00	Al Jazeera
12:30	Afya ya jamii
12:55	Habari za saa
13:00	DWTV: Kesho leo rpt
13:30	Shika Bamba rpt
13:55	Habari za saa
14:00	Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin
14:55	Habari za saa
15:00	Meza huru
16:30	Watoto wetu
17:00	The Base
18:00	Jiji Letu
18:10	Yu wapi
18:15	Igizo: Mizengwe rpt
18:30	Uchumi na biashara
19:00	Jarida la wanawake
19:30	Isidingo
20:00	Habari
21:00	Tanzania yetu
21:30	Chetu ni chetu
22:15	Telenovela: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin

WEDNESDAY 27 Jan

5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha
7:30	HABARI
8:00	Kumekucha Michezo
8:55	Habari za saa
9:00	Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30	Isidingo
9:55	Habari za saa
10:00	Watoto Wetu rpt
10:30	Uchumi na biashara rpt
10:55	Habari za saa
11:00	The Base rpt
11:55	Habari za saa
12:00	Al Jazeera
12:30	Jarida la wanawake rpt
12:55	Habari za saa
13:00	Dakika 45 rpt
13:55	Habari za saa
14:00	Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin
14:55	Habari za saa
15:00	Meza huru
16:30	Watoto Wetu
17:00	The Base
18:00	Jiji Letu
18:15	Korean drama rpt: Hwarang
19:00	Ijue Sheria
19:30	Isidingo
20:00	Habari
21:00	Kipindi Maalum: Tanesco
21:30	Kipindi Maalum: Ripoti Maalum
22:15	Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin

23:00	Habari
23:30	The Base
00:30	Al Jazeera
02:00	DWTV

THURSDAY 28 Jan

5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha
7:30	HABARI
8:00	Kumekucha Michezo
9:55	Habari za saa
9:00	Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30	Isidingo
9:55	Habari za saa
10:00	Watoto
10:30	Shamba lulu rpt
10:55	Habari za saa
11:00	The Base rpt
11:55	Habari za saa
12:00	Al Jazeera
12:30	Ijue sheria rpt
12:55	Habari za saa
13:00	Ripoti Maalum rpt
13:30	Tanzania yetu
13:55	Habari za saa
14:15	Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin
14:55	Habari za saa
15:00	Meza huru
16:30	Watoto Wetu
17:00	The Base
18:00	Jiji Letu
18:15	Mapishi rpt
18:30	Jagina
19:00	Usafiri wako
19:30	Isidingo
20:00	Habari
21:00	Malumbano ya hoja
23:00	Habari
23:30	The Base
00:30	Al Jazeera
02:00	DWTV

FRIDAY 29 Jan

5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha
7:30	HABARI
8:00	Kumekucha Michezo
9:55	Habari za saa
9:00	Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30	Isidingo
9:55	Habari za saa
10:00	Watoto wetu rpt
10:30	Usafiri wako rpt
10:55	Habari za saa
11:00	The Base
11:55	Habari za saa
12:00	Al Jazeera
12:30	Kipindi Maalum rpt: Tanesco
12:55	Habari za saa
13:00	Jagina rpt
13:30	Chetu ni chetu rpt
13:55	Habari za saa
14:15	Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin
15:00	Meza Huru
16:30	Watoto Wetu
17:00	The Base (DJ Show)
17:30	Kisilam
18:00	Jiji Letu
18:15	Mjue Zaidi rpt
19:00	Shamba lulu
19:30	Isidingo
20:00	Habari
21:05	Kipima Joto
23:00	The Base
00:30	Al Jazeera
02:00	DWTV

SATURDAY 30 Jan

5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha

7:00	Habari
8:00	Al Jazeera
9:00	Watoto wetu
10:00	Shika Bamba 5
10:30	Mjue Zaidi rpt
11:15	Chetu ni chetu rpt
12:15	Korean drama rpt: Hwarang
13:45	Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin
16:00	Igizo rpt: Mizengwe
16:20	Igizo: Mtego
17:00	Shamsham za Pwani
18:00	Jiji Letu
18:15	Korean drama: Hwarang
19:00	Jungu Kuu
19:30	Shika Bamba
20:00	Habari
21:00	Art and lifestyle
21:30	Telenovela rpt: Lover her to death
22:10	Isidingo rpt
00:30	DWTV

SUNDAY 31 Jan

5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha
7:00	Habari
8:00	Al Jazeera
09:00	Watoto Wetu
10:00	Isidingo
11:40	Igizo: Mizengwe rpt
12:00	Movie rpt: Wajanja wa Mjini
14:00	Tamasha la Michezo
15:30	Mwangaza
16:30	ITV Top 10
17:30	Kipindi cha kikristo
18:00	Jiji Letu
18:15	Mapishi
18:30	Matukio ya wiki
19:30	Igizo: Mtego
20:00	Habari
21:00	Kipindi maalum: Biko
21:05	Mizengwe
21:30	Mjue Zaidi
22:14	Bongo Movie: Wajanja wa Mjini
00:05	Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin

CAPITAL

Sat 23 Jan

08:00	Al Jazeera
09:00	Rev rpt
09:30	Turning the Spotlight rpt
10:00	Culinary delight rpt
10:30	Innovation rpt
11:00	Out n'about rpt
11:30	Sports Gazette rpt
12:00	Shamba Lulu rpt
12:30	Eco@Africa rpt
13:00	Business edition rpt
13:30	Korean Drama rpt: The slave hunter
14:30	Telenovela rpt: Lover her to death
17:15	Tanzania Yetu rpt
17:45	Bundesliga kick off
18:15	Capchat rpt
19:15	Mizengwe
19:30	The Decor
20:00	Korean Drama: The Slave hunter
21:00	Out n'About
21:30	Movie: Little Cigar
23:00	Series rpt: Itohan
01:00	Al Jazeera

Sun 24Jan

08:00	Aljazeera
09:00	In good shape
10:00	Capchat rpt
11:00	Sports Gazette rpt
11:30	Korean Drama rpt: The slave hunter
12:00	Jagina rpt
12:30	Bundesliga Kick Off rpt
13:00	In good shape rpt
13:30	Series rpt: Itohan

15:15	Aibu yako
15:30	Rev rpt
16:00	Dakika 45 rpt
16:45	Mizengwe rpt
17:00	The Decor rpt
17:30	Meza huru
19:00	Turning the Spotlight rpt
19:30	Cookery pgm: Culinary Delights
20:00	Korean Drama: The Slave hunter
21:00	Shift
21:15	Capchat live
17:00	Telenovela rpt: Lover her to death
00:00	Al Jazeera

Mon 25 Jan

06:00	Al Jazeera
07:00	Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
09:00	Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)
13:00	Telenovela rpt: Lover her to death
14:00	Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
16:00	Series rpt: Itohan
16:30	Tanzania Yetu rpt
17:00	Eco@Africa rpt
17:30	Meza huru
19:00	The Décor rpt
19:30	Shamba lulu
20:00	Series: Itohan
20:45	The Monday Agenda
21:30	Capital Prime News
22:00	Kipima Joto
00:00	Al Jazeera

Tues 26 Jan

06:00	Al Jazeera
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WORLD

House Democrats deliver Trump impeachment charge to Senate

WASHINGTON

THE U.S. House of Representatives delivered to the Senate on Monday a charge that former President Donald Trump incited insurrection in a speech to supporters before the deadly attack on the Capitol, setting in motion his second impeachment trial.

Nine House Democrats who will serve as prosecutors in Trump's trial, accompanied by the clerk of the House and the acting sergeant at arms, carried the charge against Trump to the Senate in a solemn procession across the Capitol.

Wearing masks to protect against COVID-19, they filed through the ornate Capitol Rotunda and into the Senate chamber, following the path that a mob of Trump supporters took on Jan. 6 as they clashed with police.

On arrival in the Senate, the lead House impeachment manager, Representative Jamie Raskin, read out the charge. "Donald John Trump engaged in high crimes and misdemeanors by inciting violence against the government of the United States," he said.

Ten House Republicans joined Democrats in voting to impeach Trump on Jan. 13. But Senate Democrats will need the support of 17 Republicans to convict him in the evenly divided chamber, a steep climb given the continued allegiance to Trump among the Republican Party's conservative base of voters.

President Joe Biden said on Monday he did

not believe there would be enough votes to convict Trump, according to CNN, citing a brief interview with Trump's Democratic successor.

Over 30 Democrats were present to hear Raskin's remarks, but just three Republicans: Senate party leader Mitch McConnell, Senator Mitt Romney and Senator Roger Marshall, who was just elected in November.

Capitol Police were scattered along the lawmakers' route from the House to the Senate, and security around the Capitol remained tight, with roads closed off and barbed wire-topped fencing. Many of the National Guard troops deployed after Jan. 6 had been sent home, but thousands remained.

FEB. 9 START DATE

Trump, a Republican, is the only U.S. president to have been impeached by the House twice and is set to become the first to face trial after leaving office. His term ended last Wednesday.

The Senate is expected to start a trial on Feb. 9 on the article of impeachment against Trump. The 100 senators are due to serve as jurors in proceedings that could result in Trump's disqualification from ever again serving as president.

Democrat Patrick Leahy, the Senate's longest-serving member, said on Monday he would preside over the trial.

Although the Constitution calls on the U.S.



Former President Donald Trump

chief justice to preside over presidential impeachments, a senator presides when the impeached is not the current president, a Senate source said. First elected to the chamber in 1974, Leahy, 80, holds the title of Senate president pro tempore.

Chief Justice John Roberts presided over the impeachment trial when the Senate, then controlled by Trump's fellow Republicans, acquitted Trump in February 2020 on charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress arising from his request that Ukraine investigate Biden and his son.

Leahy will still be able to vote in the trial, an aide said, noting that senators still vote on all matters when presiding over the chamber. A number of Republican lawmakers have objected to the impeachment, some arguing that it would be a violation of the Constitution to hold a trial now because Trump no longer serves as president.

"I still have concerns about the constitutionality of this, and then the precedent it sets in trying to convict a private citizen," Republican Senator Joni Ernst told re-

porters. "So in the future, can this be used against (former) President (Barack) Obama?" she asked.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, a Democrat, rejected that argument on Monday.

"The theory that the Senate can't try former officials would amount to a constitutional get-out-of-jail-free card for any president," Schumer told the Senate.

A DIVIDED SENATE

The Senate is divided 50-50, with Democrats holding a majority because of the tie-breaking vote of Vice President Kamala Harris. Senate leaders agreed on Friday to put off the trial for two weeks to give Trump more time to prepare a defense and let the chamber focus on Biden's early priorities, including Cabinet appointments.

The impeachment focuses on Trump's speech to supporters on a grassy expanse near the White House shortly before a mob stormed the Capitol, disrupted the formal certification of Biden's victory over Trump in the Nov. 3 election, sent lawmakers into hiding and left five people dead, including a police officer.

Indonesia escorts seized Iran, Panama-flagged tankers to dock

JAKARTA

THE Iranian and Panamanian-flagged vessels seized by Indonesian authorities for suspected illegal oil transfers are making their way to dock at Batam island in the country's Riau Islands Province for further investigation, a Indonesia coast guard spokesman told Reuters.

The two supertankers were seized on Sunday in Indonesian waters near Kalimantan island. The MT Horse, owned by the National Iranian Tanker Company and MT Freya, managed by Shanghai Future Ship Management Co, had a total of 61 crew members onboard.

"The ships will arrive in Batam at around 3pm (0600GMT) to 4pm later today," Wisnu Pramandita, spokesman of the Indonesian coast guard, told Reuters.

Wisnu said some of the crew remained in the supertankers, but others were being detained on coast guard ships for questioning while the investigation was under way.

Wisnu told Reuters on Monday that the ships were "caught red-handed" transferring oil from MT Horse to MT Freya and that there was an oil spill around the receiving tanker.

Iran said on Monday that MT Horse was seized over a "technical issue" and had asked Indonesia to explain the seizure.

"The ministry of foreign affairs has coordinated with the coast guard and obtained information that two motor tanker ships ... are suspected of violating the law," Indonesian foreign ministry spokesman Teuku Faizasyah said.

"Currently, further investigations are being carried out in order to obtain a more complete picture of the violations committed."

The tankers were first detected at 2130 GMT on Jan 23. Indonesia authorities said the two vessels concealed their identity by not showing their national flags, turning off automatic identification systems and failed to respond to a radio call.

Wisnu said that the ships were caught during a regular patrol.

The International Maritime Organization requires vessels to use transponders for safety and transparency. Crews can turn off the devices if there is a danger of piracy or similar hazards. But transponders are often shut down to conceal a ship's location during illicit activities.

Iran has been accused of concealing the destination of its oil sales by disabling tracking systems on its tankers, making it difficult to assess how much crude Tehran exports as it seeks to counter US sanctions. Wisnu said on Tuesday the seizure of the ships had "nothing" to do with the US sanctions, when asked by Reuters. **Agencies**

EU sustainable investment rules 'need better corporate data'

LONDON

EUROPEAN Union rules aimed at defining sustainable investments should help reduce "greenwashing" by businesses, but better quality corporate data is needed to ensure they work effectively, according to a banking report yesterday.

The sustainable finance rules will classify investments that can be marketed as sustainable, a move aimed at steering much-needed cash into low-carbon projects to deliver the bloc's climate goals.

From January to August 2020, 26 of the region's biggest lenders tested the EU framework across a range of core banking processes, including retail banking, trade finance and lending to smaller companies.

As the main providers of finance to companies across the EU, the ability of the banking system to track and report on whether corporate activities are sustainable or not could prove crucial in assessing the rules' success or otherwise.

The lenders broadly welcomed the regulations as they seek to align their businesses with the transition to a low-carbon economy, the report by the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative and the European Banking Federation found.

However, they also raised a number of issues, many of which were data-related and could require a phasing in of reporting requirements.

While many large companies are already required to disclose certain environmental and social information by law, the bulk of smaller and mid-sized banking clients are not, hampering banks' assessment of their alignment with the rules.

Concerns over the quality, detail and standardisation of data is also an issue when looking at banks' lending overseas, something that would be made more complex as other regions launch their own regulations.

The banks who tested the EU rules called on regulators to seek global alignment of regulations, and for better tools to manage data from clients, such as a centralised EU database. **Agencies**

Xi says China to ensure Beijing Winter Olympics complete success

BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping said on Monday he believes that the Chinese side, with strong support from various parties, will complete all preparation work as scheduled, so as to ensure the Beijing Winter Olympics a complete success.

Xi made the remarks during his telephone conversation with International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Thomas Bach.

Xi pointed out that since COVID-19 broke out, the IOC

has taken the initiative to respond and made an all-out effort to safeguard the unity and stability of the Olympic Movement, making positive contributions to the global fight against COVID-19 and the steady and healthy development of the Olympic Movement.

Xi said that the Chinese side appreciates the IOC's active support for China's sports enterprise, and will continue supporting the IOC's work, adding that China is willing to join the IOC and other countries in ensuring safe and

smooth hosting of the Tokyo Olympics and the Beijing Winter Olympics, and contributing to an early victory for the international community over the pandemic, recovery of the world economy, and safeguarding the lives and health of the people of all countries.

Xi also stressed that China has taken the lead in putting its own epidemic under control and realizing economic recovery, creating favorable conditions for the smooth hosting of the Beijing Winter Olympics.

China has strictly imple-

mented prevention and control measures, overcome the impact of the epidemic, and actively promoted the steady progress of all preparation work, Xi said, adding that at present, the construction of venues and infrastructure for the Beijing Winter Olympics has achieved phased progress.

He also noted that the organization of the Games has been carried out in an orderly manner; the service guarantee for the Games is being conducted in an all-round way; publicity and promotion are warming up; in-depth inter-

national exchanges and co-operation are unfolding; and sustainable development and heritage work have seen remarkable progress.

China takes the preparation for the Beijing Winter Olympics as an opportunity to promote the popularization and development of ice and snow sports, Xi said, adding that Beijing, the only city in the world that has hosted the Summer and Winter Olympics, will make unique contributions to the international Olympic Movement. **Xinhua**

ILO warns of 'uncertain and uneven recovery' of global labor market

GENEVA

THE International Labor Organization (ILO) has warned that the prospects for a recovery of the global labor market in 2021 will be "slow, uneven and uncertain" due to the fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic.

In its latest "ILO Monitor: COVID-19 and the world of work" report released Monday, the Geneva-based UN agency confirmed the massive impact that labor markets suffered in 2020.

The numbers showed that 8.8 percent of global working hours were lost last year relative to the fourth quarter of 2019, which is equivalent to 255 million full-time jobs.

"The figures that we have published today show that 2020 saw the biggest shock

to the world of work since the 1930s, since the Great Depression.

This is really serious," ILO Director-General Guy Ryder told Xinhua in an interview on Monday.

These massive losses resulted in an 8.3-percent decline in global labor income before support measures were included, equivalent to 3.7 trillion U.S. dollars, or 4.4 percent of global gross domestic product (GDP), the ILO data showed.

Asked about the outlook for the global labor market this year, Ryder (pictured) said: "We have done three scenarios how the recovery might go in 2021: a baseline scenario, a more optimistic one, and a more pessimistic one."

Ryder said that China's labor market recovery showed



promising signs for this year. "We all know that China has recovered very, very strongly from the hard blow it suffered very early in the pandemic, in the second quarter of 2020.

China was one of the countries which returned to positive growth overall in 2020," he said. "We see for example manufacturing and industrial exports moving very quickly. China stands out as something as a leader in the recovery process," Ryder added.

The report also highlighted an uneven global impact from the crisis on different demographic groups.

"Women have been more affected than men by the pandemic's labor market disruptions," it wrote.

"Globally, employment losses for women stand at 5 percent, versus 3.9 percent for men. In particular, women were much more likely than men to drop out of the labor market and become inactive."

Younger workers have also been particularly hard hit by either losing their jobs, dropping out of the labor force, or delaying entry into it.

The employment loss among youth (15-24 years old) stood at 8.7 percent, compared to 3.7 percent for adults. This "highlights the all too real risk of a lost generation", the

Monitor report wrote.

In terms of sectors, the worst affected globally have been accommodation and food services, where employment dropped by more than 20 percent on average, followed by retail and manufacturing, according to the report.

On the brighter side, employment in information and communication, and finance and insurance, increased in the second and third quarters of 2020.

Looking ahead, Ryder stressed that most countries are expected to experience a relatively strong recovery in the second half of this year as vaccination programs are taking effect, but warned that "massive uncertainties" still exist with regards to the future path of the pandemic. **Xinhua**

China to be world's silver lining as WB issues new outlook for pandemic-hit global economy

CHINA will be the silver lining to the clouds overshadowing the pandemic-plagued global economy this year, according to the World Bank's latest forecasts, which estimate China's GDP growth at 7.9 percent in 2021.

It would be the country's fastest expansion in nearly a decade, and the actual number could be even higher, experts said, expecting continued strength in China's export sector to underpin a more robust recovery this year so long as the yuan's rally doesn't spiral out of control.

In its latest issue of the twice-a-year Global Economic Prospects released late on Tuesday, the World Bank maintained its China growth forecast in December

- a 2-percent expansion in 2020 before rebounding to 7.9 percent this year. It suggests an upward revision from an estimated 1-percent expansion for 2020 and an estimated rebound to 6.9 percent for this year in the bank's June projection.

The global economy will record a 4-percent expansion in 2021 after a 4.3-percent contraction last year, the Washington-based institution said, "assuming an initial COVID-19 vaccine rollout becomes widespread throughout the year." It noted, however, that the pandemic "may depress economic activity and incomes for a prolonged period."

The World Bank described two different outcomes that are contingent upon the

outlook for vaccinations - a delayed vaccine rollout could limit global growth to 1.6 percent this year, while effective virus containment and a faster vaccination process might rev up global growth by up to 5 percent.

In the June issue of its Global Economic Prospects, the World Bank estimated the global economy would shrink 5.2 percent in 2020, as the COVID-19 pandemic sent the global economy into its worst recession since World War II.

The World Bank is by no means exceptionally optimistic about China's growth prospects, as major global institutions have come to a consensus about the Chinese economy standing out amid the pandemic-inflicted sluggishness.

China was estimated to grow by 1.9 percent in 2020 before seeing growth accelerate to 8.2 percent in 2021, the IMF said in its economic outlook released in October.

International institutions actually tend to be more reserved when it comes to China growth forecasts, and it's often the case that they would ratchet up estimated numbers later in the year, Tian Yun, vice director of the Beijing Economic Operation Association, told the Global Times on Wednesday.

"The economy will grow by up to 9 percent in 2021 and sporadic outbreaks would shave at most 0.1 percentage points off economic growth," according to Tian. His forecast is based on the still-raging pandemic that will largely paralyze efforts to re-

vive supply chains in the rest of the world, where financial easing is sustaining demand, thereby maintaining the global thirst for imports from China.

An estimated expansion of either 7.9 percent or 9 percent would mean the country is on a path to grow at its fastest pace since 2011 when GDP rose 9.2 percent.

In a research note sent to the Global Times on Wednesday, Nomura economists said the country's growth recovery remains on track, and they expect real GDP growth to soar to 19 percent year-on-year in the first quarter of 2021 due to an extremely low base in the prior year when the economy posted a 6.8-percent contraction. **Global Times**

President Xi calls for multilateralism to light up way forward amid pandemic, recession

BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping on Monday expounded on China's stance over how to improve multilateralism against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic and world economic recession, when attending his first international virtual gathering in 2021.

"Every choice and move we make today will shape the world of the future," said Xi in his special address at the World Economic Forum (WEF) Virtual Event of the Davos Agenda.

Noting that the problems facing the world are intricate and complex, Xi said that the way out of them is "through upholding multilateralism and building a community with a shared future for mankind." "Multilateralism is about having international affairs addressed through consultation and the future of the world decided by everyone working together," Xi said.

The Chinese president called on the international community to say no to narrow-minded, selfish beggar-thy-neighbor policies, and stop unilateral practice of keeping advantages in development all to oneself. "Multilateralism should not be used as pretext for acts of unilateralism.

Principles should be preserved and rules, once made, should be followed by all," Xi said. "Decision should not be made by simply showing off strong muscles or waving a big fist," he said, adding that "selective multilateralism should

not be our option."

Each country is unique with its own history, culture and social system, and none is superior to the other, he said, reiterating that "no two leaves in the world are identical, and no histories, cultures or social systems are the same."

"State-to-state relations should be coordinated and regulated through proper institutions and rules. The strong should not bully the weak," he said.

Moreover, he said scientific and technological advances should benefit all humanity rather than be used to curb and contain other countries' development.

Xi urged abandoning arrogance and isolation mindsets, saying that "we have been shown time and again that to beggar thy neighbor, to go it alone, and to slip into arrogant isolation will always fail."

Xi noted that multilateral institutions provide the platforms for putting multilateralism into action and are the basic architecture underpinning multilateralism, saying that their authority and effectiveness should be safeguarded.

He called on the international community to stay committed to openness and inclusiveness, to international law and international rules, to consultation and cooperation, and to keeping up with the times instead of rejecting change. "History and reality have made it clear, time and again, that the misguided approach of antagonism and confrontation, be it in the form of cold



Chinese President Xi Jinping attends the World Economic Forum (WEF) Virtual Event of the Davos Agenda and delivers a special address via video link in Beijing, capital of China, on Monday. (Xinhua)

war, hot war, trade war or tech war, would eventually hurt all countries' interests and undermine everyone's well-being," he said.

To uphold multilateralism in the 21st century, we should promote its fine tradition, take on new perspectives and look to the future. We need to stand by the core values and basic principles of multilateralism. We also need to adapt to the changing international landscape and respond to global challenges as they arise. We need to reform and improve the global governance system on the basis of extensive consultation and consensus-building," he said.

Xi urged to give full play to the role of the World Health Organization in building a global community of health for all, and to advance reform of the World Trade Organization and the international financial and monetary system in a way that boosts global economic growth and protects the development rights, interests and opportunities of developing countries.

Adriano Lucatelli, co-founder and managing director of Descartes Finance, which is a leading Swiss digital wealth management company, told Xinhua that he expected China to continue to push for multilateralism to find global solutions for an after-pandemic world and wished China to take a leading role in fostering global cooperation.

More than 2,000 business, government and civil society leaders and over 20 heads of state or government are set to meet virtually for the WEF Davos Agenda to tackle the fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic and address the urgent need for global cooperation.

The Davos Agenda 2021 was scheduled to convene from Jan. 25 to 29 under the theme "A Crucial Year to Rebuild Trust." In his speech, Xi elaborated China's pledge in five aspects to promote multilateralism and common prosperity, including taking an active part in international cooperation on the fight against COVID-19, implementing a win-win strategy of opening-up, promoting sustainable development, advancing science, technology and innovation, and promoting a new type of international relations.

Statistics showed that China's GDP exceeded the 100-trillion-yuan (15.42 trillion U.S. dollars) threshold in 2020 and is expected to be the only major economy to post growth in the pandemic-ravaged year.

"As China enters a new development stage, we will follow a new development philosophy and foster a new development paradigm with domestic circulation as the mainstay and domestic and international circulations reinforcing each other," Xi said.

Xinhua

No serious complications detected during trials of Sputnik V in Venezuela, authorities say

BUENOS AIRES

VENEZUELAN medics have not registered serious complications in volunteers who participated in clinical trials of the Russian Sputnik V vaccine against the coronavirus, Venezuelan doctor Alexis Garcia Pinera who directs the research of the vaccine in the Latin American republic reported on Sunday.

"The first dose was received by over 200 volunteers, both components - by 40. As for complications, which is the most important thing during trials, only light side effects were detected: headache, flu-like condition or pain at the site of injection," he said during a speech which was aired on Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro's Twitter.

The doctor also noted that in Venezuela "not a single case of serious complications or of death of a volunteer was registered."

"Our results coincide with what one can find in research publications and with the vaccination results in Russia and Argentina," he added.

In December, Venezuelan Vice President Delcy Rodriguez reported of a signing of an agreement with the Russian side to deliver 10 mln doses of the Sputnik V vaccine against the coronavirus.

Earlier, it was reported that Venezuela received 2,000 doses of the Russian vaccine in order to participate in Phase Three of clinical trials.

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Russia, US must take vigorous action to finalize New START's extension, says Kremlin

MOSCOW

MOSCOW and Washington are in the process of active contacts regarding the extension of the Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (New START).

Russian presidential spokesman Dmitry Peskov told the media yesterday.

He remarked he had no idea whether the situation involving blogger Alexey Navalny was touched upon at Russian-US negotiations.

"The topic of extending New START is the main issue on the agenda of bilateral relations. It was certainly discussed," Peskov specified about Monday's telephone conversation between Sec-

retary of the Security Council of Russia Nikolai Patrushev and US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan.

"Regrettably, I have no information about other details of the conversation between Patrushev and his US counterpart.

For this reason, I am unable to confirm if the question of the detention center resident was

brought up," Peskov said.

He stressed that "it is true that active contacts [between Moscow and Washington] are underway, because the time left before the expiration of the treaty is running out fast."

"It takes truly vigorous contacts and efforts to finalize the issue of the treaty's extension," Peskov said. He added that the treaty's

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China confident to maintain economic recovery

CHINA has the confidence that it will sustain economic recovery and achieve stable development, according to an official with the country's top economic planner.

The Chinese economy has demonstrated a strong capability to refuse risks, exhibit resilience against pressure and maintain vitality for development, said Ning Jizhe, deputy head of the National Development and Reform Commission and head of the National Bureau of Statistics.

China's economic growth in 2020 is projected at about 2 percent, and its GDP is expected to exceed 100 trillion yuan (\$15.4 trillion) in 2020, with per capita GDP reaching \$10,000 in two consecutive years, Ning said.

A total of 11 million new urban jobs were created in the first 11 months of 2020, with the number of market entities reaching 130 million.

In December 2020, the purchasing managers' index (PMI) for China's manufacturing sector came in at 51.9 percent, with the PMI for China's non-manufacturing sector at 55.7 percent, and the comprehensive PMI output index at 55.1 percent. All figures were at a high level compared with



A container vessel docks at a wharf in Lianyungang port, east China's Jiangsu province, Oct. 13. File Photo

other periods in the year.

In 2021, the country will strive to improve the quality of the supply side, Ning said.

The country will vigorously push forward the construction of comprehensive national science centers in Beijing's Huirou district, Zhangjiang of Shanghai and Hefei.

It will support Beijing, Shanghai, and the Greater Bay Area to build international science and technology innovation centers, establish an independent and safe industrial supply chain, and achieve breakthroughs in

core technologies.

China will strengthen management of the supply side, continue deepening reform and opening-up, push for green development, and carry out projects to solve issues related to people's livelihood.

China will also keep its macro-policies consistent, stable and sustainable in 2021, according to Ning.

The country will make efforts to ensure stability in areas including: employment, financial operations, foreign trade, foreign investment, domestic

investment, and expectations, as well ensure security in job, basic living needs, operations of market entities, food and energy security, stable industrial and supply chains, and the normal functioning of primary-level governments.

To ensure the security of market entities, China will continue with the policy which allows small and micro-sized businesses to postpone principal and interest repayments on inclusive loans, along with the credit loan support program.

People's Daily

US Senate votes overwhelmingly to confirm Yellen as first female Treasury chief

WASHINGTON

JANET Yellen won overwhelming Senate confirmation as the first woman to lead the U.S. Treasury on Monday, setting her quickly to work with Congress on coronavirus relief, reviewing U.S. sanctions policy and strengthening financial regulation.

The Senate voted 84-15 to confirm Yellen, with all opposition coming from Republicans, several of whom have expressed concerns about President Joe Biden's proposed \$1.9 trillion coronavirus aid plan, tax hikes and other spending initiatives.

Shortly after the vote, House of Representatives Democrats delivered to the Senate a charge of impeachment against former President Donald Trump, accusing him of inciting insurrection in a speech to supporters before the Jan. 6 storming of the U.S. Capitol. The planned February trial has stoked some partisan divisions in the chamber, but those were largely absent on Monday.

"Secretary Yellen's confirmation shatters another glass ceiling," Democratic



Senator Dianne Feinstein said in a statement. "In a field dominated by men, it's refreshing to finally see a woman leading the Treasury Department."

Yellen, 74, made history in 2014 when she became the first woman to chair the Federal Reserve. A portrait of the economist and daughter of a Brooklyn, New York, family doctor will join those of 76 other secretaries in Treasury's hallways, dating back to the first, Alexander Hamilton.

The White House had no immediate comment on when Yellen would be sworn in, or by whom.

She won the votes of 34 Republicans in a strong bipartisan vote, with a number of them pledging to work with her.

"I hope bipartisanship continues & we can work

together on commonsense tax/fiscal policy for all Americans," Republican Senator Chuck Grassley wrote on Twitter.

German Finance Minister Olaf Scholz congratulated Yellen and voiced hope that she could help lead progress on reaching an international agreement on digital taxation. He told Reuters: "Janet Yellen is a very impressive person."

Yellen will play a key role in working with Congress on Biden's coronavirus stimulus plans and on his pledges to invest \$2 trillion in infrastructure, green energy projects, education and research to boost American competitiveness.

Treasury will oversee Biden's plans to help finance these initiatives by trying to persuade Congress to raise the corporate tax rate to 28% from 21% and increase taxes on Americans making over \$400,000 a year.

Republicans have expressed concerns over the price tag and increased debt in a return to fiscal conservatism after running up deficits during Trump's term with 2017 tax cuts and nearly \$5 trillion in coronavirus spending.

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Indian police fire tear gas, clash with farmers on Republic Day

SINGHU

INDIAN farmers protesting against agricultural reforms breached barricades and clashed yesterday with police in the capital, who fired tear gas to restrain them, shortly after a convoy of tractors trundled through the city's outskirts.

Growers, angered by laws they say help large, private buyers at the expense of producers, have camped outside New Delhi for almost two months, posing one of the biggest challenges to Prime Minister Narendra Modi since he came to power in 2014.

"Modi will hear us now, he will have to hear us now," said Sukhdev Singh, 55, a farmer from the north-

ern breadbasket state of Punjab, as he marched past the barricades.

He was one of hundreds of protesters, some on horseback, who broke away from the main route of the tractor protest to head for central New Delhi, which hosts an annual Republic Day military parade.

They commandeered cranes and used ropes to tear down road blocks miles from routes approved by the police, forcing constables in riot gear to fall back and let them pass, Reuters witnesses said.

Reuters could not immediately reach police officials



A farmer throws back a tear gas shell towards police during a tractor rally as farmers continue to protest against the central government's recent agricultural reforms in New Delhi yesterday. (AFP)

for comment.

Responding to reports of the clash, protest organizer Samyukt Kisan Morcha said only one of its parades had

deviated from pre-arranged routes.

"Except for one group... our news is that all parades are happening on the pre-

decided routes along with police," the grouping of farm unions said in a statement.

Earlier, tens of thousands

of bearded and turbaned farmers, many bundled against the winter cold, began the day by driving a convoy of tractors festooned with the Indian tricolor and the flags of their unions through the city fringe. Agriculture employs about half of India's population of 1.3 billion, and unrest among an estimated 150 million land-owning farmers worries the government.

Nine rounds of talks with farmers' unions have failed to end the protests, as farm leaders rejected the government's offer to delay the laws for 18 months, making

a push for repeal instead.

"The farm organizations have a very strong hold," said Ambar Kumar Ghosh, an analyst at New Delhi think tank the Observer Research Foundation.

"They have the resources to mobilize support, and to continue the protest for a long time. They have also been very successful in keeping the protest really focused."

The protests threaten to overshadow the annual military parade to mark the 1950 adoption of India's constitution.

"They could have chosen any other day instead of January 26 but they have announced now," Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar told media on Monday.

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Dar es Salaam's Kinondoni Municipal Council (KMC) FC's players take part in training in the city recently in preparation for the Vodacom Premier League. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

KMC FC players assemble for VPL preps

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

KINONDONI Municipal Council (KMC) FC's players returned to camp last week and started training in Dar es Salaam yesterday in preparation for the second phase matches of the Vodacom Premier League (VPL) which is expected to resume on February 13 this year.

The VPL is currently temporarily suspended because of the ongoing Africa Nations Championship (CHAN) in Cameroon.

The KMC FC leadership stated the team's head coach John Simkoko and his assistant Habibu Kondo will oversee the side's practice and have the team play as many friendly matches as possible to further see to it the players are in good shape.

Simkoko noted: "The players we have added to the squad, Charles Ilanfy and Matheo Anthony, are all in camp and will be training to prepare for the second phase of the VPL to ensure that KMC FC performs well in its games."

"The team returned to camp since January 18, but because we lost our senior team leader, Raphael Waryana, on January 14 this year, we were not able to practice

officially, we have now officially started our training."

It should be recalled that the outfit's players were on leave for 10 days, and now they have all returned to camp, with the exception of Juma Kaseja and Israel Mwenda that are currently in senior national team, Taifa Stars, which is among the CHAN finals' participating teams.

The KMC FC's keeper, Rahim Sheikh, left fullback, David Brayson, and forward, Hassan Kapalata, are also not with the team given they have joined national U-20 team 'Ngorongoro Heroes', which is preparing for this year's Africa U-20 Nations Championship.

Christina Mwangala, KMC FC information officer, said apart from starting preparations for the VPL second phase, their squad will also play a number of friendly matches.

She moreover said that the players who were registered in the mini transfer window, Ilanfy and Anthony, are set to start training with their team mates under head coach Simkoko and his assistant Kondo.

Christina disclosed: "The team returned to camp since January 18, but we were not able to formally practice because we had lost senior team leader Raphael Waryana on January 14 this year. Today we have officially started our training."

New TPC leadership vows to improve Paralympic sports

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

NEWLY elected leaders of Tanzania Paralympic Committee (TPC) have promised to work hard for the growth and development of Paralympic sports in the country.

The TPC held its elective meeting at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Saturday and Tuma Dandi who was the committee's Secretary General, was elected as Chairman while Vincent Kaduma was elected as Vice-Chairman.

Ramadhan Namkoveka was elected as Secretary General, Francis Gugu was elected as the committee's Treasure General.

The TPC new executive committee members are Ernest Nyabalale, Ignas Mtwewe and Nyamizi Magomba from Dar es Salaam.

Others are Mariam Mtwewe and Ally Kiponda from Tunduru, Ruvuma and Shaban Shomary from Iringa.

Those elected for the post of the committee's athletes representatives are Yohana Mwila and Mariana Mponji.

This is the first time that TPC has incorporated athletes in its committees and has four women.

Only one female representative had served in the position in the previous committee. The new leadership will serve for a period of four years.

"We will work hard to see to it that people with disabilities from all corners of the country are involved in sports, I'm asking for support from the government and sports stakeholders," Dandi said.

He also pledged to execute TPC constitution diligently and follow National Sports Council's rules and regulations.

Dandi also disclosed that the new leadership will start revising TPC constitution to see if there is a need for amending it.

The new TPC Chairman assured delegates that they will soon have a full time office as the previous committee did not have.

He also said the new TPC leadership will make sure that the country is represented by qualified athletes at the Tokyo Paralympics slated for August this year.

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SPORTS

Taifa Stars' triumph over Namibia impresses SBL

By Guardian Correspondent

THE sponsors of Tanzania's senior national men's football team, Taifa Stars, Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL), courtesy of their popular beer brand, Serengeti Premium Lager, have hailed the squad's impressive performance against Namibia in the ongoing African Nations Championships (CHAN) finals in Cameroon.

Taifa Stars started on the wrong footing in their opening match against Zambia in which the famed Chipolopolo beat the former 2-0.

In the second game, Taifa Stars resurfaced from the shame to give an inspiring account of themselves, handing the Brave Warriors of Namibia a well-deserved 1-0 win in an exciting encounter played at the Omnisport Stadium in the Cameroonian city of Limbe.

The win, which saw Taifa Stars amass maximum three points, has been hailed by SBL's Head of Beer, Anitha Msangi, who congratulated the team.

She expressed high hopes that the senior national squad will also cruise over Guinea in their remaining group qualifying match, slated for today, which will enable the former proceed on to the quarterfinals.

She disclosed: "We congratulate Taifa Stars for their great showing in their match against Namibia. As the main sponsors of the team, we are happy that it managed to beat such a strong team."

"We are optimistic that the team will continue to perform well in their remaining match against Guinea and thereafter surge ahead," she stated, noting the brewers will offer unflinching support for the team.

Taifa Stars commenced the tournament with a scare when they lost to Chipolopolo but, when speaking to the media about the match, Anitha knowledgeably noted the unpredictability of football but



Senior national soccer team 'Taifa Stars' keeper, Aishi Manula (L), and defender Bakari Mwamnyeto (R), keep Namibia team's striker in check when the squads met in this year's African Nations Championship (CHAN) finals' Group D tie, which took place in Cameroon last weekend. Namibia suffered 1-0 loss to Taifa Stars. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

expressed her confidence that the team would do better in the next match, which they did on Saturday.

The match with Namibia witnessed a rejuvenated Stars look determined to go for the jugular right from the first whistle, with the players exhibiting an exciting show of soccer skills, with fast-paced, short, crisp passes that forecast a thrilling encounter.

Though the first half of the match ended with neither side scoring, the second half had all the hallmarks of professional football and with Taifa Stars maintaining a higher percentage of ball possession throughout, it came as no surprise when a header from an impressive Ditram Nchimbi fell to winger, Farid Mussa, who effortlessly slotted the ball home.

Finally, the Stars had atoned for the defeat by Zambia and also sent a clear message of their knack for avenging against mercurial Southern Africans.

Taifa Stars' next and final match to the knockout stages against Guinea is bound to be tricky because both Guinea and Zambia have four points each, having won their respective opening

matches and drew one-all when the duo met last week.

On the other hand, Taifa Stars, with three points, find themselves in a must-win situation with Guinea in order to advance to the quarter finals.

Granted, Etienne Ndayiragije, Taifa Star's head coach, must unleash all the tactics in his professional repertoire to enable the team to sail ahead.

The Burundian tactician must address some of the squad's imperfections that were witnessed last Saturday, most significantly the team's backline that seemed to easily cave in under pressure and also sharpen the striking force that exhibited some weaknesses in the face of energetic and determined Namibians.

Notably, the West African teams have a history of making a mincemeat of their East African opponents whenever they meet and it is this fact that Taifa Stars must contend with as they meet Nzalanga Nacional (National Thunder) of Guinea today.

Hopefully, the Stars will come out shining and break the jinx that is associated with our regional teams' poor performance against West Africans.

Yanga unveil Khalfan as new assistant coach

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

DAR ES SALAAM's Yanga have officially announced their former midfielder, Nizar Khalfan, as the club's new assistant coach, replacing Juma Mwambusi who recently resigned due to health reasons.

Khalfan had recently been Dar es Salaam's African Lyon's head coach.

According to Yanga's information officer Hassan Bumbuli, Khalfan has secured the position after passing an interview which took place on Friday.

Bumbuli noted that there were about 10 coaches who came forward to seek the position and five reached the final stage, including Salvatory Edward, Maalim Saleh and Omary Kapilima.

Mwambusi decided to leave the club immediately after suffering from health problems and he disclosed he needed to seek treatment.

He said he had been suffering from toothache for a long time and had severe headaches.

He stated he has been taking medication without recovery, so he had to return to Muhimbili National Hospital, where he was advised to undergo minor surgery.

He said he was expected to undergo a minor operation on Monday to remove a small vein and a tooth.

"After tests it was found that I have problems with the dental system, the head vein is connected to the tooth, it has caused a serious problem and a panel of doctors advised me to rest a bit and work for minor surgery, separating the vein from the tooth," the coach disclosed.

"On Monday I'm expected to undergo that minor surgery, so I will not be able to join the team, if I'm advised to completely give up football then I will have to sit on the sidelines and do other activities," he added.

Confirming the statement, Yanga's Chairman Mshindo Msolla said the coach had written a letter to the



Yanga's assistant coach, Nizar Khalfan.

leadership asking for a break while the team were at the Mapinduzi Cup in Zanzibar immediately after being consulted by doctors.

Msolla disclosed once they received the

letter, they met the team's head coach, Cedric Kaze, to see if he will be able to either do the job alone or get another assistant.

Tuchel set to accept massive Chelsea challenge

LONDON

THOMAS Tuchel is set to be the next high-profile coach to become Chelsea manager several years after he first spoke with them about the job.

The 47-year-old German will be the 15th change of manager since Russian oligarch Roman Abramovich bought the club in 2003 and replaces Frank Lampard.

Tuchel follows some noteworthy predecessors in Jose Mourinho and Carlo Ancelotti, who have also fallen foul of Abramovich in the past -- the former fired a season after delivering the domestic double.

Lampard discovered how sentiment is not part of Abramovich's DNA as he dispensed with the club's record goalscorer after just 18 months in charge.

The enigmatic Russian did break with tradition in commenting on the sacking which rather sugar-coated the brutality of the firing.

"This was a very difficult decision for the club, not least because I have an excellent personal relationship with Frank and I have the utmost respect for him," said Abramovich.

"He is a man of great integrity and has the highest of work ethics."

Whilst Lampard expressed his disappointment Tuchel's task will be to get the best out of the £200 million (\$300 million) of talent that was brought in in the close season.

Tuchel is well versed in the school of hard knocks of being a manager having been sent packing at the end of December months after guiding Paris Saint Germain to the Champions League final.

His falling out with PSG sporting director Leonardo played a large part in that and his habit of fractious relations with his employers does not bode well.

Primordial will be maintaining good relations with the all-powerful director Marina Zanovaia if he too is not to suffer the same fate as his predecessors.

"Tuchel will be exposed to exactly the same rules as Frank," said Lampard's former England team-mate Gary Neville.

"We'll be talking about him being let go in the next 18 months to two years, I'm pretty sure of that."

- 'Brutality of modern football' -

Tuchel's ambition has always been to manage a Premier League club like fellow German and also a former Borussia Dortmund coach Jurgen Klopp.

He did hold talks with Chelsea over replacing Antonio Conte after he left Dortmund in 2017 but whilst he impressed Zanovaia he ended up at PSG.

Lampard had declared himself to be a fighter last Friday but his words fell on deaf ears in the boardroom as they fired him the day after a FA Cup win over Championship side Luton.

"I am disappointed not to have had the time this season to take the club forward and bring it to the next level," said Lampard.

However, despite a fourth placed finish last season with a largely young side other statistics point to why Abramovich decided to cut him loose.

Lampard's Premier League points-per-game average of 1.67 is the lowest for any Chelsea manager since Abramovich arrived at Stamford Bridge in 2003.

Tuchel will be hard-pressed to have any impact prior to the Premier League game with Wolves on Wednesday but he will at least have a first hand view of his players.

The Chelsea board will hope that he will be able to engineer far better performances out of his two compatriots Kai Havertz and Timo Werner.

The latter in particular has gone off the boil and looked nothing like a £52 million striker, missing a penalty against Luton summing up his lack of confidence.

He reacted by pulling up his shirt and burying his head in it -- reflecting the general feeling in the team.

If Tuchel succeeds in quickly restoring the vim in the squad he will have rescued something from the season and put them on the right path at least.

Lampard will rebound from the disappointment and should he succeed elsewhere a return to Chelsea further down the line cannot be ruled out, after all Mourinho managed that.

The Portuguese now in charge of Tottenham Hotspur encapsulated nicely what a precarious world management is when asked to comment on Lampard's dismissal.

"Of course I feel sorry. But this is the brutality of modern football," said Mourinho.

AFP

Barca tops list but big clubs' revenue drops €2b

LONDON

EUROPE'S elite football clubs are expected to miss out on over €2 billion (\$2.43 billion) in revenue by the end of the 2020-21 season due to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic, according to Deloitte's Football Money League.

The report published on Tuesday said the figure includes amounts missed in 2019-20 when the top 20 highest-earning clubs in Europe earned €8.2b of combined revenue, which was down 12% on the previous season.

That drop in income of €1.1b was primarily down to the deferral of broadcast revenue into the financial year ending in 2021, with all the major leagues brought to a standstill in March last year due to the pandemic.

With the majority of games being played without spectators since June, matchday revenue for top European clubs is likely to remain close to zero until the end of the 2020-21 season.

"Matchday operations are a cornerstone of a club's business model and help drive other revenue-generating activity," Dan Jones, partner in the Sports

Business Group at Deloitte, said. "The final size of the financial impact of the pandemic on football will depend, in no small part, on the timing and scale of fans' return."

The Money League standings for 2019-20 remained broadly consistent with previous years as Barcelona held the top spot with an annual revenue of €715.1m.

The Catalan outfit, however, suffered the second largest revenue fall among the clubs featuring on the list, having delivered a record-breaking year in 2018-19 when they became the first club to break the €800m revenue barrier.

Real Madrid reported an 8% increase in commercial income to retain second spot in the rankings (€714.9m), while European champions Bayern Munich moved up to third (€634.1m) following a Treble-winning campaign. Manchester United (€580m) and Liverpool (€558.6m) make up the top five with Liverpool moving up from seventh last year, replacing Paris Saint-Germain.

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20 hours' training with only 14 players: Inside Zimbabwe's chaotic CHAN campaign



Zimbabwe played most of the CHAN tournament with just 14 players due to coronavirus. They opened the tournament against hosts Cameroon. (Agencies)

By Ed Dove, Special to ESPN

ZIMBABWE may have been eliminated from the ongoing African Nations Championship (CHAN) at the first hurdle, but that they made it to the tournament in Cameroon at all was a miracle.

Warriors head coach Zdravko Logarusic has told ESPN about an unlikely story of a tournament campaign conducted against the odds, thanks to the ever-present coronavirus, and a severe lack of preparation.

The Southern African nation qualified for the CHAN -- the competition reserved for home-based players -- with victory over Lesotho in October 2019, long before the COVID-19 pandemic changed the complexion of the continent's football.

The consequence of the pandemic's disruption was that the majority of Zimbabwe's CHAN squad didn't play competitive football for 15 months before the tournament, while positive tests before and during the event also affected their ability to make an impact in Cameroon.

They were knocked out at the group stage, losing their final round robin match 1-0 on Sunday against Mali but already out of contention before that.

Croatian coach Logarusic, who was appointed in February 2020, told ESPN: "The last official game in Zimbabwe was 30 November 2019, when the league finished."

"In March [2020], preparation started for the league, but it didn't kick off as the government cut everything after three weeks of training because of coronavirus."

"We couldn't do anything until the government gave us the green light in December, and then we could officially start training again -- just training, not the league [itself]."

While the Zimbabwean players at FC Platinum, who qualified for the CAF Champions League, returned to competitive continental action in November, the rest still await the return of the domestic top flight, with no date yet confirmed.

"I've never seen the league, I've never seen any player in an official game," Logarusic said.

Even after he began to gather his CHAN squad together in December, Covid struck -- this time in the squad itself -- to stymie their preparations once again.

The coach added: "For the first two weeks, we didn't touch the players, because after so many months, I wanted them to stay with their clubs for a fortnight [to train]."

"Then from 10 December I called 13-14 players to join the camp for the CHAN. We had seven sessions before the Christmas break, then when we returned to camp they locked us down because 10 players and five coaches had coronavirus."

"We waited for 10 days of isolation to pass, then we had three training sessions and we came here [to Cameroon] -- we only had 10 training sessions before the tournament, with no friendlies, and without a domestic league since 2019."

Logarusic acknowledges that Zimbabwe considered skipping the CHAN altogether due to the lack of preparation, with half of the squad taking part in the full 10 sessions and 20 hours of preparation, and the rest only available for the final 10 hours of training before arriving in Cameroon.

However, the 55-year-old, who first embarked on his coaching career in his 20s, relished the challenge of preparing the tournament underdogs amidst such adverse circumstances.

"We've tried so many things, because you can't find the instructions on how to prepare players for a tournament after 20 hours' preparation in any book," the ex-Gor Mahia and Asante Kotoko boss laughed.

"Physically, mentally, they'd lost the touch for the ball, for space, for challenges."

"If you haven't done these things for so many months, of course you can't do anything special."

"How can a player feel comfortable after being away for so long? He isn't, he's lost his sense of space, sense of dribbling, sense of touch. He's lost these moments."

Instead, Logarusic, who guided Sudan to the semifinals at the 2018 CHAN in Morocco, focused on group-work, on transmitting his values and philosophy, and ensuring that his defensive unit were organised heading into their opening fixture against the hosts.

Ultimately, Zimbabwe came up short -- falling to Salomon Banga's acrobatic 72nd-minute winner -- although they won many admirers for a rugged, committed display that showed little trace of the travails that they had endured in the preceding weeks and months.

On Wednesday, they became the first team officially eliminated from the tournament after falling to a 3-1 defeat against Burkina Faso in Yaounde, although before the game, Zim were again hit by further positive Covid diagnoses.

"We again had three, four players with coronavirus, while two more players are injured," Logarusic continued. "We only had 14 [outfield] players for the game."

CAF have come in for criticism during the CHAN due to the apparent lax enforcement of coronavirus measures outlined by the organisation -- in association with the Cameroonian authorities -- ahead of the competition.

But Logarusic didn't believe the disease-prevention

measures introduced by the Confederation of African Football were too lenient, despite how his team was impacted by the disease.

He said: "We took a COVID test before we travelled from Zimbabwe, 24 hours before we travelled, then in Cameroon, after 26 hours, another test."

"That was at two in the afternoon; then at four in the afternoon, CAF came to make more tests as they didn't accept the previous tests."

"In [50] hours, we were tested three times."

But, despite rules on mask-wearing and social distancing at stadia, there was ample evidence in the Warriors' opener with Cameroon that supporters were ignoring both measures, with mask-less fans flocking to celebrate with goalscorer Banda following his late winner.

Logarusic, however, is sympathetic towards the challenge CAF faces in light of the general apathy towards safety he has experienced in Cameroon.

"I realise they are trying their best, but to implement [measures] in a place where people are not taking things seriously is a problem," said the 55-year-old.

"We drove from the hotel to the stadium and we never saw anyone in the streets or in the areas with a mask, most people haven't even got them."

"I saw these things, but CAF officials are trying to push, it's just that people aren't believing in these things; some don't want to follow, some say it's nonsense, and some are taking it seriously."

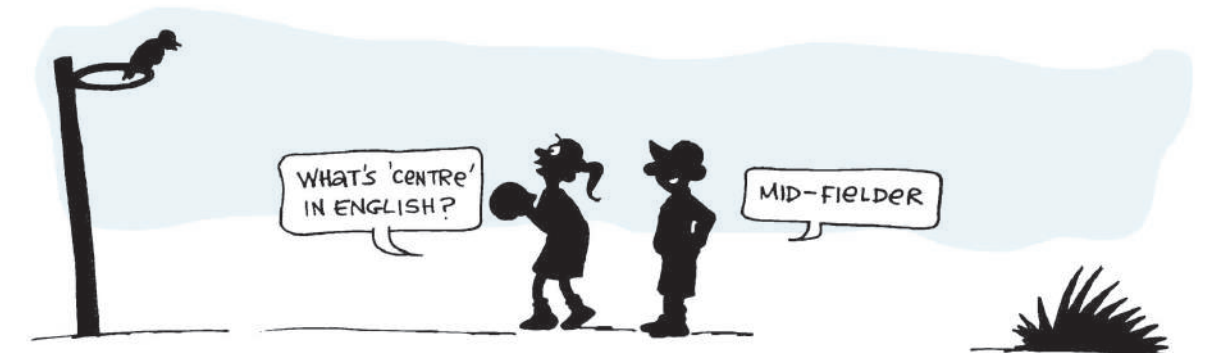
"Even in my team, some people believe everything, while others are trying to escape everything that's to do with coronavirus."

According to the World Health Organisation, Cameroon has had -- to date -- over 28,000 confirmed COVID cases and 455 recorded deaths.

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Peter Muduhwa

Simba SC secures new defender's signature

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA'S Simba SC has secured the services of Highlanders defender, Peter Muduhwa, on a six-month loan, with the Zimbabwe soccer giants set to be paid US\$ 8,000.

The Highlanders' defender (pictured) becomes the second Zimbabwean to join Simba SC this month after midfielder, Perfect Chikwende, of FC Platinum.

Though Muduhwa will not be able to play in the Vodacom Premier League following the closure of the country's January transfer window, the 27-year-old has a chance to showcase his talent in the lucrative CAF Champions League's group stage.

Simba SC's Chief Executive Officer, Barbara Gonzalez, disclosed: "This letter serves to officially register our interest in having your player, central defender, Peter Muduhwa, on loan. Following our discussions with his agent Gibson Mahachi based in Zimbabwe we officially put forward our request to have your player on a six-month loan deal."

"It should be noted that our local window is closed, but since CAF opened the window for 10 extra players to be registered for CAF Champions League this necessitated us to recruit Peter Muduhwa. He will be allowed to play in the CAF Champions League only," she noted.

Should Muduhwa impress in the duration of his loan, Simba SC are prepared to open negotiations with Highlanders for a permanent move. "If Peter performs, we will open negotiations with Highlanders Football Club on a possible permanent transfer. In appreciation, we propose a loan fee of US\$8000 for this period," she added.

Muduhwa has one year left on his contract with Highlanders.

The defender has joined Simba from Cameroon where the Zimbabwe's senior national team were taking part in the CHAN tournament.

In Cameroon, the Zimbabwe's senior national team have played a total of three matches and have not claimed a victory in Group A.

They have lost all three of their matches and conceded a total of five goals while their attacking line-up has conceded one goal.

Leading the group in Group A is Mali with seven points, followed by hosts Cameroon with five points. So, Zimbabwe have nothing to do with CHAN at the moment after being kick out of the group stages that seems to be very competitive.

Muduhwa is expected to be officially introduced to Simba's fans on Wednesday in the Simba Super Cup tournament which features three teams, namely Sudan's Al Hilal, Democratic Republic of Congo's TP Mazembe and hosts Simba.

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Boxing firm unveils partnership

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA'S Jackson Group Sports is proud to announce its partnership today with Global Boxing Stars (GBS), Tanzania Tourist Board (TTB) alongside CRDB Bank for the upcoming international bout, known as 'Rumble in Dar', to be held in Dar es Salaam on January 29.

Early this month Jackson Group Sports and GBS announced their long-term partnership, seeking to develop a new commercial model for Pan African boxing and unlock value through pooling of GBS networks, resources and operational capacity.

The 'Rumble in Dar' series will feature top talent from Africa and other parts of the world.

Today Jackson Group Sports is honoured to yet again announce a new partnership with TTB.

Mindi Kasiga, TTB's Marketing Director, noted: "The TTB is a key partner in promoting our country's exotic tourist destination. TTB's partnership comes with a focus to promote our country's tourist destinations through broadcast promotion for all six lined up boxing events for 2021."

He stated: "We at TTB see the upcoming boxing events as a good platform to promote our country, as they will be watched live in over 150 countries."

"We are focused in promoting destination Tanzania, partnering with Jackson Group Sports will allow us to strategically market Tanzania's tourism through sports," he said.

"With a lined up of six boxing events this year, TTB will ensure to bring to viewers an experience of our unforgettable Tanzania which we believe will drive more tourist to visit our beautiful country. Today we bear witness with the presence of GBS Director, the President of WBF and international boxers who have come to fight."

"They will all have an experience of our country during their stay here. I am told some have already booked to visit our national parks after the fight, this is a good sign, this partnership will bear success," he disclosed.

Furthermore, CRDB bank is the Official Banking Partner of the event.

Joe Bendera, Brand Manager for CRDB, stated: "As a bank we are always keen to engage in strategic sports that uplift local talent. Last year we sponsored the biggest basketball event bringing together talent from across our country. Jackson Group Sports' 'Rumble in Dar' brings to the spotlight in-country boxing talent who get an opportunity to fight with international boxers."

"Such an opportunity would be a challenge for many, but now they have the platform because Jackson Group Sports is making it possible. We applaud their effort and believe this is the right direction to support local talent by creating the right platform," he stated.

The Jackson Group Sports' Chief Executive Officer, Kelvin Twissa, noted: "Our mission is to transform Tanzania into a Boxing Mecca of Africa, we see our platform being strategic to all our partners. For the upcoming bout we will be broadcasting live on Azam Sports which has the largest sports viewership in Sub Saharan Africa. Through the GBS partnership, we are able to broadcast the bout to over 50 countries across the globe. This will help put Tanzania on the map as a destination for international sports. This is just the beginning and we see our platform growing from strength to strength."

Taifa Stars face Guinea in crunch 2021 CHAN tournament fixture



Senior national soccer team Taifa Stars' players participate in training in Dar es Salaam recently to shape up for 2021 African Nations Championship (CHAN) finals. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA'S senior national football squad, Taifa Stars, are on a must win mission when they face Guinea in Group D's matchday 3 game of the ongoing Total African Nations Championship (CHAN) finals at Stade de la Renouification in Douala in Cameroon today.

In their opening game of the tournament, Taifa Stars lost 2-0 to Zambia before they revived their chances of advancing to the knock-out stages of the competition following Saturday's 1-0 victory over the Brave Warriors of Namibia.

Head coach Etienne Ndayiragije's side would have been eliminated from the competition if they suffered a defeat in the Group D match against Namibia in Limbe but they were rescued by a strike by Farid Mussa.

A second-half strike by the midfielder was all the Taifa Stars needed to win the game against Namibia to

register their first three points of the tournament and keep alive their hopes of reaching the knock-out stages of the tournament.

Against Namibia, coach Ndayiragije could welcome back experienced striker John Bocco who missed the previous two games due to injury, while another experienced player Erasto Nyoni has been ruled out of the tournament.

The Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) confirmed Nyoni has been allowed to return home.

The Simba player had missed the Zambia and Namibia games, and was the only surviving member of Taifa Stars' squad which played in the inaugural 2009 CHAN.

Meanwhile, Guinea opened their campaign in this year's CHAN in style when they hammered Namibia 3-0.

Two first-half goals by striker Yakhoubba Barry and his AC Horoya teammate Morlaye Sylla put Guinea in cruise control of the Group D match in Limbe before they were held to a one-all draw by Zambia in the following tie.

Guinea have to avoid defeat against Taifa Stars to grab a place in the quarterfinals.

Coach Mohamed Kanfory Bangoura knows it is not going to be an easy mission as Taifa Stars have nothing to lose, going into the game needing nothing but a win.

This meeting is the first between Tanzania and Guinea in CHAN history. The other Group D game will see Zambia take on Namibia who have already been eliminated from the competition.

The two games will be played simultaneously to avoid match fixing.

Simba SC chairmanship's candidate out to lobby for partners

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

JUMA Nkamia who is aspiring for Simba SC's Chairmanship has promised to secure more partners for the team.

Nkamia and Murtaza Mangungu are the candidates competing for the club's Chairmanship in the outfit's by-election set for February 7.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Nkamia said he will work closely with all Simba supporters, fans and management and the outfit's investor Mohamed Dewji.

He said he will make sure that the club has branches in all districts of the country.

The former Member of Parliament for Chemba Constituency said he needed support from all stakeholders to achieve his dream.

"As a club, we need to improve on securing partners, of course we already have several partners but we want more so that our commercialization should yield more," he disclosed.

"If elected I will work hard so as to achieve our dreams of becoming one

of the biggest and popular football club in Africa and beyond reaches fruition," he said.

He thanked the outfit's previous Chairman Swedi Nkwabi for the role he played at the club.

"Nkwabi worked tirelessly during his tenure to help Simba achieve a lot both on and off the pitch. It was not easy for him to run the team, once elected I will make sure that I'm working hand in hand with our investor Dewji and club management and all supporters," he said.

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