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Maria Nyerere wants flowery weeds problem rapidly ended

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu, Butiama

FIRST phase First Lady Maria Nyerere (pictured) has appealed to government authorities to find solutions to the increasing spreading of weeds that are increasingly inhabiting farm productivity in many parts of Butiama district.

"Here there are many weeds, we have forexample weeds known as Nyabagole which crowd off suitable grass for our livestock. You must also work on this problem," she said, citing the prevalence of a flowery shrub that scientists term 'lantana camara.'

A rapid online entry says lantana camara

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ACT fixes 12trn/- in Z'bar development manifesto



Seif Shariff Hamad (L), the opposition Alliance for Change and Transparency (ACT-Wazalendo) candidate for the Zanzibar Presidency in the upcoming General Election, pictured in Zanzibar yesterday cutting a ribbon to launch the party's 2020/2025 election manifesto. Photo: Rahi

Chadema declares support for ACT in Zanzibar contest

PRINCIPAL opposition party, Chadema yesterday announced support for the ACT-Wazalendo candidate in the Zanzibar presidential race, Seif Sharif Hamad.

National chairman Freeman Mbowe said in Dar es Salaam that the party's central committee had deliberated on the matter and reached the decision, and it will henceforth rally its supporters in the isles behind the Hamad campaign ahead of Election Day on the

"After consultation with our candidate for Zanzibar presidency Said Mohamed, we have agreed to support ACT-Wazalendo candidate Seif Sharif Hamad," he said.

This comes after weeks of talks between

In yesterday's press conference, Mbowe also said that the party had advised its candidate Tundu Lissu not to proceed with campaigns

the parties on how to cooperate in the general election without falling foul of the regulatory authorities as single candidate posture could attract penalties from the Registrar of political parties.

Mbowe said committees had been formed to sort out technical issues on how to cooperate in the parliamentary and councillorship contests, where numerous Chadema and ACT-Wazalendo candidates were barred by the regulatory body.

The move by Chadema to support ACT-Wazalendo for Zanzibar presidency is expected to be reciprocated by ACT-Wazalendo supporting Chadema in the race for the Union presidency, but for nearly two weeks the matter has hinged without being finalised.

Mid-last month, news went around that ACT-

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Boom as tourists fully book big hotels in festival season

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

IT is boom time in the northern tourism circuit as all major hotels and lodges are fully booked up to the holiday season of Christmas

Tanzania Association of Tour Operators (TATO) official Timothy Mdinka said here at the



Dr Allan Kijazi

weekend that accommodation facilities catering for visitors are mostly full with bookings for the entire month of December, indicating rapid revival of the country's leisure travel industry in the country's post corona period.

Apparently the booked hotel guests are not only from abroad eeking to sample Tanzania's attractions, but a fairly big number of local sightseers is inching up to spend time in the end

of year season with wildlife adventures. Renewed vigour from domestic tourists is noticeable as local business people are beginning to visit tourist attractions in big numbers, with year-end holiday breaks an especially good

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By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ACT-WAZALENDO yesterday launched its manifesto for Zanzibar's development, where the total value of envisaged projects to be implemented in five years is 12trn/-.

Seif Shariff Hamad, who is the party's national chairman Zanzibar presidential candidate, said the policy projection aims at bringing justice, equality and happiness to the people of Zanzibar if the party clinches victory in the General Election scheduled for later this month.

"ACT-Wazalendo is determined to lift women and youth out of poverty by promoting investments and creating jobs in all sectors of the economy," he said.

The 12trn/- reflects expected investments in key sectors like education, where the party intends to expand access to primary and secondary education, put up technical colleges, improve teacher training colleges and widen access to loans for students in institutions of higher learning.

Othman Masoud Othman, a member of the committee that drew up the manifesto, said that social security including health



On polling day (October 28), **Hamad will square** it out with ruling **CCM** candidate Dr **Hussein Mwinyi** and 14 other

cover will be widened to rope in people who are not protected under schemes currently

"We will build referral hospitals in all regions, a laboratory that meets international standards and research centres in both Unguja and Pemba islands," he said.

Another area of focus is the implementation of a water supply strategic plan meant to provide every Zanzibari with clean and safe piped water.

The party also intends to build 250 kilometres of roads to strategic tourist destinations so as to increase tourist arrivals across the Isles and boost the flow of foreign exchange.

Other projects to be implemented if ACT-Wazalendo wins are the construction of two new airports - one in Unguja and another in Pemba - well as a 100 megawatt supply project.

Othman said that, apart from taxes, the money will be raised from investments involving public-private partnerships in various projects.

On polling day (October 28), Hamad will square it out with ruling CCM candidate Dr Hussein Mwinyi (pictured) and 14 other.



'Human papillomavirus vaccine for girls crucial'

By Correspondent Crispin Gerald

THE government has called upon parents and guardians to make sure that girls receive a vaccine for human papillomavirus (HPV) for recommended period to keep them safe from getting the disease that might weaken their health.

HPV is a viral infection that is passed between people through skin to skin contact. According to the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), HPV is most commonly transmitted through sexually transmitted infection (STI).

Research shows that vaccines reduce the possibility of deaths to approximate 2 to 3 million people every year. Through vaccines, the government has so far managed to control smallpox, tetanus, polio and measles.

Speaking during a one-day seminar to journalists organised by the Ministry of Health, Community, Development, Gender, Elderly and Children in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, Acting Regional Medical Officer, Dr Ayoub Kibao said the government has managed to control several diseases by providing vaccine to 80 percent of children under one year.

The seminar was meant to share a brief of the trend for HPV vaccine in the country.

Dr Kibao said during the Covid-19 outbreak, the number of attendants for vaccines was low as many people feared to be infected with Coronavirus.

"It is the right time that parents continue taking their children for vaccines as the spread for Coronavirus in our country has gone down," he said.

According to him, despite the rate of vaccination being high, there are several children who have not received the service while others have not completed the vaccine especially for

Dr Kibao added that failure or delays to take girls for HPV vaccine might put them at a risk of getting infections to other diseases.

Statistics from the Ministry of Health, Community, Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, indicates that in 2018, 59 percent of people received HPV-1 vaccine, while 40 percent of people received vaccine for HPV-2.

In 2019, 78 percent of people were vaccinated for HPV-1, while 49 percent of people received the vaccine of HPV-2. In 2020, 61 percent received HPV-1, while 38 percent received HPV-2.

In Ilala District, 73 per cent of people received HPV-1 vaccine and 48 percent received HPV-2 while Temeke District, 146 percent of people received vaccine for HPV-1, and 125 per cent received vaccine for HPV-2.

In Kinondoni District, 98 per cent of people received HPV-1, and HPV-2 95 per cent of people were vaccinated. In Kigamboni District, 109 per cent of people received HPV-1, while 73 per cent of people were vaccinated to control HPV-2 while in Ubungo District, 89 per cent of people were vaccinated for HPV-1 and 82 per cent for HPV-2.

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Opposition Chadema national Chairman Freeman Mbowe addresses a press conference in Dar es Salaam yesterday at which he announced that the party's candidate for the

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Wazalendo had agreed to support Chadema in the Union presidential race but the rival party's candidate, Bernard Membe, refuted the reports.

"I'm the ACT-Wazalendo presidential candidate for the United Republic who has been given the mandate to market the party's election manifesto during this election. Circulating reports that we are supporting Chadema at the presidency level are false," he tweeted. Membe has since failed to continue

campaigning after launching his campaigns in Lindi Region mid last month, raising speculation as to whether the dormancy was the 'support Chadema' push or financial doldrums had set in.

In yesterday's press conference, Mbowe also said that the party had advised its candidate Tundu Lissu not to proceed with campaigns to abide by the punishment rendered by the ethics committee of the National Electoral Commission (NEC) which held that

and barred him from campaigning for seven days.

On Friday last week, Lissu reacted to the news defiantly, vowing to ignore the 'rough justice' and continue with his campaigns yesterday as earlier scheduled.

"Apart from being our presidential candidate, Lissu is also Chadema deputy national chairman. There is a lot of work for him to do during the seven days," he said.

Apart from Hamad, other candidates he has committed ethical breaches in the race for Zanzibar presidency

are Dr Hussein Mwinyi (CCM), Said Soud (AAFP), Juma Ali Khatib (ADA-TADEA), Hamad Rashid (ADC), Mfaume Khamis (NLD), Ali Juma (CHAUMA), Issa Muhammed Zonga (SAU), Ameri Said Ameri (Demokrasia Makini) and Hamad Muhammed Ibrahim (UPDP).

Others are Hussein Juma Salim of Tanzania Labour Party (TLP), Mohamed Omar Baharia of the Union for Multiparty Democracy (UMD), Shafii Hassan Suleiman (Democràtic Party), Khamis Faki Mgau (NRA) and Othman Rashid Khamis (CCK).



Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute experts present a sack of high-yielding beans to Father of the Nation Mwalimu JK Nyerere's widow, Mama Maria Nyerere (with walking stick), at her Butiama residence in Mara Region at the weekend. Looking on (L) is her son Madaraka Nyerere. Photo: Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

Boom as tourists fully book big hotels in festival season

period for such visitations, he said. Tour operators have helped the surge by cutting down safari and accommodation prices by 90 percent, he pointed out.

"The cheaper packages offered to local visitors have opened up new interest among Tanzanians and other East Africans to take tourism seriously and we hope the trend will be sustained," the TATO official told tourism stakeholders lately meeting in Arusha.

members of the public for the most part with to partake in tourism activities but the costs were pegged too high, meant to obtain optimal revenues from foreign visitors.

government to include member states of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) in local packages now extended to EAC member countries.

This way more tourists from the

thus boosting the sector at a time when the country is waiting for global recovery of the travel industry.

Dr Allan Kijazi, the commissioner for conservation and deputy permanent Tour operators now want the secretary in the Ministry of Tourism and Natural Resources said at the meeting that tourists from abroad were resuming their journeys to Tanzania.

"Our national parks have been receiving between 200 and 300 visitors per month since August," he continent will easily access Tanzania's said, projecting the trend as promising

Tour operators have realized that tourist attractions at affordable rates, and soon the industry could be back onto track.

> Permanent Secretary Dr Aloyce Nzuki said the government was working on the proposal from the industry stakeholders to endorse lowered pricing for low tourism seasons in order to stabilize traffic flow for safaris throughout the year.

The meeting of tourism stakeholders and the ministry is held twice yearly to brush up the sector's operating blueprint to improve prospects for the tourism industry.

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is a small perennial shrub which can grow to around 2 m tall and form dense thickets in a variety of environments. "Due to extensive selective breeding Dr. Rose Mongi explained that Mama throughout the 17th and 18th centuries Maria Nyerere has received the high for use as an ornamental plant, there are now many different lantana camara cultivars," it says, noting that it is a resilient plant which flourishes even in relatively dry environments.

Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) Director General Dr. Geoffrey Mkamilo noted that the widow of founder president Julius Nyerere had requested improved and high yielding beans and cassava varieties from TARI so that she plants them on her farm.

"We have brought four sacks of improved and high yielding beans varieties each weighing 100Kg which means there is a total of 400Kg. We thank you so much for your request and we hope this farm will also provide an opportunity for other farmers to learn use of seed technologies so that those living around this area adopt the

new technologies," he said. TARI has come out of the shelves and now working in the field with farmers, he stated, elaborating that for the past ten years, TARI has researched and released improved varieties that have high yields suitable for farmers in the Lake Zone. They are tolerant to moderate drought and resistant to

diseases and pests, he affirmed. Until December last year TARI had released nine improved cassava varieties, one of them known as TARICAS 4 which, under good agricultural practices, can produce up to 50 tonnes per hectare from the current seven tonnes, he explained.

The new improved cassava varieties are a solution to diseases such as the cassava mosaic disease and cassava brown streak diseases which have ravaged the crop and reduced productivity in the Lake zone.

"In this period of industrial economy as being articulated by our president, Dr John Magufuli, TARI is committed to ensure that improved crop varieties are produced plentifully and supplied to farmers across the country. This is also vital as raw materials from agriculture constitute around 60 percent of the raw materials needed to feed our industries," the director underlined, insisting that TARI has the right solutions for weeds that challenge farmers' crops.

TARI-Uyole Centre Tulole Bucheyeki and the national coordinator for the beans program, yielding bean varieties, listing them as are Calima Uyole, Njano Uyole, Uyole 96 and Uyole 18.

"These high vielding varieties matureswithin three months. They have a big market inside and outside the country and are tolerant to diseases," the coordinator noted.

Earlier on, Butiama District Executive Director Diana Sonno had commended efforts by TARI as having improved the way farmers in the district can now tackle many challenges facing them, as they will now find effective solutions.

"I thank Mama Maria Nyerere for coming up with this idea of having improved crop varieties in her farm. This is a good example that should be emulated by other farmers. This provides a rallying point and thus it is big support to government efforts of improving agriculture, making improved seeds easily available in the fight against hunger in the district," she

Agricultural officers from TARI Naliedele centre and Ukiriguru centre demonstrated to the farmers on how to plant the improved crop varieties and other good agricultural practices.

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CCM's presidential running mate, Samia Suluhu Hassan, displays the party's election at a campaign rally in Nzega yesterday. Photo: VPO

Park entry fees undergo review

government has begun going through recommendations from country's tourism stakeholders who want to see the reduction of national parks entry fees during low tourism seasons.

Speaking here at the weekend at the deliberations meeting between officials from the public sector, the ministry and the private sector, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Natural resources and Tourism Dr Aloyce Nzuki said a consensus is yet to be reached on the issue.

"When you touch prices within the Fiscal Year, decisions to be reached at should abide by the law," Dr Nzuki said.

The ministry's Deputy Permanent secretary, Dr Allan Kijazi said the aim of the meeting was to bring together tourism stakeholders to deliberate on achievements in the



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sector as well as challenges in order to the number of tourists coming to the provide solutions thereof.

He said in the past five years the government has strengthened the enabling the private sector to advertise and attract tourists.

He said before the advent of coronavirus,

country was increasing every year.

He said according to ministry's statistics, the number of tourists was country's tourism sector as well as increasing by between eight and 10 per cent each year, among biggest increases internationally.

He said United Nations World Tourism

Organisation (UNWTO) statistics show that world tourism has been increasing by between three and four per cent, hence Tanzania has been making great strides in the tourism sector.

He further said according to World Bank (WB) statistics, Tanzania's tourism sector contributes more than USD 2.6bn per year.

Govt to boost animal vaccine production

By Guardian Reporter

THE government is determined to make Kibaha based Tanzania Vaccine Institute (TVI) produces 13 vaccines for strategic livestock diseases to make the country self-reliant on animal vaccines.

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, Prof Elisante Ole Gabriel revealed this over the weekend when speaking to media personnel who visited the vaccine manufacturing centre.

Prof Gabriel said that the move will make livestock sector contributes immensely to the country's economy.

So far, the institute produces six vaccines–Temevac I-2 (for Newcastle diseases), CBPP, Anthrax, Black quarter, Brucella and Tecoblax (mixture of Anthrax and Black quarter vaccine)

"Our target is to make the centre produces 13 vaccines of the strategic animal diseases," he said, adding: "As ministry, we want to see the sector contribute heavily to the GDP from the current 7.5per cent and this will be possible, if we produce our own vaccines to fight against notorious livestock diseases."

He noted: "It's important for the country to have its own capacity of producing vaccines for national security purposes."

Tanzania, according to him, needs to export animal products such as meat, dairy, hides and skins and to do so; it needs animals which are healthier.

"So, TVI was established to serve that purpose and I'm happy to see that the institute is progressing well and I'm sure that the target of producing 13 vaccines will be realised in few months to come."

In the past, Tanzania was among countries, which have phase-out cattle plague-a disease caused by the rinderpest virus which primarily infected cattle and buffalo.

"And this was only possible through vaccination," he said.

TVI is under the Tanzania Laboratory Veterinary (TVLA), which is responsible for developing and producing vaccines and other biological as well as testing and evaluating biologicals, ethnoveterinary and laboratory chemicals.

The PS said that the centre started producing vaccine for Newcastle disease, which has been effective that requires poultry farmers to vaccinate their chicken thrice a year as per farmers' calendar.

He urged livestock keepers to inculcate a culture of using locally produced vaccines, which are effective and cheap.

"I also urge local government authorities in the country to use TVI produced vaccines in this year's vaccination campaign as stipulated vaccine and vaccination regulations."

TVLA Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Furaha Mramba, said: "We're determined to make Tanzania selfreliant on livestock vaccines and we're working tirelessly to meet the government target of 13 vaccines."

She said that it's cost-saving when the country produces its own vaccines instead of importing them and spending so much money for the purpose.

TVI Manager, Stella Bitanyi, said that the institute began operations since 2014 and that it has ever since been expanding step by step by training its personnel within the country and abroad to ensure that they have the required qualifications and competences for the work. These capacities are still needed.

According to Dr Bitenyi, the institute is located in 1037 ha of land, which allows more expansion of the centre.

Tanzania is the second largest number of livestock in Africa after Ethiopia and is estimated to have 33.4million cattle, 22 million goats, 5.6 million sheep, 2 million pigs and 83million chicken.

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Dr Hussein Mwinyi (2nd-L, foreground), the ruling CCM's candidate for the Zanzibar Presidency in the upcoming General Election, attends special peace prayers in Zanzibar yesterday alongside religious leaders and other government officials.

Mbarali District builds six secondary schools

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbarali

THE government in collaboration with Mbarali District residents have built six secondary schools aimed to boost Standard VI leavers to proceed to secondary education.

This was revealed at the weekend by the Mbarali District Commissione,r Ruben Mfune, in an interview with this paper during which he also said many residents have supported government

efforts to ensure students study in conducive environment.

Mfune said the schools which had been built through government and citizens efforts include Muwale secondary school with five classes, Kapunga secondary school with three classes, Ihanga secondary school and Nyamakuyu secondary school both with five classes.

He said the construction of the schools is the continuation of the

construction of new schools and classrooms for existing schools, adding that in 2019 two schools were built namely Ipwani secondary school and Mwakaganga secondary

He said the district also conducted fund raising events from amongst various stakeholders for the construction of six new schools and 36 classrooms to carter for students who passed their Standard VII examinations but failed to advance to Form I at the existing secondary schools

He said 151m/- was realised through the fund-raising events and appealed to residents in the district to continue contributing towards the construction of classrooms for secondary schools as well as desks, adding that such challenges could be past history as the district was economically self-sufficient due to rice farming activities.

Govt, stakeholders fight 'new' disease killing hybrid dogs

By Guardian Reporter

THE government, working together with various stakeholders, has embarked on steps against a disease that kills a great number of hybrid dogs that is believed to be leptospirosis.

Director of veterinary services in the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, Prof Hezron Emmanuel Nonga said yesterday in a statement that his ministry, in collaboration with other stakeholders including Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO), Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA), (Tanzania Small Animal Veterinary Organization (TASAVO) have started collecting statistics from all veterinary centres including veterinary clinics and laboratories in order to understand the size of the problem and how it had been spreading.

He also said the ministry will also collect samples from some areas for examination to understand the causes of the deaths and provide education to dogs keepers, especially those of modern breeds to abide by vaccination and cleanliness and other biosecurity measures to control infection from Leptospira bacteria in dogs' enclosures.

He said from February to June this year the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries had been receiving reports of the deaths of new breeds of dogs after short illness suspected to be

Leptospirosis and added that the sick logs die even after receiving treatment. He said the problem has been more prominent in big urban cetres like

Dar es Salaam, Morogoro, Dodoma, Moshi, Arusha and Mwanza.

He said the dogs start weakening and lack of appetite, developing stairy hair coat and excrete blood and tears, vomiting and urinating from time to

He said owners of dogs with such symptoms to restrict them in their enclosures and ensures the food thereof is well prepared.

Tanzania is estimated to have over four million dogs kept for various reasons including for security purposes, as pets and for hunting.

Dogs bred in Tanzania are of two kinds - mongrels and other exotic breeds, while mongrels make up of more than 95 percent of the total

Exotic breeds in Tanzania include German Shepherd, Bulldog, Poodle, Rottweiller, Labrador Retriever, Great Dane, Doberman and many others.

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Govt recovers fraudulently sold cooperatives' property

By Guardian Reporter, Moshi

THE Government has returned cooperatives' assets in Kilimanjaro Region, including three houses and three vehicles that had been fraudulently sold by few greedy people at throw away prices.

Ministry of Agriculture Permanent Secretary, Gerald Kusaya, said the current government plan was to ensure whoever embezzled cooperatives' assets is brought to account for his or her actions.

The PS gave the remarks at the weekend when he was handing over three vehicles of Tanganvika Coffee Curing Co. Ltd (TCCCo) that had been recovered from business people who bought them fraudulently.

The vehicles include a Toyota Land Cruiser Hardtop Reg. T 187 ACD that was being used for tourism activities in Arusha Region; Land Cruiser GX Reg. T 199 CD and a Fiat goods truck Reg. T

"As government we will not accept a few people to embezzle cooperatives' assets, they will have to surrender them to the owners. I appeal to you, officials and members of the country's cooperatives countrywide to safeguard your assets," he said.

Before the handing over of the vehicles, the TCCCo board chairman John Boshe said embezzlement of the assets was a result of poor management by officials who were trusted with the task of safeguarding cooperatives'

He said the issue is among main issues that contributed to failure by many cooperative unions, including the Coffee Curing Company to function despite having plants and machinery bought at high prices.

During the handing over event, the Kilimanjaro Regional Commissioner, Dr Anna Mghwira, asked Gerald Kusaya to direct the review of the decision of the High Court of Tanzania, Moshi Zone that set free the region's cooperatives heavyweights who were faced by two economic crime cases that had resulted in a loss of over 4.9bn/-.

Dr Mghwira explained that she was not satisfied by the court ruling and called on the Ministry to take further steps by asking the High Court to review its decision.

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Queen Cuthbert Sendiga, the opposition Alliance for Democratic Change candidate for the Tanzanian Presidency, addresses a campaign rally at the Bagamoyo fish market in Coast Region at the weekend. Photo: Gu

TANAPA: Poaching in Ruaha, Kitulo and Katavi national parks under control

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

POACHING in Ruaha, Kitulo and Katavi National Parks had significantly decreased. According to TANAPA not a single elephant carcass was found in the parks in the

Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) Conservation Commissioner for

the southern zone, Pius Mzimbe told reporters of the Environmental Association of Tanzania (JET) under the sponsorship of USAID who visited various areas and villages around Ruaha National Park to see how people in the areas are involved in controlling poaching and the benefit they get from good neighbourliness with the TANAPA

He said as for now in the national parks there are adequate warders and equipment to fight poachers and added that even poaching networks have been dealt a blow through patrols with many of their members arrested and legal steps against them.

Mzimbe said the government has been placing great efforts in the war against poaching in the National Park,

which has gone down with animals including elephants, buffaloes and giraffes continue to reproduce as they were now living in peace.

He further said there have also been great restriction of orchids harvested in Kitulo National Park as in the past the product enjoyed high demand in Mbarali District, Mbeya Region in the country and neighbouring

He said apart from the presence of well-trained TANAPA warders there has also been good cooperation with the residents living in the park's proximity in the fight against poaching.

He further said as of now there is a team comprising various people educating people on various issues on good neighbourliness and cooperation

against poaching.

Mbarali District Commissioner Reuben Mfune said they have been working together with TANAPA to control poaching including TANAPAresidents skirmishes in the parks by educating the residents on national park's preservation by not taking their livestock inside the park for





Ilala district administrative secretary Chalangwa Selemani (2nd-L), NMB Bank Plc Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar zone manager Donatus Richard (2nd-R) and Pugu Station Primary School headteacher Valentine Mhagama (C) applaud at a ceremony held at the weekend at which the bank donated 35 tables and chairs worth a total of 8m/- to Dar es Salaam Region teachers. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Make efforts to attract youth to the coffee sector - Kusaya

By Guardian Correspondent, Moshi

Ministry of Agriculture, Permanent Secretary, Gerald Kusaya, has instructed institutions on coffee crop research to come up with a friendly environment that would woo youth in Kilimanjaro Region into coffee farming so as to increase production from 5,000 tonnes at present to 25,000 tonnes.

Kusaya issued the instructions at the weekend in Moshi when he was closing the three-day national coffee festival under the slogan: 'Sustainable coffee sector will be developed by the youth."

"We have the responsibility to increase production, and statistics show that in the past, for Kilimanjaro Region for example we had the capacity to produce 25,000 tonnes of coffee a year, but as for now I am informed the region produces less than 5,000 tonnes a year.

"That is a big challenge and what does it mean? If we had reached 25,000 tons for Kilimanjaro Region alone, as we proceed to 2025, the production has to go up, but I also call on other institutions including Tanzania Coffee Research Institute (TaCRI) to prepare a friendly environment that would make it attractive many people toward coffee production sector."

He said the coffee sector has a big contribution in the country's industrial sector, as among the 30 coffee factories, 28 are for coffee roasting and two are for instant coffee production.

He said the government has made improvements to the coffee festival, adding that as from next day it will held for seven days instead of three.

Earlier, speaking at the festival, the director of Tanzania Coffee Board, (TCB) Prof Jamal Adam said: "There have been efforts to increase coffee production and I should only say such efforts begin with production, mobilisation over prices thereof, but also the issue of conducive business environment is essential, hence their presence here is to support the International Coffee Day.

"In the coffee value chain, the CRDB Bank and ASAS we recognise your contribution beginning with production, inputs to provision of capital,"

Kagera Regional Administrative Secretary Faustine Kamuzora said: We in Kagera Region are leaders in coffee production, as in our area coffee is politics, coffee is life. We have learned a lot from these festivals and production has started to rise and this year we will have a harvest record."

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Govt supports campaign for marginalised students

By Guardian Reporter, Morogoro

THE government has commended the campaign for Female Education (Camfed) Tanzania for its educational support to marginalised students through the learner guide training programme.

Learner Guides are young women from marginalized backgrounds, who were themselves once vulnerable to exclusion from education, but they are now working to keep more girls in their communities in school.

Speaking at a function to hand over certificates of recognition to young women Learner Guides in acknowledgement of their support to vulnerable students at Kilakala secondary school in Morogoro Region over the weekend, Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government) Selemani Jafo said the program is worthy of government support.

During the event, 70 young women represented Camfed Learner Guides from across 32 districts and 9 regions across the country.

"We are working together to see how it can reach more students in schools throughout the country. Our nation can achieve its Development Vision 2025, which describes a nation of citizens with a positive mindset, and a culture which cherishes human development through hard work, professionalism, entrepreneurship, creativity, innovativeness and ingenuity", Jafo said in his speech read by Morogoro Regional Commissioner, Loata Sanare.

Jafo added: "Your efforts and commitment are highly appreciated. We recommend you continue to do this good work."

He said that Learner Guides identify children who are at risk of school drop-out, and link them to additional support from school officials and local authorities.

The minister noted that the linkage is important to students, their families, and the wider community, as a reduction of school dropouts is key to the development of the nation.

He said the collaboration between Camfed and the government will help to create new pathways of civic engagement for young people in their transition from school to the workforce, while improving quality and access to education for marginalized students and mobilizing community engagement.

Jafo noted that during school closures as a result of the

Cpvid-19 pandemic, Learner Guides supported students in many innovative ways including delivery of life skills lessons over local radio, and the distribution of printed study materials.

The Learner Guides continued to run small, socially distanced study groups, and mentored girls to ensure they don't lose hope, Minister Jafo stated.

Camfed Tanzania National Director, Lydia Wilbard said that the 'My Better World' programme builds skills such as self-confidence, effective communication and problem-solving, which are foundational for employability, both formal and self-employment.

"Since Learner Guides are from the communities they serve, they are able to relate to pupils on a personal level and inspire them with a concrete demonstration of leadership and confidence," said Wilbard.

She said that since its establishment in 2005, Camfed Tanzania has supported more than 683,439 children to attend and succeed at school, with a focus on marginalized girls at the secondary school level and 1,580 tertiary students were supported.

Wilbard stated that by the end of 2019, an additional 316,196 secondary students have been supported through the philanthropy of women leaders in the Camfed Association and their community members.

A total of 26,376 young women who have completed secondary school with Camfed's support have joined the Camfed Association of women leaders.

Women under the association are provided with leadership and entrepreneurship training, and volunteer programmes. These initiatives help them build important skills and knowledge that empower them to improve future opportunities for themselves as well as their families and

communities.
One of the Learner Guides, Maria Kamanda from Iringa Region said that through the learner guide program she has been able to help not only children at school, but also increased her confidence and ability.





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Centre embarks on project to examine various risks facing informal settlements

By Getrude Mbago

THE Tanzania Centre for Community Initiatives (CCI) has embarked on a project aimed to examine multiple risks in informal settlements in Dar es Salaam Region and later come up with sustainable solutions.

Dubbed "Grassroots insights into urban risk: creating interdisciplinary pathways to resilience in Dar es Salaam" the two-year project will be implemented in Ilala and Temeke districts focusing on three major areas of disasters, sanitation and waste management.

Speaking during the launch of the project in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, CCI executive director Dr Tim Ndezi said that the implementation of the project will develop contextuallygrounded analysis of risks, hazards, and resilience in informal settlements using participatory methods.

Dr Ndezi said that although informal settlements face multiple risks often rooted in poor-quality shelter, inadequate services and unresponsive local governance, these challenges are usually tackled in sectoral and departments without considering the voices or detailed knowledge of residents themselves.

"While focusing on inadequate sanitation and solid waste management, the team's analysis will look to encourage inter-sectoral strategies and create a platform for inclusive, co-produced interventions with government actors to foster resilience to multiple risks," he said.

For his part, Festo Makoba, CCI water and sanitation expert said that the project serves to highlight the importance of collaborative engagement between actors, non-governmental organizations and communities for sustainable development.

"Low-income communities in Dar es Salaam use a range of formal and

informal infrastructure and service providers, including for sanitation and solid waste management. Reports show that fewer than 10 percent of city dwellers have access to piped sewerage, and the rest must rely largely upon pit latrines or septic tanks," he said.

Makuba noted that climate change also aggravates the existing shortfalls in sanitation and solid waste management making it essential to incorporate climate risks when designing interventions. The rising frequency or intensity of extreme weather events may result in damaged homes, deepening poverty, and a range of health burdens in informal settlements.

"Through this project, we aim to enhance understanding of multiple primary and secondary hazards in the city, foster interdisciplinary, holistic strategies to promote urban resilience as well as come up with approaches in improving sanitation, solid waste management in informal settlements,"

Makuba said that apart from researching multiple risks in informal settlements, the project will also educate the public on various measures needed to mitigate impacts especially those caused by climate change.

"CCI will also train residents in living in unplanned settlements and support them to build modern latrines, we will introduce the 'Biofil Toilet Technology' to support those communities," he said.

Biofil Toilet Technology' is an onsite waste water treatment option that offers integrated treatment of sewage in a manner that poses minimal risk to the environment and public health, and the opportunity of sustainable economic returns on natural biological treatment of waste in the long term.

The project will also strengthen support towards community groups on better solid waste collection in informal settlements, Makuba said.



NBC Bank Moshi Branch public relations officer Neema Soka (R, with microphone) briefs Kilimanjaro regional commissioner Dr Anna Mghwira (2nd-L) at the bank's

Govt establishes task force to intensify peace and security at country's borders

By Guardian Correspondent, Ngorongoro

THE Commissioner for Immigration, Dr Anna Makakala, says she has formed a team of experts that will visit all border regions to provide education on immigration issues.

Makakala said at the weekend when she was speaking to residents Engusero Sambu Ward in Loliondo Division, Ngorongoro District in

"Education on immigration issues is still a challenge among the people living in border areas and that is why they have often been complaining, hence the Immigration Department will send a team of experts to the areas to provide civic education in order to solve problems facing them," Immigration Commissioner General

continue with the procedure of registering resident immigrants and called upon them to come up to register themselves during the registration exercise.

areas intermingle with foreigners, government, working together with hence we appeal to resident the residents have been maintain immigrants to come up and register themselves, and we also appeal

She said the Department will to them to continue maintaining defense and security in the border areas," she added.

The Ngorongoro Commissioner Rashid Taka, speaking at the meeting with the Immigration "Normally people living in border Commissioner General, said the peace and security in the border



Coast regional education officer Abdul Maulid presents a certificate to a Form Four leaver at a graduation ceremony at Dar es Salaam's St. Anne Marie Academy at

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has urged private schools in the country to make affordable school fees so as to enable parents afford the expenses and be able to send their children to the schools.

Coast Region Education Officer, Abdul Maulid made the appeal during the 16th graduation ceremony of St. Anne Marie Academy held at the school's premises Mbezi Kimara kwa Msuguri in Dar es Salaam.

He said that posing high school fees will be a burden to parents and deny opportunity to children from low income to access education they need.

Maulid commended the school founder Dr Jasson Rweikiza for his decision to invest in education,

Private schools urged to charge affordable fees something that complements the top ten results several times but they

government's efforts in boosting education sector in the country.

He said huge investment done by Dr Rweikiza has offered employment opportunities to a number of Tanzanians including 200 teachers and advised others to emulate the move.

He also commended the school management for their supervision, a situation which has been resulting in good performance in national examinations. "This also signifies that the school has competent teachers to prepare the students well."

The official said St Anne Marie

should not relax but rather work hard to produce more and best results to maintain the academic status.

He also urged the school to ensure that they support the surrounding communities in the construction of infrastructures, water as well maintaining good relationship with the community as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

"I have witnessed attractive infrastructures of the school such as the modern library, laboratory, sports grounds, passable road and street lights. I think there are a lot of things Academy has appeared in national that attracted parents to bring their

children here," he added.

School head teacher, Gradius Ndyetabula said in 2019's form six national results, 19 students of his school got division one, 47 division two, 19 division three and there were no division four or 0.

He added that in form four national results 2019, 43 children got division one, 63 division two, 19 division three.

Ndyetabula hailed the school management for its commitment towards making sure that all required services for the children and employees are available, something that has created a smooth learning and teaching environment.

Observe production procedures, processors of edible oils advised

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

ABOUT 1,700 producers, distributors and sellers of edible oil have been trained on best production, recommended means of storage, safe and best packaging and importance of putting required information on their

products. Organised by the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) in collaboration the Ministry of Industry and Trade and Small Industry Development Organisation (SIDO), the two-week training, which was held in Dar es Salaam over the weekend brought on board stakeholders Mkalama, Kiomboi, Sikonge Urambo, Shelui, Tabora and Nzega districts.

Other areas were from Igunga, Singida municipal, Kondoa, Kongwa, Mpwapwa, Kibaigwa, Chamwino, Itigi, Manyoni, Dodoma city and Bahi.

It was aimed at informing edible oil stakeholders on the opportunities in the government to enable them improve their products so that meet required standards hence extend local and foreign market.

Director of Quality Control at TBS, Lazaro Msasalaga advised the stakeholders to adhere to production principles and storage in order to avoid losing market and disturbances in case they are found with substandard products which would compel to destroy at their own costs.

"I advise you to contact with TBS offices regularly when you need professional assistance in the whole chain of production, storage and proper packaging, "said Msasalaga.

TBS research and training manager, Hamis Sudi said the training for stakeholders in the edible oil sector will be conducted in all regions of the country and initially conducted in the central region including Dodoma, Singida and Tabora regions.

"This is just the beginning, as the they are sold at cheap price.

Organization will ensure that such training reaches all stakeholders. The two week training ended last Friday .

He explained that the training is free and the Government is funding through TBS.

Along with the topic on edible oil products TBS uses the training to explain the responsibilities of the Organization including those that have been conducted by the former Food and Drug Authority (TFDA).

The TBS Acting Chief in Central Zone , Salome Emmanuel urged entrepreneurs whose oil products have not yet been given mark of quality to seize the free opportunity by submitting an application through SIDO.

According to her, the training involved stakeholders who were drawn from Pandambili (Kongwa), Singida Main Market, Pahi Ward (Kondoa), Majengo Market (Dodoma city) and Mitundu (Itigi).

Others were Nzega and Tabora main markets, and petty traders along Shelui

She said the aim is to educate them on the effects of oil exposing edible oil to the sun as its heat can easily affect the product and endangers health of

For their part, edible oil processor known as Daud Makala, and a seller identified as Eunice Maneno who took part in the training held in Dodoma hailed the efforts done TBS to educate stakeholders on quality issues.

They said the move would help producers to meet required standards hence enable their products to compete in local and international

Edible oil vendors in Singida and Tabora markets have called on the Government to facilitate access to packaging materials and ensure that





Jacqueline Materu (R), Vodacom Tanzania Plc's head of communication and public relations, plants a tree in Arusha at the weekend as a gesture of support for the fight against the impacts of climate change – in the spirit of global Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 13. This was on the sidelines of a Youth of United Nations Association conference on ways to prepare the youth for the future. With her at the event, which was sponsored by the mobile phone service provider, are students from Kikwe Secondary School in Arusha city's Tengeru suburb. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Francis Kajubi

A TOTAL of 21,601 children and youth who missed primary school admission due to a number of reasons have benefited from a 'Learn and Play' programme by SOS Children's Village Tanzania.

The three-year programme that was implemented in two wards of Chanika and Zingiziwa in Dar es Salaam covering ten primary schools have enabled children aged zero to 23 years old being enrolled for primary school, secondary and high learning studies thus making them achieve their goals through education.

Wrapping up programme over the weekend, SOS Programme Manager, Elamu Kavange, said that from the children who benefited, 10,815 are female and 10,786 are male. Financed by Denmark's development cooperation, DANIDA at a budget tune of 2.23billion/-. The programme targeted at enabling children play and learns by developing infrastructures of the schools.

"The programme focused on four dimensions being making sure that children out of school are enrolled, to train teachers, to make sure that children are not vulnerable discrimination and to convince people and development partners to give out funds for the programme" said Kayange.

For the project to become a success two approaches were considered: improving teaching and learning environment in schools and providing training to teachers on teaching techniques of children enrolled. About 80 nursery teachers were trained, 123 teachers were trained on teaching techniques of the play and learn programme, 54 teachers were trained for the adults learning

programme (MEMKWA).

Other 127 teachers were trained on children's learning basic approaches while the other 202 teachers were trained on alternative punishments to students instead of beating. About 84 teachers were trained to library issues and 76 teachers and headmasters were trained on to lead school committees.

Over 20,000 children, youth benefit from a 'Learn and Play' programme'

"About 335 children who were aged beyond the primary school admission age were enrolled through the MEMKWA programme. During the programme 8,233 children were taught about road safety, 100 participated in special training of play and learn while other 250 children took part at the play and learn festival, 133 children were subjected to trainings about the children's council on the importance of informing all sorts of discriminations against hildren" Kayange.

Other 12 officials from the gender desks of the two wards were trained on techniques of dealing with discrimination regarding children. The programme also covered construction of six toilets with 12 holes each, Renovation of 34 classrooms, establishment of nine new libraries and construction of new 10 nursery classrooms. More than 3,000 children have been admitted through the nursery schools.

One of the children who have benefited from the programme, Christerfola Kibonji

Other 12 officials from the gender esks of the two wards were trained on echniques of dealing with discrimination egarding children. The programme also (14) said that she joined Kimwani primary school of Zingiziwa ward when she ame from Morogoro where she lived a hard life that forced her into dropping school.

"When my mother and father got divorced I was left with my grandmother who couldn't stand my schooling costs that forced me to come to Dar es Salaam, where my mother also had no interest of sending me to school until when I found a friend who introduced me to a teacher who knew about this programme" said Kibonji.

300-odd residents of a Coast Region village back with normal sight after getting treatment

By Guardian Correspondent, Rufiji

MORE than 300 villagers at Nyaminywiri, in Rufiji District, Coast Region have undergone eye treatment and cataract surgeries at a two days free camp conducted by Nyaminywiri health centre.

President of the Lions Club Mzizima, Hitesh Solank said the surgeries were conducted by a team of specialised doctors from Dar es Salaam in collaboration with their counterparts from Rufiji District.

"The club also provides food and water services to patients who received treatment at the camp", he said adding the aim is to reach many people with eye complications in different regions across the country.

Solank said the have also conducted similar free medical camps in Mwanza, Morogoro and Tanga Regions. He said that plans are to conduct three camps per year, but it all depends on the demand.

He said that during the camps, they receive between 200 and 300 patients per day, the thing that indicates that there are many people with sight problems in the country.

Rufiji District Chief Medical Officer, Dr Ali Mbikilwa commended the Lions Club Mzizima, doctors and stakeholders for making the event a success. He said that in the two days a good number of residents from peripheral areas have been attended to by eye specialists.

"The good turnout of people is a clear indication that they are aware of the importance of medical check-ups as well as finding solutions to their sight problem from specialized experts," said Dr Mbikilwa.

He added that they are consulting development stakeholders on the possibilities of conducting similar camps at Ikwiriri village in the District. He said the area has many with eye and vision problems.

"We have a shortage of eye experts at almost all the hospitals and health centres, the problem is much bigger in remoteness areas. There is only one eye specialist in our District who provides services to eye patients from all the villages and wards," he stated.

Acting Rufiji District Executive Director, Geriad Ismail called upon stakeholders to also provide similar medical services in other villages. He said the Nyaminywiri village has a small population compared to other villages where there are also many people with eye complications.

Geriad informed that the District was working to improve provision of health services to the villagers whereas it has started to construct another health centre at Mloka village to ease service delivery.

The club also provides food

provides food and water services to patients who received treatment at the camp

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Malaria remains a huge danger calling for maximum vigilance

URRENTLY, the world is largely embroiled in one of the greatest health emergencies of our times COVID-19, an emergency that has so far caused immense disruption and suffering.

The disease has affected over 2.5 million people and claimed the lives of over 160,000 globally as of the last count. There is no doubt that this pandemic is testing the resilience of healthcare systems globally, especially due to the ease with which it is spreading.

The situation is even more dire in regions such as Sub-Saharan Africa where preventable diseases such as malaria still exert pressure to the healthcare systems.

Malaria is a serious and sometimes fatal disease caused by a parasite that commonly infects a certain type of mosquito which feeds on humans. People who get malaria are typically very sick with high fevers, shaking chills, and flu-like illness.

In 2018 there were 228 million cases of malaria worldwide resulting in an estimated 405,000 deaths. Approximately 93 per cent of the cases and 94 per cent of deaths occurred in Africa. Rates of disease have decreased from 2010 to 2014 but increased from 2015 to 2017, during which there were 231 million cases.

An international study reveals how future climate change could affect malaria transmission in Africa over the next century. For more than two decades now, scientists have suggested that climate change may alter the distribution and length of transmission seasons due to new patterns of temperature and rainfall.

Detailed mapping of malaria transmission is vital for the distribution of public health resources and targeted control measures.

In the past, rainfall and temperature observations have been used in malaria

well as rates of runoff and evaporation.

A new study, led by the Universities of Leeds and Lincoln in the UK, for the first time combined a malaria climatic suitability model with a continentalscale hydrological model that represents real-world processes of evaporation, infiltration and flow through rivers.

a more in-depth picture of malariafriendly conditions across Africa.

scenarios up to the end of this century, a different pattern of future changes in malaria suitability emerges compared to previous estimates.

While the findings show only very minor future changes in the total area suitable for malaria transmission, the geographical location of many of those

Conversely, projected decreases in malaria suitable areas across West Africa are more pronounced. The largest difference is in South Sudan, where the study estimates substantial decreases in malaria suitability in the future.

The study, published today in Nature Communications, highlights river corridors as year-round hot spots of

While flowing water in large rivers is not a suitable habitat for malariacarrying mosquitoes, nearby smaller water bodies, such as bankside ponds and floodplains can make for ideal larvae breeding grounds, as do

climatic suitability models to estimate the distribution and duration of annual transmission, including future

But factors affecting how rainfall results in water for mosquito breeding are highly complex, for example how it is absorbed into soil and vegetation, as

This process-focused approach gives

When run using future climate

areas shifts substantially.

malaria transmission.

associated irrigation schemes.

World Teachers' Day must really seek to make sure the educators lead better lives

teacher or, in some contexts, an educator is a person who helps students to acquire knowledge, competence or virtue.

Informally the role of teacher may be taken on by anyone (e.g. when showing a colleague how to perform a specific task). In some countries, teaching young people of school age may be carried out in an informal setting, such as within the family (home schooling), rather than in a formal setting such as a school or college. Some other professions may involve a significant amount of teaching (e.g. youth worker, pastor).

In most countries, formal teaching of students is usually carried out by paid professional teachers.. A teacher's role may vary among cultures.

Teachers may provide instruction in literacy and numeracy, craftsmanship or vocational training, the arts, religion, civics, community roles, or life skills.

Formal teaching tasks include preparing lessons according to agreed curricula, giving lessons, and assessing pupil progress.

A teacher's professional duties may extend beyond formal teaching. Outside of the classroom teachers may accompany students on field trips, supervise study halls, help with the organisation of school functions, and serve as supervisors for extracurricular activities. In some education systems, teachers may be responsible for student

Teaching is a highly complex activity. This is partially because teaching is a social practice, that takes place in a specific context (time, place, culture, socio-political-economic etc.) and therefore is shaped by the values of that specific context. Factors that influence what is expected (or required) of teachers include history and tradition, social views about the purpose of education, accepted theories

about learning, etc. World Teachers' Day, also known

teacher also called a school as International Teachers Day, is an international day held annually on October 5. Established in 1994, it commemorates the signing of the 1966 UNESCO/ILO recommendation concerning the status of teachers, which is a standard-setting instrument that addresses the status and situations of teachers around the world. This recommendation outlines standards relating to education personnel policy, recruitment, and initial training as well as the continuing education of teachers, their employment, and working conditions. World Teachers' Day aims to focus on appreciating, assessing and improving the educators of the world and to provide an opportunity to consider issues related to teachers and teaching.

To celebrate World Teachers' Day, the UNESCO and Education International (EI) mounts a campaign each year to help give the world better understanding of teachers and the role they play in the development of students and society. They partner with the private sector such as media organisations to achieve this purpose.

The campaign focus on different themes for every year. For instance, "Empowering Teachers" is the theme for 2017. This was the year World Teachers' Day commemorated the 20th anniversary of the 1997 UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher-Education Teaching Personnel, bringing the sometimesneglected area of teaching personnel at higher education institutions into the conversation about the status of

For 2018, the UNESCO adopted the theme: "The right to education means the right to a qualified teacher." It commemorates the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) and serves as a reminder that the right to education cannot be realized without trained and qualified **The Guardian Limited Key Contacts**

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Any prospects for the Belt and Road Initiative in the wake of COVID-19?

By Muhidin Shangwe

N 2013, Chinese President Xi Jinping announced an ambitious trans-continental project which has come to be known as the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

At the time of the announcement, President Xi launched two initiatives, namely the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road. The initiatives aim at revitalizing an ancient network of trade routes that linked China with Asia, Europe and Africa. The two initiatives were later merged and renamed as the BRI.

TheBRIisessentiallyaninfrastructure building program designed to enhance connectivity of the three continents through a complex network of roads, railways, power plants, gas pipelines, ports, etc. However, the BRI also has such objectives as promoting policy coordination, financial integration, cultural exchanges, and international cooperation in solving global problems. It's an all-round initiative. To illustrate this point, the BRI offshoots include the Health Silk Road and the Digital Silk Road. The former is an initiative that focuses on the promotion of global health governance with emphasis on the BRI countries while the latter's aim is to bring advanced IT infrastructure to countries that participate in the initiative.

China's diplomacy and COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has had significant impacts on China's diplomacy both negatively and positively. First, China has been at the center of the COVID-19 discussion for the reason that the virus was first reported in the city of Wuhan, central China early this year. China was the first victim of the pandemic which has since become a global health crisis. Along with this, China has been on the receiving end of criticism coming mainly from the US, accusing Beijing of covering up the outbreak of the disease. The US western allies have also come forward to accuse China of wrongdoings in the reporting of the pandemic, and the Chinese and Asian people in general have faced deplorable targeted stigmatization in various corners of the world.

This development comes at the time when China's foreign investment, aid and loans have been facing increased scrutiny. The characterization of Chinese loans as "debt-trap diplomacy" has gained currency, often overlooking recipient countries' own agency in the

transaction and the comparatively low percentage of Chinese loans in developing countries. For instance, according to a 2018 report done by Jubilee Debt Campaign, a UK-based charity organization, private lenders and multilateral financial institutions are the main sources of African government's external debt, accounting for 32% and 35% respectively, while Chinese loans account for only 20% of Africa's external debt. Also overlooked is China's lending framework which is now paying greater attention to risk assessment. It remains to be seen how these developments will affect the confidence and interaction between overseas Chinese investment on the one hand and the host countries on the

Second, China's approach to combating the virus at home and abroad is also having international significance. The shutdown of Wuhan and putting in place a rigorous testing and case-tracking system, for instance, were seen as workable solutions for the rest of the world to follow. Images of Chinese doctors arriving in countries such as Italy to offer a helping hand to their counterparts whose backs were against the wall as they witnessed a collapsing health system earned China respect and added to Beijing's

soft power. It was part of China's contribution to the global effort to combat the virus which also came in the form of providing ventilators, masks and testing kits particularly to the developing countries.

The BRI and COVID-19

On June 18, 2020, foreign and other ministers of BRI partner countries held a video conference to discuss the COVID-19 pandemic. The High-level Video Conference on Belt and Road International Cooperation called for an equitable access to health products as a global priority, investment in building sound and resilient healthrelated infrastructures, including the development of telemedicine, and more cooperation in the fight against the disease. To underscore the significance of the BRI, a joint statement by the ministers reiterated the need to boost connectivity and promoting economic recovery.

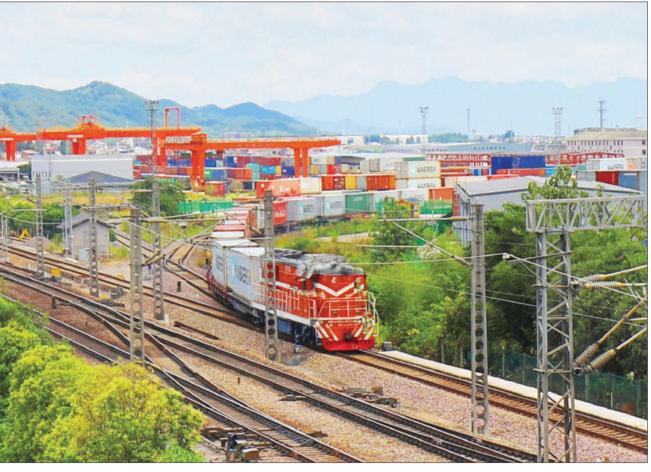
The full weight of the economic impact of COVID-19 is yet to be measured, and as long as the virus keeps spreading, it will be a daunting task to do so. However, it is understandable to think that the economic and social stress of the pandemic will have significant impact on the implementation of BRI projects.

The World Bank forecasts that Chinese economy will see a sharp slowdown of growth to 1.6 percent this year. This is likely to create a financial deficit for the BRI. But there is light at the end of the tunnel. It has been reported that China's exports in August climbed by 9.5 percent, the highest surge in 2020. According to the projection done by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), China will be the only G20 country registering GDP growth in 2020, and its economy will rebound strongly in 2021 with an increase of 8%.

With the shrinking resources for investment from Africa's traditional partners in the West, cooperation with China has become more urgent and pivotal for African countries. For the BRI, cultivating a sense of business confidence and promoting financial and trade interactions among partners will be crucial for boosting economic growth amid and after the pandemic. As a Nigerian scholar Ehizuelen Michael observes, the COVID-19 did not just change the world, it also showcases

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the significance of the BRI.



Open letter to Davidetta Browne Lansannah, Chairperson, Liberia's electoral commission

Open Letter to Davidetta Browne Lansannah

Chairperson, National Elections Commission (NEC)

9th Street, Monrovia, Liberia Dear Lansannah:

ermit me to congratulate you for your new job. I hope by the grace of God you are fine and doing well. I am also fine.

As a journalist and former workmate at the Liberia Broadcasting System, I was among well-wishers who celebrated you upon your appointment as Chairperson of the National Elections Commission (NEC) early this year. I am glad that a female media executive has been named to head the country's electoral body. I think that your preferment is also an honor for the journalism community. The job is no doubt tedious and tension pack. The need for all stakeholders' hands to be on the table in this process cannot be overlooked.

Following the Senate's approval, a month later, while looking through some local dailies, I came across an astonishing Editorial of the Monday, August 17, 2020 edition of Daily Observer Newspaper, caption: Gloomier by the day? Chairperson Lansannah is playing with Fire and She Must Be-

After reading the editorial, my initial reaction was wow, how come this professional colleague of mine has not lasted long in office, but she's being opposed by her staffers instead of being supported to succeed?

According to the Editorial, the standup between you and your staffers centered around the means of complying with the Supreme Court order to the NEC to clean up the 2017 Voter Roll the court had declared compromised. The Editorial said the NEC staffers' suggestion to conduct 'Stationary Voters Roll Update' (VR) has been overruled by you Madam Chair, and you are insisting that the VR Update be conducted by 'Mobile teams around the country'.

The paper said the experience gathered from the 2014 senatorial elections during which time the experiment with Mobile VR Updateproved shockingly bad though it was conducted during the dry season when the country's roads were in better condition.

It said now with the rainy season at its peak, the NEC Chairperson's insistence on aMobile VRprocess which she very well knows will be another fruitfulness exercise given the bad road conditions at this time of the year, is unwelcoming.

Stationary VR Updateis a process where the VR team is set up at a particular location for the entire VR Update exercise, while VR Update by Mobile team is rotational i.e. for the team to work in one community or district for a specific period like for example a week or two and move to another community or district throughout the VR process.

The paper pointed out that with the failure of Mobile VR Updateexperiment in mind, it appears that the Chairperson is either being doubledealing and deceptive or she does not know or fully understand just what she is doing or is supposed to

If the paper's position on what appears to be serious disagreement between you and your support staff is something to go by, then it reminds me of what the Executive Director of the NAMO Partners for Democratic Development, Mr. Eddie Jarwolo told a local radio talk show host that cheating in electioneering process does not happen in one day.

According to him, it can start small and continues up to the election day. Perhaps the alleged slashing of the pending December 8, 2020 senatorial budget from US\$26 million to US\$13.5 million dollars which has been described by the commission as unrealistic, could be a well calculated attempt to deliberately delay the midterm elections under the pretense of the usual no money slogan.

I think that instead of hauling and pulling Madam Chair, as insinuated by the editorial, you should be seeking support and advice from experts



According to Madam Lansanah, in the adjusted timeline, NEC will carry out civic and voter education on the principles of the voters' roll

on election aimed at resolving your staffers' opposition to the use of VR Update by Mobile teams. The way things are going, I believe that there is an urgent need to fast track the process leading to the success of the December poll. You have to be mindful because you have a long list of electoral arrears that are time-bound exercises that need to be held at a prescribed date in order to meet deadline.

> I do hope that the commission's remaining rescheduled electoral activities such as Voter Roll Update (VRU) will be completed on time in order to ensure smooth landing come December 8, 2020, since you have assured that all timelines are still intact, according to the Thursday, August 20, 2020 edition of

the Inquirer Newspaper. As you may be aware, a strong advocate for the impartiality of electoral authorities, has emphasized that regular and genuine elections through which the people have a real opportunity to choose their representatives freely, are now considered to be the cornerstone of democracy.

He further revealed that "an electoral roll of acceptable completeness and advocacy lies at the heart of the democratic process where the ability to vote depends on whether a voter's

name is on the roll." (Free and Fair Elections, International Guy S. Goodwin-Gill, P. 47.)

Besides, Madam Chair, 17 years after the signing of the historic Accra Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), on August 18, 2003, which marked the ending of 14 years of Liberian civil war, one of the drafter of the instrument, River Gee County Senator Commany B. Wesseh is cautioning Liberian to maintain the peace that we enjoyed to-

He reminded us that on that fateful day, Liberian leaders made a solemn and strong pledge to end the brutal civil war and also promised to never allow the country to go back to war with itself again and that Liberians would never allow the use of their territory for war against their neighbors.

In my candid opinion, Mrs. Lansannah, you as head of the country's election management body, have a crucial role to play in the maintenance of Liberia's fragile peace especially during these electoral seasons. One way you can do it, is to conscientiously adhere to the election laws without fear or favor.

You are already in the driver's seat Madam. Do your best in order to discourage the return of the ugly past. Another way I think that you can be successful in the process, is to ensure that election workers especially magistrates are trained and motivated

to act impartially. Thursday, August 20, 2020 edition of the Inquirer Newspaper reported that the Ruling Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC) and the four Collaborating Political Parties (CPP) did not attend the NEC organized inter-party consultative committee (IPCC) political parties Code of Conduct (CoC) signing cer-

emony in Monrovia. Part V of the CoC provides among things, that appointed officials who want to canvass or participate in an election must resign at least two years before elections; three years in the case of tenured officials.

The CoC is also intended inter-alia, to hold accountable politicians that would come in conflict with the law especially when they are key players in the pro-

Up to now, the NEC appears to be unwilling to determine the fate of the two parties in the wake of their refusal to comply with the NEC directive which implied their unwillingness to uphold democratic principles aimed at abiding by the Code of Conduct. This unacceptable and unhealthy for the ensuing special senatorial and future regular elections in the country.

Remember Madam Chair that suspicion is dangerous. It can destroy friendship, relationship and a country; just by poisoning the minds of one group of people against another. Let's get it out of our national politics. For example, the brutal memories of the Presidential and Legislative elections of October 1985 in which Slain President Samuel Doe was accused of stealing the election, which according to political observers, served as one of the prime factors of the 1989 rebellion, which is still fresh in our minds.

I also want to draw your attention to the missteps of your predecessor, Cllr. Jerome George Korkoya, which led to some strange things happening at the commission under his watch during the 2017 elections that had the potential to have undermined the credibility of the entire exercise and create a political tension in the country at the disadvantage of the ordinary people.

Wednesday, July 5, 2017 edition of the Heritage Newspaper quoted the former Civic Educator of the NEC, Mr. Josiah F. Joeker, Jr. as saying that NEC ex-Chairman Korkoya's June 14, 2017 statement that citizens with the God that you serve be your guide valid voter cards would have voted on Election Day whether or not their names were on the roll, was inconsistent with the standard of maintaining a credible roll. He wondered how does one obtain a valid card when his or her information was not captured on the roll.

He said the profile of the voter is established by a credible voters roll, which confirms the validity of the voter card. He stated emphatically in my view Madam Chair, is that without credible voters roll there Liberia

will be no free and fair election.

Besides, this principle of maintaining a credible voters roll is also guaranteed by Article 77 (b) of the 1986 Constitution of Liberia mandating the commission to ensure that eligible voters are registered.

Commenting on the issue further, Commissioner Jonathan K. Weedor indicated among other things that a reliable and credible Final Registration Roll is a cardinal requirement for every free, fair and transparent elec-

From all indications, you are gradually being challenged by some politicians in Montrserrado County, who are engaged in pre-election campaign activities through petitioning ceremonies without the campaign being officially declared by your entity as required by law.

The gavel is already in your hand. You just need to use it within the confine of the law to regulate violators before things become shockingly bad to the point where the Commission may likely find it difficult to control.

As you the experts are quite aware, one of the pre-election activities of the NEC is to monitor elections guidelines and Code of Conduct for Representatives of Political Parties, Accredited Coalitions, and Alliances, and Independent Candidates at all times without fear or favor. If not, politicians may likely take advantage of the Commission's indifference to sideline the law in order to accommodate their vested interest.

For instance, Nimba County District 5 Representative. Hon. Samuel Korgai was on the OK FM morning rush recently raising serious issue about the billboards installed in various parts of Monrovia with inscriptions alongside President Weah's photograph calling on voters to vote "YES" for all the prepositions contained in the pending December 8, 2020 referendum which has already been objected to by some lawyers and civil society ac-

He said President Weah's call for the reduction of term for elected officials i.e. President from 6 to 5 years, Senator from 9 to 7 years, Representative from 6 to 5 years as well as his "YES" vote for dual citizenship, is a cleaver attempt by the President to secure his third term bid.

I am just wondering as to whether the office of the President is now responsible for civic voter education instead of the NEC and civil society. If the expressions on the lips of politicians and civil society actors are something to go by, then it appears that they are looking up to you to prevail on the office of the president to have the billboards removed.

I think Madam Chair that there is a need for your entity that is responsible to organize and conduct free, fair and transparent elections in this country, to provide clarity on Hon Korgai's assertion and set the record straight.

When you begin to check mail these people at the initial stage, they will regard vou as head of the NEC with the gavel of authority to compel compliance. In addition, your action will also reduce the necessity for challenge, limit the possibilities of outright rejection of election results on the basis of cheating, as well as make transfer of power from losers to winners much easier and honorable.

To be frank with you, colleague, if you don't do it now, and God forbid the situation happens to become a recipe for political bitterness, Liberians at home, away from home, and the generation yet unborn may not easily forgive you, and the 21stcentury Liberian political history may not likely favor you. I am therefore suggesting that your conscience and in the conduct of your daily activities at the commission. Liberian people along with the world at large is washing you! Stay blessed, stay safe, have a nice day.

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erhaps those who argue that we sought for Independence too soon, may have a point. It is not to suggest that we do not cherish our freedom and sovereignty. In six days from today, Nigeria will be 60. Looking back, how do we place the country? Have we made as much progress as we ought, given all that the good Lord has bestowed on us as a people and as a nation?

If there was a means of comparing the socio-metrics that we had during the colonial days and the ones we have had after independence, it would be clear that Nigeria had made far more reasonable progress in almost all spheres during the colonial days than we are making under independence.

Evil and crime have become so dynamic, such that they keep changing in form and tactics.

Some have argued that the all-knowing God knew what he was doing when He endowed us with so much human and material resources, knowing that we shall have leadership problems.

But our case has been worsened now because both the leadership and the followership have all fallen short of grace for beneficial conducts. And this is across board.

Everywhere we turn, we are faced with a plethora of cases wherein we not only reduce our collective potential, we also jeopardise the future of upcoming generations.

In the second republic, it had been presented as a great crime, if not sin, for a top government official to award contract and demand or receive a ten per cent kickback. It was one of the many offences the regime of then Gen Mohammadu Buhari/ Maj Gen Tunde Idiagbon had to deal with. Many politicians (second republic governors especially) were sent to jail for such offences or even less.

Today, not only are contracts awarded with "MoU" of higher kickbacks between the awarder and the awardee. there is now a wholesome 'abscondment' with the total worth of a contract, without even visiting the site where the contract ought to be executed, let alone execute it. That is why certain contracts keep re-occurring in state and federal budgets year-in, year-out. They glibly explain it away as "know-your way"!

Perhaps there is no other place where these malaises are far more endemic than the state and National Assemblies. That is where our politicians literally commit huge robberies without arms. It is the issue of budget

Hon Abdulmumin Jubrin in 2017 had introduced the new lexicon of 'budget padding' to our parliamentary register. Since then, and before then, it had become a running practice among parliamentarians as they often arrange with the executive to undo the treasury.

Sometimes, the total value of the padded budget is enough to transform more than one sector of the economy. Indeed, it is even worse than contract inflation which is no better evil though. With the latter, the exaggerated sum voted for the construction of a 10-kilometer road for instance, can be sufficient for the construction of 20-kilometer road, in the same terrain.

What it means is that the money that can be used to build 50 kilometer road, ends up building only 25 kilometers. We do ourselves in.

In the health sector, Health managers plus their civil servant collaborators budget huge sums for health facilities, the monies are collected, but the facilities are either never procured or are under-procured. And in times of emergencies, we lose valuable lives, needlessly, because somebody, somewhere had frisked the system. It is everywhere. They joke about it and say it is "workshop": that where a man works, that's where he/she would chop {eat}; as if they do not earn their legitimate income from being in employment.

The Aso Villa clinic, is notorious for not having even common drugs, yet, every year they draw down funds from the budget. Where do the monies go? We undo ourselves.

I read something during the week, allegedly written by Mr Akinwunmi Ambode, immediate past governor of Lagos State, wherein he was cataloguing the reasons he was not returned as governor of Lagos. One of it was that he refused to pad the budget with 10 per cent for the lawmakers (as the practice





ing disallowed from re-contesting was because he insisted that party chieftains who collected various contracts under former Governor Raji Fashola (now Minister of Works) should execute those already awarded contracts before being awarded new ones. It must have sounded like gibberish in the ears of those who see government as an extension of their treasury. If we are not determined to undo ourselves, why would a normal person collect contract for a project, get paid, and then refuse to execute the contract? And because such persons are probably political gladiators, the law does not catch up with them. They are spared. The work remains undone. Society suffers at the expense of the unholy greed of one man or woman. How we undo ourselves!

It is even more befuddling that the governors and other top government functionaries know why these projects have failed but they cannot discuss it. They wring their hands in utter helplessness, essentially because at a higher scale, they also indulge in such ill deals.

The other day, in 2018, a clerk in JAMB office claimed that some snake swallowed N36 million. What kind of snake is that? Where was N36 million kept for a snake to swallow? Those are monies that should be used to improve a system. One fellow corners it and the system suffers. We all complain and grumble that the system is not working.... Without knowing that it is one of us who has done us in.

Recently, a scandal broke out in College of Education, Warri, where the provost of the College, soon-toretire Prof Mrs Mary Olire Edema was said to have spent N36 million to build two toilets in the college. That was a TETFUND grant, which just had to be clerically "burnt". How does building two toilets cost even N2 million? Yet, in that college, there will be many things missing: students will be suffering, other staff

is?). One other reason for his be- will be suffering, facilities will not be working as they ought, yet, the head of the organization is expending N36 million to build two toilets? What a prized pooh!

> Or how shall we explain the National Universities Commission (NUC) which recently budgeted N8 million for research and N85 million to purchase vehicles? This is largely a research institution. What a disservice to proper prioritization!

> In some universities, it is said students can now arrange to get given grades. They call it "sorting". Students pay lecturers certain amounts that have been charged by the lecturers, and then they get bargained grades. Such students buy their way through the universities. They graduate, without having capacity, speaking cracked English. Yet, they get employed one day and end up being a disaster in the public space. How we undo ourselves!

> A friend recently applied for her first degree transcript from Abia State university. She was charged N50,000, for "express service" that took nine weeks. She had also applied for her Masters Degree transcript from a university in the UK. The transcripts were to be sent to an institution. While the Abia State University sent the transcript after nine weeks, it took the UK university an hour or so to send the transcript at no fee at all. The applicant was even sent a soft copy of the transcript from the UK university.

> She was not charged. The receiving institution further requested authentication of the transcript from the Nigerian university. All that was required was a two-paragraph email to confirm that the transcript earlier sent emanated from the school authorities. But our dear Abia State university went ahead to demand another N31,000 as "authentication fee" from the applicant, before it can confirm that the transcript it earlier sent is genuine. And all these charges are un-receipted. How we undo

run efficient and stress-free systems abroad are also human. They are not angels. It is a matter of orientation. In many ways, we make it tough and hard for others. It is high time we changed our orientation for the better. That way, we are better off and collectively happier.

Edo Guber: The Lessons for Obaseki

It was such a relief that the Edo governorship election has not only come and gone, but also without the rivers of blood that was predicted to flow along with it. Bookmakers had predicted that there would be massive violence. The Oba of Benin had to intervene. So was the National Peace Committee headed by former Head of State, Gen Abdusallam Abubakar and Catholic Bishop of Sokoto Diocese, Matthew Hassan Kukah.

Thankfully, the interventions were effective and helpful in stemming the tide of violence which had threatened to mar the polls.

It is no longer news that incumbent Governor Godwin Obaseki won the election, beating, for the second time, his arch political rival, Pastor Osagie Ize-Iyamu, his fellow Bini man.

It was a tough contest. His former godfather, turned adversary, Adams Oshiomhole had literally staked his political life for this contest. It is likely to be his last political outing. It ended sadly for him. It is worse that he had lost out at the national level, and now at the state level. Except something significant happens to redeem and reboost his political profile, Oshiomhole may begin to suffer political orphanage.

I read a joke cautioning all jubilant Obaseki supporters to do it with caution, since the Supreme Court has not "voted". That tells a lot of story: how the Supreme Court can intervene to change the political fortune of gladiators.

But it is instructive that unless something else happens, Obaseki is

The cases are a legion. Those who as good as having secured his sec-godfatherism. He went full circle to ond term. Mr President, the head of the opposition party, had congratulated him. The All Progressives Congress (APC) which had initially rejected the outcome of the election, has also followed suit to congratulate Obaseki. If we take these as accepting the outcome of the election, then Osadebey House is going to continue to host Obaseki for another four years.

But what are the lessons from the contest for Obaseki?

First, he must realize that as victorious as he was (with his 307,955 votes), as many as over 260,000 voters did not want him to be returned. That is not a figure that he should dismiss. Now he has won. He has to be the governor of those who wanted him and those who did not want him. But more importantly, he must introspect to find out why those who voted against him did so.

It is good he has extended the hand of fellowship to those who fought against him ,particularly Oshiomhole and Ize-Iyamu. He must be magnanimous in victory and seek to carry everyone along. To see himself as the political conquistador of Edo State would be to miss the point.

During the campaigns, a lot was said. He was described as an MoU governor. Now that he has won, it is time to activate the content, essence and benefit of those MoUs. It is time to put words to action. His campaign promises should always be his mirror and check.

Another lesson for Obaseki is to indeed perish the thought of him being the latest godfather on the Edo landscape. If his victory is acclaimed to have been the formal burial of godfatherism in the state, he should not seek to awaken the ghost, image or silhouette of godfathersim in the state, four years after. As he would have seen, not only is it a malappropriation of the will of the people, it is even more dangerous to go against your avowals. Oshiomhole had vowed to abolish

practice what he condemned.

Hear him: "A situation where one man decides, has been abolished. All I want is for power to move to the people. The people should decide who becomes their leader and that leader will not be answerable to any godfather, but to them." But sadly, Oshiomhole wanted to be the Alpha and Omega in Edo Politics, something he condemned so strongly against late Chief Tony Anenih.

So, Obaseki should steer clear of the temptation to play the Lord of Edo politics.

But more importantly, is the question of whether Obaseki will soon be adopted as a godson by another godfather. Already, observers are touting Gov Nyesom Wike of Rivers State of being his godfather. The latter is brutal and politically uncouth. Becoming his godson, would be hurtful ultimately to the image and psyche of the people of Edo State. As they say, Obaseki must "shine his

As a newly elected governor, one who was supported by a network of governors and many interested individuals, Obaseki must be careful in knowing how to manage and deal with his many political IOUs, such that it does not impede the development of Edo State.

He was accused of scuttling the idea behind the Specialist Hospital, in Benin which his predecessor built to a near-finish point. Obaseki is said to have brought consultants to run the hospital and that the ordinary Edo people no longer have access to the facility.

It is in Obaseki's place to take proper notice of all the criticisms he received during the campaigns and work towards addressing those ones that are truly valid and would be beneficial to the ordinary man on the street.

All said, I therefore congratulate the governor on this historic victory and wish him greater feats ahead.

TFRA unveils investment potential in fertiliser industry value chain

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

IN a bid to increase availability of fertiliser in the country's market outlets, the Tanzania Fertilizer Regulatory Authority (TFRA) has called on local and foreign investors to explore the untapped investment opportunities in the sub-sector value chain by building more factories.

Dr Stephan Ngailo, the TFRA executive director made the call over the weekend when presenting a paper at the Africa Fertilizer Agribusiness 2020 Virtual Conference.

He said that Tanzania has 10 fertilizer and 2 fertilizer supplement factories with 30 per cent and 56per cent installed capacity utilization respectively. The largest fertilizer factory is Minjingu which manufacturers about 80percent of all the domestically manufactured fertilizer and fertilizer supplements (FFS)-lime, dolomite and gypsum) are produced by ABM equipment (Tanga) and Dodoma cement (Dodoma)

Dr Ngailo described Tanzania as an agrarian country whereby majority of its population's livelihood and economic wellbeing depends on agriculture. Tanzania has a total arable land of 44,000,000ha; out if which 14,520,000ha is cultivated.

According to him, the total fertilizer soil requirement in Tanzania is 1,089,964 MT and fertilizer utilization is estimated to be 23-25kg/ ha equivalent to 50% of the Abuja declaration of using 50kg/ha fertilizer nutrients.

Utilization varies between 300,000 - 400,000MT which is equivalent to 28 -37percent of the soil requirements, he said.

Dr Ngailo cited in inadequate awareness on proper

use of fertiliser and fertiliser supplements, financial constraints especially during cropping season, low crop market prices at harvest season, inadequate agroprocessing facilities, little market information for rural population and high prices for fertiliser taking into account that 90percent of fertilizers are imported as among the main reason for low fertilizer utilization in Tanzania.

He however said: "In cognizance of the aforesaid financial circumstances and the fact that farmers need more money at the beginning of the cropping season (when they relatively have no money) than at its end (when they have money after selling crops), TFRA has been sensitizing farmers to enter in tripartite arrangements (farmer, off-takers and banks) so that they import fertilizer through the Bulk Procurement System (BPS) by using bank guaran-

BPS, according to him, requires that farmers' cooperative unions (FCUs) submit fertilizer requirements to TFRA with Bank guarantees. After having a threshold of 15,000 - 45,000MT of fertilizer, TFRA announces a tender to pre-qualified suppliers so that the lowest bidder supplies the fertilizer to the port of DSM and the importers (FCUs) clear, bag and transport it to the agricultural marketing cooperative societies (AMCOS).

"The AMCOS supplied must be members who submitted requirements to TFRA through the FCU; though in some cases, AM-COS submit requirements directly. Just after receiving the supplier invoice, the FCU is required to open a letter of credit for payment in 180 days."



For the 2020/1 cropping season, cooperatives which managed to import fertilizer through BPS are from the regions that utilize more than 60 percent of all the fertilizer available in Tanzania per annum and they include Madibila AMCOS and Iringa farmers cooperative Union

Other cooperatives that are in the process of importing include Ufipa Cooperative Union (UCU) and Mbinga farmers' cooperative Union (MBIFACU).

(IFCU).

Some of the options used by FCUs in getting bank guarantees include FCU/ offtaker contracts - offtakers may be the National food reserve agency (NFRA), agro-processors-sugar, rice,

Off-taker deducts the funds from crop sales and pays for the fertilizer and own sourced input fund - deposited in bank then the bank releases a guarantee, fixed assets and warehouse receipt system (WRS)

Some of the current opportunities in the fertilizer sub-sector include manufacturing and packaging, international trade, clearing and forwarding, domestic distribution, market linkages, storage, financing, quality assurance and publicity.

On the manufacturing and packaging Dr Ngailo said: "The government through Tanzania investment center (TIC) has opened windows for any investors in the fertilizer value chain--manufacmaize flour, tea, and coffee. turing, blending and packag-

"TFRA is hereby inviting more investors in fertilizer manufacturing, as there is a huge local and foreign market," he said, adding that domestic manufacturing will reduce fertilizer prices, create employment for Tanzanian and contribute to the national economy at large.

He also cited political will, ever increasing population - assured fertilizer markets, presence of raw materialsnatural gas and phosphates. Huge local and foreign markets, favorable infrastructures such as roads, railway, ports and, power, agro-processing industries financial institutions, labor are some of the enabling environment for domestic fertilizer manufacturing.

On international trade, he said: "The introduction of the BPS has made it possible for people with limited capital and experiences in the international trade dynamics to participate in the fertilizer import markets. This has been so by TFRA collecting all fertilizer requirements and awarding a tender to one pre-qualified supplier (domestic or international) to import fertilizer on behalf of others, importers to use bank guarantees and letters of credit (1 percent fee per 3 months) to enable them pay within 180 days after receiving the bill of lading."

This has increased market competitiveness that contributes to lowering fertilizer prices while increasing quality and utilization, he said.

ing, Dr Ngailo said TFRA is currently mobilizing demand driven markets for fertilizer users (agro-processors, farmers' cooperative unions (FCU) and large scale farmers) to participate in the fertilizer importation through BPS.

"Their newness in the port clearance processes, bagging and transportation of fertilizers to farm level creates an opportunity for experienced clearing & forwarding agents (CFA) to facilitate the processes."

He also said that fertilizer domestic distribution is done through roads, railways and water. "Opportunities are available for investors in any of the distribution networks. Most of roads are passable throughout the year to regions level and most of local government authorities. On the part of principal/agent relationships in fertilizer distribution TFRA has issued licenses to more than 4,000 fertilizer business premises across the country. These help in fertilizer distribution; however, not sufficient," he assured the prospectus investors.

On input/output market linkages, the government has instituted the warehouse receipt system (WRS) and farmers/agro processors contract farming arrangements as a way of assuring farmers of reliable markets and better prices.

The same arrangements pose opportunities for farmers to be provided with inputs by off takers and/or agro processors through bank guarantees instead of expensive credit guarantees On storage, the official

said that the increased fertilizer utilization has resulted into increased crop yield. "The increased yield results

On clearing and forward- in increased supply in the markets leading to lower prices.

Low crop prices lowers the farmers fertilizer purchasing power in the following cropping season," he said, noting: "A need is perceived for more storage facilities to enable farmers get better produce prices at least six (6) months after harvesting."

On financing, most farmers get money after selling their produce at the end of the cropping season.

The fertilizer BPS has come up with a solution to this as it enables farmers to import fertilizers using bank guarantees and pay for at the end of cropping season, he said.

"This is an opportunity for financial sector to provide bank guarantees to fertilizer importers and provision of Soft, short and long term loans for agri-inputs and agro-processing implements.'

On quality assurance he said: "The increased competition in the fertilizer market bears a potential risk in the way quality control is enforced. It is therefore perceived that we develop electronic bar codes that may inform fertilizer inspectors of fertilizer adulteration. This poses an opportunity for electronic experts to invest in bar codes for easy fertilizers quality control."

On publicity, he said: ' Publicity is required for sensitizing farmers on the following: Benefits that are inherent with the demand driven fertilizer BPS, commercial farming as the fertilizer are now available at affordable prices, contract farming arrangements that enables farmers to be guaranteed by off takers in the acquisition of fertilizers."

Over 5,000 youth reap dividends from apprenticeship programme

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

OVER 5000 marginalised youth from different regions in country have benefited from the implementation of the apprenticeship training programme (ATC) which works to equip the group with prerequisite technical, entrepreneurship and soft skills to improve their incomes and lives.

Implemented collaboratively between Don Bosco Tanzania and the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliamentary Affairs, Labour and Employment the training approach intended to equip trainees with employable skills to enhance the workplace and industrial productivity.

The essence of the intervention areas lies in the; provision of accessible and high-quality TVET training to disadvantaged youngsters and adults who for some reason lacked the opportunity to advance their education/professional training.

According to, Fr. Melchades Nshaba, Executive Director Don Bosco Networks Tanzania, the project started its implementation in September 2019 and came to an end in May 2020. The project involved six months of in-classes training with two months of field practical placement to all trainees who completed in-class programs.

"It had been planned 5,875 marginalized youths (female and Male) who seek to transition their lives through Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) training be equipped with quality vocational training from 18 ATC implementing centres across 13 regions of Tanzania. The project enrollment record totaled 5,847 (99 percent), a slight mismatch to the initial target," he said.

He said among the enrolled students, 5538 (94.7 percent) students completed in-class training and field practical placement while 309 (5.3 percent)

students dropped out at some points during the training program due to different reasons including marriage, death, pregnancy, financial difficulties, peer groups, lack of interest and selfesteem, etc.

The project was funded and pioneered by the Prime Minister's Office Labor, Youth, Employment and People with Disabilities and being designed and implemented in collaboration with Don Bosco networks Tanzania.

According to Fr. Nshaba, the sponsorship included tuition fees for 100 percent being paid by the government and all trainees were liable for monthly transport allowance of about 100,000/monthly.

He said the project was implemented in 13 regions of Tanzania including Dodoma, Singida, Iringa, Lindi, Ruvuma, Dar es Salaam, Morogoro, Shinyanga, Geita, Kagera, Mara, Kilimanjaro, and

The project implementation involved 18 different vocational centres namely; DB Dodoma VTC, DB Iringa VTC, DB Oyersterbay VTC, DB Upanga, DB Temeke, Holy Cross, Ola Sisters, St. Francis, St Anthony, Geita VTC, Kashozi, VETA Lindi, Peramiho, Mafinga Parish, Rc Manyoni, Moshi VTC, KII-tech,

and Mafinga Seminary. The director said in the end, the project has managed to endow enrolled trainees with experience, skills, knowledge, and exposure which will help

He noted that Tanzania like many other countries in sub-Saharan regions, youth unemployment is approximately 8.8 percent especially for the urban youngsters whose prospects are in a fairly bleak.

Bearing in mind the size of the informal economy (more than 80 percent of employment) and the prevailing working conditions, the majority of young Tanzanians end up in insecure, low





Mwanza regional commissioner John Mongella (C) shows the NCBA Bank Tanzania logo at a dinner the bank hosted for its customers and stakeholders in Mwanza city at the weekend. Others are the bank's director general, Margaret Karume (2nd-R), director of commercial and digital services Gift Shoko (2nd-L), Mwanza regional administrative secretary Emmanuel Tutuba (R) and Mwanza Regional Police Commander Muliro Jumanne Muliro. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

paid jobs that offer very little both hard and soft." economic and social benefits. Following the nation's vision of attaining a middle-income economy, this poses a stabling block. Most of the youth who changes lack employable skills

For her part, Rosemary Terry, DBNET program manager said: "To ensure enrolled apprentices receive quality training, all ATC centers enare the key players toward the sured the involvement of well qualified, trained, adequately

remunerated, and motivated effective teaching methodteachers throughout the pro-

ject implementation." ganized several capacity build- opment, examination setting, ings where all ATC involved standardization, and marking. Instructors were trained on Also, the training institutions Don Bosco teaching systems, reinforced the capacity of its

ologies, effective teaching methodologies for life skills, Furthermore, DBNET or- curriculum review and develinstructors through performance assessments, knowledge sharing, and deeper collaborations with other project stakeholders, and the results have been verified by the apprentices who express their

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FEATURES

Former First Lady Nancy Doe's benefits claims: Is it constitutional or legal?

By Special Correspondent

ancy Born Doe was the former first lady and wife of the late Samuel Kenyon Doe who was himself killed in cold blood by War Lord Prince Yormie Johnson. Mrs. Doe earned her title as the first lady when her later husband Doe became a Military junta leader of the notoriously know "People Redemption Council, PRC" that toppled a 123-years political hegemony of the True Whig Party and killed 17-government officials in cold blood. Nancy's title was also validated when former president Doe was elected President, the Republic of Liberia under a would-be cloudy political maneuvering exercise that unprecedented political

The late Doe presided over one of the most brutal and turbulence political systems after critics concluded that he rubbed the presidency and became a very oppressive and fearful ruler in many ways from the perspective of many critically unassuming minds. How the late Doe took over the affairs may have directly or indirectly fueled the 1980 brutal genocide. Moreover, Doe also acquired stolen properties from the so-called "Americo-Liberian" he killed and legitimized those properties ASAP.

An unimpeachable source directly familiar with these scenarios revealed that the late Doe accumulated huge stolen properties ranging from 15,500 acres of land in Bentol City; 49 duplexes, 16 giant businesses/ stores; 63 independent gold mines, and 5mecanize farmland in Grand Geddeh, and Tuozon Doe's birthplace.



The late Doe assumed the nation's highest position the presidency without disclosing his assets because political pundits believe Doe was a very poor rate that came to political prominence.

It was however obvious that none of the 17-PRC members were rich or had properties before their budget year when Doe was

ascendancy to political in power both as military power, but instead, they acquired properties illegally and transformed under their titles around Liberia. The sources also disclosed that Nancy Doe was on taxpayer payroll and was given a budget ranging between 800000 to 1.5 million US dollars as a first lady every

junta leader and President of Liberia.

unaccounted and unverifiable taxpayer monies were spent by Nancy Doe as she saw it fate. Being the first lady is not an electable position, it was a position hidden under the shadows of the late Doe Liberia. But the questions that arose are as follows: "Was the First Lady Position" a fully constitutional title backed by taxpayer funding? From research, the answer is no. A first lady position is not a constitutional position for which it should deserve the attention of taxpayer funding to service said

is entitled to benefits as a former first lady or benefits from for her late husband which is becoming much more acrimonious in most Liberian circles.

30-years after the brutal killing of the late Doe, Nancy Doe, the former first lady is strongly laying claim on serious financial benefits which has continued to generate an endless argument. With regards to Nancy's position to claim her late husband benefits, there are other questions. Did Doe die in the office? Was he killed in the office?

These questions are and private sensitive oriented. Political scholars shared their thoughts with Political Hot-Fire that as long as Doe was killed, is the same as being overthrown or force out of the office and losing everything. He emphatically forfeits all his presidential benefits as compared to whether he died in office due to illness or it was through other natural causes. The death of the late Doe has a lot to do with Nancy Doe's claim for herself and or for her husband. Critics believed that Nancy Doe claimed to benefits is unconstitutional but legal. There is no constitutional provision who was then President OF office from time to time. to state that the taxpayers

Nancy Doe claimed that she are obligated to the former first lady in goods, cash, or services.

> A president can only be pensioned when he honorably ended his tenure according to the constitution of the land and demands all his benefits. But this was not the same with Doe. He didn't end his tenure. He was killed outside his official office as president of Liberia. He has killed another warlord fighting another warlord and he was overpowered and subsequently killed so he doesn't desire any benefits directly or indirectly as another faction in the Liberian civil war and not

> has a president of Liberia. What affected Doe affects Nancy Doe. Her late husband doesn't desire any pension constitutionally according to his role as another faction leader in the war and how he died as a captured faction leader. Doe wasn't captured in the executive mansion and killed like Tolbert. Doe fought back as another faction indirectly. The government of Liberia will need to take Nancy Doe to the task to pay back taxpayer monies she used during her husband's regime since he did not die in office but was captured fighting back as another faction in the civil

support of Mastercard Foundation's Young Africa Works program, the creation of a digital industrial park labour database in Ethiopia will unlock the potential for job creation within Ethiopia's industrial parks, as well as their surrounding ecosystem.

Today, First Consult announced a partnership with the Ethiopian Investment Commission to implement the digitization of the labour supply and matching database for factories within seven industrial parks in Ethiopia.

The partnership between First Consult, which is implementing the BRIDG-ES Programme, an initiative supported by the Mastercard Foundation's Young Africa Works in Ethiopia strategy and the Ethiopian Investment Commission (EIC), will lead to a series of job creation and employment interventions across several industrial parks (IPs) throughout the country.

The seven Industrial Parks participating in the utilization of the IP labour database include: Adama IP, Debre Berhan IP, Dire Dawa IP, Bahir Dar IP, Hawassa IP, Mekelle IP, and Kombolcha IP.

The BRIDGES Programme, which is a five-year initiative, will support the creation of close to 600,000 jobs for young people (80% women) and 15,000 micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs). Furthermore, the BRIDGES Programme will train 300,000 unemployed young people through industrial park job creation initiatives, and market linkage between industrial parks and MSMEs.

The creation of a digital industrial park labour database will unlock the potential for job creation within industrial parks, as well as their surrounding ecosystem. Additionally, it will promote local value addition and domestic linkage between large investors and local suppliers. The IP labour database will also be used as a major instrument for optimal, reliable, and predictable labour market information for policy makers and industrial parks.

"The industrial park labour database system has significantly supported investors and government in mapping out the labour demand and supply " said Kamila Hamza, CEO of the Hawassa Industrial Park Investors Association. "It has also further facilitated the ease of doing business through a constructed labour database system that would provide thousands of young people with the opportunity for decent and fulfilling employment."

The expected impact of the digital IP labour database includes:

Facilitating the matching of labour supply and demand to support an estimated 100,000 jobs

Factories across seven industrial parks in Ethiopia to be revolutionised through the digitisation of labour supply



within two years.

Supporting 30,000 industrial park workers to obtain soft-skill training and awareness of the industry for better comprehension and career development planning.

The BRIDGES Programme, which is a part of the Mastercard Foundation's Young Africa Works initiative, intends to facilitate and provide technical assistance toward the develop-

ment of the digital labour database. In Ethiopia, the Mastercard Foundation, through its Young Africa Works strategy, aims to create 10 million dignified and fulfilling jobs and employment opportunities for young people by 2030.

"True to its name, this initiative is truly creating a much needed bridge for tens of thousands of young people into the world of work. And it is an inspiring example of the role technology

and digitization has to play in enabling work, which is something the Foundation wholeheartedly champions," said Alemayehu Konde Koira, Mastercard Foundation's Country Head, Ethiopia.

The Ethiopian Investment Commission will take the lead in supervising the development of the IP labour database and manage its data collection and aggregation of information from all participating industrial parks. The EIC will also work to ensure proper

buy-in and utilization of the database

by stakeholders and investors. Work on the digital IP labour database will begin in mid-September 2020 and continue throughout the implementation and scale up to additional industrial parks. Full development of the database and transfer of ownership to the Ethiopian Investment Commission will be completed by 2023.

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dustrial park labour database] is truly creating a much needed bridge for tens of thousands of young people into the world of work. And it is an inspiring example of the role technology and digitization has to play in enabling work, which is something the [Mastercard] Foundation wholeheartedly champions," said Alemayehu Konde Koira, Mastercard Foundation's Country Head, Ethiopia.

The Mastercard Foundation works with visionary organizations to enable young people in Africa and in Indigenous communities in Canada to access dignified and fulfilling work. It is one of the largest, private foundations in the world with a mission to advance learning and promote financial inclusion to create an inclusive and equitable world. The Foundation was created by Mastercard in 2006 as an independent organization with its own Board of Directors and management.

The Ethiopian Investment Commission (EIC) is an autonomous federal government institution established under Proclamation No.769/2012 Council of Ministers Regulation No.313/2014 to carry out an efficient investment administration system and to encourage foreign and domestic investments in Ethiopia through promotional, support and aftercare schemes. Functionally, the EIC operates under the direct supervision of the Ethiopian Investment Board (EIB), chaired by the Prime Minister.

First Consult is a leading Ethiopian institution specialized in economic development in Ethiopia. With a focus on private sector, financial sector and human capital development since 2005, First Consult has built and worked with over 500 partnerships that spans the private sector, government and development community. By supporting and mobilizing strong local institutions with highly-capable individuals, the institution strives to solve the most-critical development challenges of our time. The core focus on youth development and women's economic empowerment is central to the mission of First Consult, which is to realize an inclusive and sustainable development that benefits all.

BRIDGES is a five-year programme that aims to create employment opportunities for young women and men by unlocking the job creation potential of industrial parks (IPs), other anchor enterprises (AEs), and their surrounding ecosystem including micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs). BRIDGES works to capitalize on, and scale-up its previous experiences and key learnings within the industrial sector toward creating direct employment linkages, as well as establishing sustainable market linkages between AEs and MSMEs. The BRIDGES programme is comprised of four focus areas; Employment Linkage, Enterprise Development, Enterprise Competitiveness, and Access to Finance.

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ECO-FRIENDLY

FAO launches Green Cities Initiative to help transform agrifood systems

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations has unveiled its new Green Cities Initiative and Action Plan to help transform agri-food systems, end hunger and improve nutrition in and around the cities in a post Covid-19 era.

The launch took place during a virtual event titled Green Cities to Build Back Better for SDGs - A New Powerful Venture hosted by FAO during the 75th session of the UN General Assembly. Highlighting the vast potential of cities in reducing the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on people's health and food security and contributing to climate change mitigation, FAO directorgeneral QU encouraged all partners to appreciate the essential role of cities in building back better and the urgency of innovative, comprehensive and coordinated actions.

"For cities to become much greener, more resilient and regenerative, we need to rethink the way urban and peri-urban areas are designed and managed", he said in his opening remarks at the event. "With only ten years left to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals", QU added, "we need a fundamental change of mindset and remodelling our business

FAO's Green Cities Initiative aims to improve the livelihoods and well-being of urban and peri-urban populations in at least 100 cities (15 metropolitan, 40 intermediary and 45 small cities) around the world in the next three years, looking to have 1,000 cities join

In particular, the initiative is focused on improving the urban environment, strengthening urban-rural linkages and the resilience of urban systems, services and populations to external shocks. Ensuring access to a healthy environment and healthy diets from sustainable food systems, it will also contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation and sustainable resource management.

The new initiative also includes the creation of a "Green Cities Network," where cities of all sizes - from megapolis to medium to small - will exchange experiences on best practices, successes and lessons, as well as build

city-to-city cooperation opportunities.

The organisation will enhance its work with local and national authorities, city councils, mayors, the private sector, academic institutions and international organisations, and investment in the country," she engage with urban communities especially with women and young people. "The initiative we are launching today is a product of a new way of thinking. I hope that you are inspired to join us and support it by your innovative way of implementation,"

The world is becoming more and more urbanised. By 2050, almost 70 percent of the world's population will be living in cities, with 90 percent of the increase occurring in Africa and Asia. About 70% of all food supplies are consumed by urban dwellers - a number that is steadily on the rise.

Population growth and rapid urbanisation imply dietary shifts while the government will and an increasing demand for basic goods and services, as well as growing competition for natural resources to ensure access to healthy diets for all. Local administrations are said SGA is already working finding it more and more difficult to with prominent mining meet the needs of urban and pericompanies in the country and urban populations and the Covid-19 pandemic has added new challenges, such as food systems disruptions, loss of jobs and food insecurity, worsening conditions especially for the most vulnerable.

As a result, many urban and periurban communities are now more than ever exposed to food and nutrition insecurity combined with diet-related non-communicable diseases as well as increasing rates of overweight and

Today cities consume almost 80% of the total energy produced in the world. They are responsible for 70% of global waste and account for about 70% of global energy-related greenhouse gas

Maintaining sustainable food systems and having more green spaces, including urban and peri-urban agriculture and forests are essential for cities, making them more resilient in dealing with the impacts of climate change and Covid-19, ensuring that health-related issues do not disrupt urban food supply and distribution.

DIVERSIFICATION

Copper drops most since March, with growth fears dimming outlook

Copper tumbled the most since March amid concerns over the pace of economic recovery as traders looked for signs of progress in US fiscal-stimulus talks.

US manufacturing expanded in September by less than forecast, according to a report Thursday, while U.S. initial jobless claims remained well above pre-virus levels. US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said there are still major differences to be bridged in the negotiations over a fiscal stimulus package with Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin. Subscribe for full access to all our share and unit trust data tools, our award-winning articles, and support quality journalism in the process. Copper, considered an economic

months in a bet on improving global growth and tight supplies. Now, investors say further stimulus is needed, with layoff announcements from companies including United Airlines Holdings, Walt Disney Co and Royal Dutch Shell fuelling concern that the recovery may fizzle. "The short-term catalyst in the markets is the ongoing stimulus talks and whether they result in an agreement," Edward Meir, an analyst at ED&F Man Capital Markets, said in a report.

Copper also came under pressure as an eight-day holiday in China sidelined the biggest consumer of the metal. Markets often see a sharp sell-off before major holidays, according to Peter Mooses, a senior market strategist at **RJO Futures.**

EXCELLENCE

BUSINESS SGA Tanzania wins big at Geita mining exhibition for investment in technology

By Guardian Reporter

NVESTMENT in modern technology to combat crime has earned SGA Tanzania Limited a third overall winner at the 3rd Geita International Mining Technology Exhibition which ended last week.

Minister of State in Prime Minister's Office (Investments), Angela Kairuki who closed the exhibition commended the security company for showcasing latest technology used to keep crime at bay hence qualifying to scoop the award in the category of technology suppliers and mining facilitators.

Kairuki applauded SGA management's investment in latest technologies in ensuring that the public is secure from criminals. "You are doing a good job which shows serious

Speaking after receiving the award, SGA Security Sales and Marketing Manager, Faustina Shoo explained that the award signifies the company's commitment in investing in modern technology to safeguard safety of clients.

"We were able to demonstrate how our latest security solutions can enhance safety in mines by eliminating risks of losses of property and safety of people. With these solutions, mine will remain secure places for people to be able to monitor minerals being extracted to get proper taxes for overall economic development," Shoo said. She



SGA Tanzania Limited's managing director, Eric Sambu (R), receives an award from sales and marketing manager Faustina Shoo for outtanding performance won at this year's Geita International Mining Technology Exhibition recently. Photo courtesy of SGA.

the benefits are tremendous.

SGA Tanzania's Managing Director, Eric Sambu expressed joy for the recognition given to the company saying that they deserved it because investment in modern technology has been

a priority. Sambu congratulated the company's staff who took part at the exhibition saying they did showcase excellent equipment used in security services.

"SGA was the first company

to operate as a private security company in Tanzania and this award is testimony that we have succeeded to keep people and their property safe," Sambu said adding that with a workforce of over 18,000, the company has

invested heavily over the past 36 years of its existence in the country.

"We invest heavily is training and we ensure that we pay above the market rates to motivate and retain our key staff," he noted while stressing that the key to their success include motivated employees who are honest and diligent in performing their duties.

"The recent happenings in the local business environment provided us with a learning opportunity and a chance to empower our employees at all levels and align our operations to focus on the customer needs," the SGA Tanzania chief executive noted.

Among other things to safeguard quality of its services, the company has maintained its ISO certification on Quality Management System since 2001 and has just been certified with Occupational Health and Safety ISO 45001 Standard. The company is certified with ISO 18788 on Security Management Operations System.

security company in Tanzania, having started its operations in 1984 as Group Four Security, and presently employs over Tanzanians countrywide. "With a fleet of 224 vehicles and 12 established regional bases with fully-fledged control rooms and motivated personnel to man them, we have the necessary infrastructure to support all customers anywhere in the country," he stated.

SGA is the oldest private



SBL corporate relations director, John Wanyancha speaks at a past event.

INVESTMENT

Brewer introduces DrinkiQ e-learning tool to curb alcohol abuse

By Guardian Reporter

IN a bid to tame excessive alcohol consumption, Serengeti Breweries Limited launched a new DRINKiQ online learning tool that will provide consumers with drinking information on responsibly.

Speaking at the launch in Dar es Salaam on Friday, SBL's Corporate Relations Director, John Wanyancha said the new mobile-friendly online tool is the first of its kind within the alcohol industry which uses interactive learning and tests to give people information about

the content of their drinks.

Wanyancha said the DRINKiQ also gives consumers information on how alcohol is made and the different ways that it impacts their bodies; how to keep track of their alcohol in-take; how to pour a standard measure of spirits, wine or beer; and displays the truth about common myths concerning alcohol.

"The e-learning strategy is part of 'Drink positive' campaign, which is a global initiative and a brainchild of Diageo, which is SBL's holding company, aimed at sensitizing people who choose to drink to

make positive and responsible choices about alcohol," he said.

"DRINKiQ e-learning is the next stage in SBL's commitment to help consumers make informed choices about drinking. We have been providing face-to-face DRINKiQ training to groups across the country in the last few years but our approach will now change due the situation we are currently facing," Wanyancha added while referring to the coronavirus outbreak.

He further added that the elearning tool has been received well by the public because consumers have clearly shown

a genuine desire for the information being availed hence decision to put it online so that many can access it.

"This powerful, new online tool is intended to raise collective knowledge about alcohol, allow anyone, anywhere in Tanzania and even beyond, to quickly get informed on what entails healthy, responsible drinking and gives the tips they need to make the right choices when taking alcohol," the SBL Director noted.

Wanyancha advised the public to better understand what they are drinking and where possible seeks advice

on drinking moderately and responsibly to make smarter choices about what to drink and when.

"As a responsible citizen, SBL will continue to use its marketing and communication expertise to help raise awareness about responsible drinking to make a significant sustainable impact in the society," he stated. Incorporated in 1988 as Associated Breweries, SBL is the second largest beer company in Tanzania with three operating plants in Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Kilimanjaro Regions.

EXPANSION

Mwanza RC urges public on the use of **NCBA Bank's** opportunities

By Guardian Reporter, Mwanza

ESIDENTS of Mwanza City have been challenged to exploit opportunities proved by the presence of NCBA Bank Tanzania Limited as the new bank opens its first branch in the region.

Regional Commissioner, John Mongela who launched the branch on Friday congratulated owners of NIC Bank (T) Limited and CBA Bank (T) Limited for the voluntary merger saying the new bank is better placed to serve customers.

"Mwanza depends on fishing activities which is a leading foreign currency earner that contributes a lot the national economy. The city is home to 13 fish processing factories with installed capacity to process about 1,065 tons of fish per day," Mongela said.

"Additionally, data from Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries now shows that the factories depend on the Nile perch. However, illegal fishing has caused a significant drop to only 171 tons of fish harvested per day although we are taking stringent measures are in place," he

Due to the economic potential of the country's second largest city in the country, the RC urged NCBA management to give the best services and products to clients "I therefore, seize this opportunity to testify that NCBA's arrival shows intimely arrival in our region. We be- August this year.

lieve that NCBA Bank is going to be one of the best partners, enabler, facilitator and financial institution to help Mwanza move to the next stage of greatness," he added.

Briefing the Mwanza Regional Commissioner, NCBA Managing Director and CEO, Margaret Karume assured the city's residents and its neighbourhood of best services and products saying the fishing industry will also be served better.

"All NCBA customers will experience the same level of personalized $\,$ services from any of our branches in Mwanza or in other countries within our network like Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and Ivory Coast," Karume said adding that customers will also use ATM cards at any of the bank's branded machines in the country and across the border.

She thanked the government through Mongela and the clients for their willingness to embark with NCBA Bank towards greatness noting that the bank will support resilient economic reforms in the region and the country.

"We remain steadfast in our ambitions to support critical sectors for economic development in Mwanza. We are looking forward to holding constructive discussions with our customers and stakeholders to outline strategic plans that meet our people's needs to foster significant economic growth," the chief executive noted. The two new branches are among the 12 that NCBA Bank has opened across the terest in our region and its econom- country since launching its new ic endeavours. I thank you for the headquarters in Dar es Salaam in



NCBA Bank Tanzania's managing director, Margaret Karume, speaks at a past event.

CHARITY

Bank donates medical appliances, furniture worth 35m/-

By Guardian Reporter

MEDICAL appliances, chairs and tables all valued at 35m/- were donated by NMB Bank Plc to several public schools and health centres in the country last week.

Through its corporate responsibility bank programme, the handed over 35 chairs and similar number of tables worth 8m/- to Pugu Station Primary School in Ilala Municipality of Dar es Salaam on Friday to furnish teachers staff room.

The bank also donated 50 desks to Mbezi Juu Primary School, 20 chairs with tables to Bunju A Primary School in

Kinondoni Municipality of Dar es Salaam worth 12m/-. NMB also donated medical equipment to health centres in Coast and Ruvuma Region.

Speaking during a hand over ceremony, NMB's Dar es Salaam Zone Manager, Donatus Richard told IIala District Administrative Secretary, Charangwa Seleman that the bank will continue supporting government efforts to improve education and health sectors.

Richard said the donated furniture will help ease shortage of chairs, tables and desks in public schools hence contributing towards good performance of pu-"Challenges facing

our priority and because of the government's policy of universal free education up to secondary school level means demands are very high," Richard noted.

In a vote of thanks, DAS Selemani commended the bank's leadership for investing in community services while urging other corporate entities to emulate the Dar es Salaam based lender's example.

"The government is doing all that is possible to address these challenges but they are many hence need other stakeholders backing," he said while noting that this year Ilala Municipality has allocated 700m/- to reduce

education and health are them. He said the bank's donamendable.

tions show an appreciation of the public's support to its business activities which enables it to make profits hence com-

Other schools which received the donations include Madaba Secondary School in Songea Municipality, Makamba Pri-

mary School in and Kizapala Health Centre both in Mkuranga District which got chairs, tables, desks, beds and mattresses and 25 sheet beds.

KRA wins Sh1.6bn tax row against Rift Valley Railways

NAIROBI

The Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) has won a tax battle with Rift Valley Railways (RVR) after a tribunal ordered the consortium to pay Sh1.6 billion. The Tax Appeals Tribunal chaired by Mr Mahat Somane dismissed the petition by the concessionaire stating that some of the items imported by RVR, among them locomotives and diesel engines, were not tax exempt as alleged.

"This therefore leaves room for one reasonable conclusion; that the appellant (RVR) was not granted remission in respect of the locomotives and as such the taxes as assessed by the respondent (KRA) are properly due and payable by the appellant," the Tribunal ruled.

KRA told the tribunal that it did an analysis of the company's business between 2011 and 2016 in respect of customs duty, value added tax, withholding tax and withholding VAT. The taxman later in 2017 issued an assessment notice for taxes amounting to Sh1.69 billion.

The company, however disputed the claim saying it had obtained VAT remission from Ministry of Finance for some of the items it imported including train simulator system, tamping and ballast distributing machines, knock down kits and diesel engines.

Further, RVR said part of the tax demanded were transit material for goods destined for Uganda and KRA had misapplied the law by seeking to standard rate the revenue attributed to transportation of goods in transit.

But KRA argued that the company undervalued freight charges on six imported locomotives in December 2014. The taxman further accused RVR of fraudulent remission of VAT on importation of tamping and ballast distributing machines, claiming it had obtained remission from the Ministry of Finance.

The tribunal ruled that the failure to withhold tax as required was a breach of the law on the part of the RVR, a move that was occasioned by its miscomprehension of the effects of the repeal of Section 25A of the VAT Act. According to the tribunal, a perusal of the documents showed that some items the company claimed were exempted had been left out by the Treasury in a letter dated August 15, 2011.

"Accordingly, we find that the taxes assessed by the respondent in respect of the locomotive, spare parts, diesel engines, train simulator and the tamping machine are owing to the public purse and should be settled by the appellant," the tribunal ruled.

The company, however got a reprieve after the tribunal quashed tax debt of Sh56.7 million after providing documents to support payment. "The appellant's withholding tax liability in respect of local and imported services should be reduced by Sh56,717,291 for which it has correctly supported," the tribunal ruled.

SA releases one-fifth of earmarked state-owned land to farmers

JOHANNESBURG

South Africa has released about a fifth of earmarked state-owned land to around 275 farmers so far, officials said on Thursday, as the government seeks to accelerate land redistribution in an effort to redress historic racial inequalities.

The ruling African National Congress has pledged to accelerate land reform, a divisive issue 26 years after

the end of apartheid - a period when of the 700,000 hectares, had been by expropriating private holdings of land was taken from millions among the Black majority. Housing and land ownership patterns remain vastly unequal. Subscribe for full access to all our share and unit trust data tools, our award-winning articles, and support quality journalism in the process.

Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform Thoko Didiza said 135,117 hectares (333,900 acres), out

released to date, or around 19% of it. The government said it would begin the process to release the remainder of the land, equating to 896 farms, in the next two weeks in the form of 30-year leaseholds, with an option to buy. Giving away state-owned land is the first and probably easiest step in the government's land redistribution strategy, which to fulfill government pledges needs to be followed

mostly white farmers.

The government published a draft bill in December proposing changes to the constitution to allow land to be expropriated without payment. Despite wide public support, the plan has drawn criticism from commercial farmers and opposition politicians who say it will scare off investors and potentially harm food production.

RESULTS

Ethiopia gold exports surge after crackdown on smuggling

ADDIS ABABA

Ethiopian gold exports surged after the central bank offered higher prices for the metal in a bid to curb smuggling and as part of wider efforts to spur investment in mining.

Ethiopia's gold industry is currently dominated by small-scale artisanal miners, but Newmont Corp. and Australia's Allied Gold Corp. are among cious metal in the Horn of Africa nation. Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's step to making the country more attractive to investors.

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the companies exploring for the prequality journalism in the process. "The rush is sort of starting," said Harry Anagnostaras, executive chairman of government hopes that cleaning up London-listed Kefi Gold and Copper informal mining by channelling gold Plc, which is developing the Tulu Kapi sales through the central bank is a first mine in western Ethiopia. "People are starting to come in and it's because the government is starting to transform it-Subscribe for full access to all our self very deliberately and openly from award-winning articles, and support host and compliance checker."

Official gold shipments in July and August totaled 700 kilograms (24,700 ounces), a more than fourfold increase from the year-earlier period. Exports could climb further after the central bank boosted the prices it offers by more than the increase in spot gold since the beginning of June.

Bullion's surge to a record this year is pushing African governments to maximize the benefits from their gold

resources. Nigeria plans to stem ille- country. The government aims to more gal gold exports worth hundreds of millions of dollars a year to boost the country's foreign reserves. Tanzania has introduced mineral trading centers which have taken artisanal minerals and reduced smuggling.

Ethiopia's approach is generating interest from miners, according to Anagnostaras, who is also chairman of a 25-member industry group in the

than double the contribution of mining to 10% of gross domestic product over the next decade.

Megado Gold Ltd., an exploration company listed in Australia, said it has five gold exploration assets in southern and western Ethiopia, while Canada's Sun Peak Metals Corp. is prospecting in the north of the country.

BOOST

Singapore wealth fund GIC and TPG invest \$1bn in Ambani's Reliance

NEW DELHI

ingapore's sovereign wealth fund GIC and global private equity firm TPG Capital will collectively invest 73.49 billion Indian rupees (\$1bn) for stakes in Indian billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Retail Ventures, the country's largest retail chain.

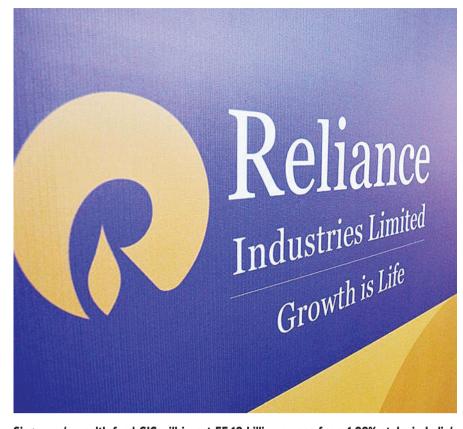
GIC will invest 55.12bn Indian rupees for a 1.22 per cent stake and TPG will buy a 0.41 per cent equity stake for 18.37bn rupees in the retail arm of Mumbai-based Reliance Industries, the company said in a statement on Saturday.

The latest investments value Reliance Retail Ventures at 4.285 trillion rupees. "GIC's global network and track record of long-term partnerships will be invalustory of Indian retail," Mr

Ambani, chairman and managing director of Reliance Industries, said. "This investment is a strong endorsement of our strategy and India's potential."

Reliance Retail Ventures runs supermarkets, India's largest consumer electronics chain, a cash and carry wholesaler, fast fashion outlets and JioMart, an online grocery store. The unit operates almost 12,000 stores in nearly 7,000 towns and reported consolidated revenue of \$21.7bn and net profit of \$726.4m in the year ended March 31, 2020.

GIC's new investment will "enable the company to position Reliance Retail for the strong secular growth in India's retail market," Lim Chow Kiat, chief executive of GIC, said. "We believe Reliance Retail will continue to use its extensive supply able to the transformation chain and store networks, as well as strong logistics



Singapore's wealth fund GIC will invest 55.12 billion rupees for a 1.22% stake in India's Reliance Retail Ventures.

and data infrastructure, to add value to its customers and shareholders." Reliance Retail Ventures was advised on the deals by law firms Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas and Davis Polk & Wardwell. Morgan Stanley was its financial adviser on both deals. Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

India was TPG's financial adviser, while Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas provided legal advice. The deals are subject to regulatory and other approvals, Reliance Retail Ventures said. TPG is making the investment through its TPG Capital Asia fund, marking the company's second investment in a subsidiary of Reliance Industries following a stake purchase in Iio Platforms earlier this year.

"There is a significant opportunity to transform the Indian retail ecosystem for the better," Puneet Bhatia, co-managing partner of TPG Capital Asia, said. "Through their New Commerce initiative, Reliance Retail continues to lead the industry by creating a retail platform that meets the demands of a new generation of Indian consumers."

Mr Ambani recently began selling stakes in the retail unit of his conglomerate Reliance Industries, which attracted global investors including Abu Dhabi's Mubadala Investment Company and private equity firms General Atlantic, KKR & Co and Silver Lake.

Last week, Mubadala said it will invest Dh3.1bn (\$844m) for a 1.4 per cent stake Reliance Retail Ventures. It also invested \$1.2bn in technology venture Jio Platforms earlier this year. Mubadala, which has a \$232bn portfolio spanning five continents, has interests in a range of sectors from aerospace to real estate.

US-based private equity firm General Atlantic announced an investment of \$498m for a 0.84 per cent stake in Reliance's retail arm, while two other private equity firms, KKR and Silver Lake, have invested \$754m and \$1bn, respectively. All three firms also invested in Jio Platforms, alongside technology giants Facebook and Google. In total, Reliance Industries raised about \$20bn through stake sales in Jio Platforms.

Last month, Reliance Retail Ventures agreed to buy the retail and wholesale business and the logistics and warehousing unit of its rival Future Group in a 247.1bn rupee deal, growing its share of the country's retail sector. Future Group owns about 2,000 retail stores across 400 cities and towns in India. Its portfolio includes flagship supermarket chain Big Bazaar, apparel stores Brand Factory and FBB along with a growing chain of small neighbourhood stores including EasyDay, Heritage Fresh, WH Smith and 7-Eleven.

CRYPTOCURRENCY

ECB takes major step towards introduction of digital form of the euro

The European Central Bank will start filing. experimenting with a digital version of the euro while holding a public consultation in a major step toward introducing the technology.

"Our role is to secure trust in money," President Christine Lagarde said as the ECB published a study into the benefits and drawbacks of a digital currency. "This means making sure the euro is fit for the digital age. We should be prepared to issue a digital euro, should the need arise."

and unit trust data tools, our award-winning articles, and support quality journalism in the process. The consultation will start October 12, and the experiment will be held in parallel. The ECB said it will decide toward mid-2021 whether to launch a digital euro project, which would start with an "investigation phase."

Cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin, while regularly criticised by central bankers as little more than speculative assets, have nevertheless spurred a close look at how payment technologies are developing. A central-bank digital currency would allow euro-area residents to place deposits with the ECB directly. That's typically only an option for commercial lenders, governments and other central banks.

That has implications for monetary policy and financial stability. The ECB report urged a look at "whether a digital euro should be accessible by households and firms directly or indirectly through intermediaries, whether it would be remunerated, and whether digital euro holdings of individual users should be limited."

In a sign that the ECB is serious about laying the groundwork for a digital euro, it applied last week to trademark the term "digital euro," according to the website of the European Union Intellectual Property Office. An ECB spokesman confirmed the

Central banks across the world have experimented with digital versions of their currencies, and ECB officials have recently stressed the need to stay on top of the technological trends. The People's Bank of China is likely to be the first major institution of its kind to issue a digital version of its currency after advanced commercial tests.

Other central banks like the US Federal Reserve and the Bank of England are discussing possibilities around digital Subscribe for full access to all our share currencies but have few plans to act so far. In a pandemic, "social distancing might modify consumers' payment habits. Consumers may even perceive cash to be a vector of infection" and could become less willing to use cash, it said. The ECB report said that cyber incidents, natural disasters, and pandemics underline the urgency of improving the resilience of the overall payment system.

Increasing global protectionism may pose another risk. Many payment service providers in Europe are of foreign origin, and an "increase in protectionist policies" could lead to payment disruption, Lagarde said in a recent speech. She said her institution must ensure citizens "cannot be excluded from the payments ecosystem due to the unilateral actions of others."

In a nod to movements claiming there is a push to abolish notes and coins, the ECB statement said a digital euro would "would complement cash, not replace it." Bundesbank President Jens Weidmann, whose homeland of Germany is especially devoted to cash payments, made the same point in September. "Many people value cash very highly, and for legitimate reasons," he said. "It provides privacy, and its use does not necessarily depend on technical infrastructure."



ECB President Christine Lagarde.

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Al jazeera Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)

09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio) Telenovela rpt: (Destino) 13:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)

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WORLD

President Trump says next days of **COVID-19 treatment** will be 'real test'

PRESIDENT Donald Trump told Americans from his hospital room that the next few days will be the "real test" of his treatment for COVID-19, after a series of contradictory messages from the White House caused widespread confusion about his condition.

In a four-minute video posted on Twitter on Saturday from his hospital suite at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, a tired-looking Trump said he was feeling "much better."

"Over the next period of a few days, I guess that's the real test, so we'll be seeing what happens over those next couple of days," Trump said into the camera, seated in front of an American flag and wearing a jacket and open-necked shirt.

The remarks came hours after differing assessments of his health from administration officials left it unclear how ill the president had become since he tested positive for the new coronavirus on Thursday night, a matter of enormous public concern.

A White House team of doctors said on Saturday morning that Trump's condition was improving and that he was already talking about returning to the White House. One doctor said Trump told them, "I feel like I could walk out of here today.'

Within minutes, White House chief of staff Mark Meadows gave reporters a less rosy assessment, telling them, "The president's vitals over the last 24 hours were very concerning and the next 48 hours will be critical in terms of his care. We're still not on a clear path to a full recovery."

Meadows, whose initial comments were delivered on condition that he not be identified, altered his tone hours later, telling Reuters that Trump Center for Politics.

was doing "very well" and that "doctors are very pleased with his vital

Meadows did not clarify the discrepancy in his comments. A Trump adviser who spoke on condition of anonymity said the president was not happy to learn of Meadows' initial remarks.

Administration officials have described the move to Walter Reed as precautionary and said Trump would stay for several days.

Another source who was briefed on Trump's condition said the president was given supplemental oxygen before he went to the hospital. The decision to hospitalize Trump came after he had experienced difficulty breathing and his oxygen level dropped, according to a source familiar with the situation.

White House doctor Sean P Conley told reporters outside the hospital on Saturday that Trump had not had trouble breathing, and was not given oxygen at Walter Reed.

"The team and I are extremely happy with the progress the president has made," Conley said.

He declined to give a timetable for Trump's possible release from the hospital, and later had to issue a statement saying he misspoke after appearing to suggest Trump had been diagnosed as early as Wednesday.

In a statement on Saturday evening, Conley said the president was "not yet out of the woods" but his team remained cautiously optimistic.

"Today's spectacle - doctors saying one thing, White House sources saying another thing, and both later amending their statements - only reinforces the credibility problems of this administration," said Kyle Kondik, a political follow a healthy diet. analyst at the University of Virginia's



In this image released by the White House, President Donald Trump works in his conference room at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md, on Saturday, after testing positive for COVID-19. (AP)

CAMPAIGN UPENDED

The diagnosis was the latest setback for the Republican president, who is trailing Democratic rival Joe Biden in opinion polls ahead of the Nov 3 presidential election.

With Trump off the campaign trail indefinitely, his campaign announced "Operation MAGA," based on his slogan "Make America Great Again," which will see high-profile allies including Vice President Mike Pence and Trump's elder sons, Donald Jr. and Eric, take over in-person campaigning

Pence, who tested negative on Friday, is scheduled to debate Democratic vice presidential nominee Kamala Harris on Wednesday.

Biden, who largely avoided direct criticism of Trump during a campaign trip to Michigan on Friday, took a more aggressive tone on Saturday while speaking to a transit workers' union, even as he wished the president well.

"I'm in a little bit of a spot here, because I don't want to be attacking the president and the first lady now," Biden said, adding he hoped the Trumps make a full recovery.

But he quickly pivoted to Trump's response to the pandemic, calling it "unconscionable" and blasting Trump's comment in an interview this summer that "it is what it is" when asked about the death toll.

"I find this one of the most despicable things that I've encountered in my whole career," Biden said.

Biden, who tested negative on Friday, told reporters he would next be tested on Sunday. His campaign will begin releasing the results of each test, a spokesman said.

The Democratic candidate has eschewed big events in favor of low-key appearances with few or no attendees, while Trump has held large rallies with little social distancing.

Biden has used Trump's diagnosis to bolster his calls for people to wear masks, a practice Trump has questioned. Trump has repeatedly downplayed the threat of the coronavirus pandemic, even as it has killed more than 208,000

Americans and hammered the US economy.

Conley said Trump had received the first two doses of a five-day course of Remdesivir, an intravenous antiviral drug sold by Gilead Sciences Inc that has been shown to shorten

He is also taking an experimental treatment, Regeneron's REGN-COV2, as well as zinc, Vitamin D, famotidine, melatonin and aspirin, Conley has said.

The president is at high risk because of his age, 74, and weight. He has remained in apparent good health during his time in office but is not known to exercise regularly or

A number of other prominent Republicans have also tested positive for the virus that causes COVID-19 since schedule.

Trump's announcement, including Republican senators Mike Lee, Thom Tillis and Ron Johnson, former White House senior adviser Kellyanne Conway and former New Jersey Governor Chris Christie.

Christie said he checked himself in to a hospital on Saturday as a precaution due to his asthma, though he said he had only mild symptoms.

Attendant infected

Meanwhile, White House aide Nick Luna, who serves as a personal attendant to Trump, has tested positive for coronavirus infection, according to people familiar with the matter.

Luna's diagnosis emerged a little more than 24 hours after Trump entered the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center for treatment.

Known as one of Trump's so-called body men, Luna is the latest member of Trump's inner circle of White House personnel to contract coronavirus. Hope Hicks, one of the president's closest advisers, fell ill on Wednesday while traveling with Trump to Minne-

Luna, who runs Oval Office operations for the White House, accompanied Trump on his trip to Cleveland for the presidential debate on Tuesday and was also aboard Air Force One on the Minnesota trip when Hicks first began experiencing symptoms.

Luna was one of the aides who had planned to accompany Trump on Thursday to a fundraiser at the president's golf course in Bedminster, New Jersey, but stayed behind because of recent close contact with Hicks.

The White House press office had no immediate comment.

Earlier this year, Luna married Cassidy Dumbauld, an assistant to White House senior adviser and Trump sonin-law Jared Kushner.

In his job as a body man, Luna travels closely with the president, holding papers and helping keep Trump's Agencies

It's unclear if the change to the

set-up for the vice-presidential

debate was a pre-emptive meas-

ure undertaken by the CPD or if it

was initiated by the Biden-Harris

or the Trump-Pence campaigns.

Earlier Friday, a statement from

Trump campaign spokesman Tim

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dent's team didn't raise the issue

combat rise in coronavirus cases

Italian capital deploys police to

ROME

ITALIAN capital is taking aggressive steps against the COV-ID-19 pandemic, including the deployment of police on streets of Rome to enforce the implementation of hygiene rules.

Despite being Italy's largest city, Rome was largely spared during the first wave of the coronavirus pandemic in Italy, which was concentrated in the densely populated and industrialized northern part of the country. But on Saturday, the city of nearly 4.3 million inhabitants, recorded 182 new coronavirus infections, according to the regional health data, the 44th consecutive day with at least 100.

Before the start of that period, on Aug. 20, the city had only topped that figure once since April 4, a span that included 22 days with only a single-digit infection rate. Rome is now recording more new coronavirus cases than Milan, the one-time epicenter of the pandemic, which recorded 101 new cases on Saturday. For all of Lazio -- the region that includes Rome, the data tells a similar story: from infection rates of fewer than 30 people a day from late May to early August, numbers have spiked to more than 200 a day starting in the final days of Au-

National, regional, and municipal health officials are taking the threat of a flair up seriously. As of Saturday, residents of Lazio -- the region that includes Rome -- are required to wear masks at all times, even when they are outside and far from anyone else (exceptions only allowed for those with certain medical problems, children under the age of 6, and people who are exercising).

At least three smaller Italian regions -- Campania, which includes the city of Naples; the island region of Sicily; and Basilicata, the arch of Italy's boot-shaped peninsula -- have issued similar mask laws.

Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte has repeatedly vowed not to issue another national coronavirus lockdown. But according to Lazio News, regional health officials on Friday were given the right to lock down specific neighborhoods or towns if there is a rise in infections there.

Several Italian media reports indicate that more than 800 additional police were posted to the streets of Rome to enforce the new rules. Police reportedly issues warnings to rule-breakers on Saturday, and abuses could result in fines of up to 400 euros (470 U.S. dollars). Local television channel 10 said that more than 3,000 police controls had been carried out in Rome Saturday morning alone.

Most local news reports on Tuesday focused on the police controls, with Il Messaggero and La Repubblica, the two popular Rome-based daily newspapers, reporting some fines were

Officials managing outdoor markets, shops, restaurants, and other locals were ordered to take temperature of anyone entering these places and to keep those showing even a slight fever out. That rule has remained on the books from the point when the country's national coronavirus lockdown was eased starting in May, but news reports said they had been only loosely enforced as infection rates dropped.

Xinhua

Venezuelan President thanks Russia for coronavirus vaccine supply

HAVANA

VENEZUELAN President Nicolas Maduro thanked President Vladimir Putin and Russian citizens for the delivery of the first batch of the Sputnik V coronavirus vaccine to the

"Sputnik V is already here! We are the first country in the Western Hemisphere to begin phase 3 of the clinical trials of this vaccine against Covid-19. On behalf of the Venezuelan people, I thank President Vladimir Putin and the Russian people for their solidarity," he wrote on Twitter on

On Friday morning, the first batch of the Sputnik V coronavirus vaccine arrived in Venezuela. About 2,000 Venezuelans will participate in clinical trials of the vaccine, according to the authorities. The country's Vice President, Delcy Rodriguez, noted that Venezuela also plans to launch production of the vaccine on its territory.

On August 11, Russia became the first country to register a coronavirus vaccine, which was named Sputnik V. Russian Health Minister Mikhail Murashko said the vaccine created by the N. F. Gamaleya Federal Research Center for Epidemiology and Microbiology had shown its effectiveness and safety on the outcomes of clinical trials. It was created on a platform that had been used for the development of a number of other vaccines. On August 15, the Russian Health Ministry announced the launch of vaccine production.

In August, head of the Russian Direct Investment Fund Kirill Dmitriev said that Russia had received a request for the production and supply of 1 bln doses of the Sputnik V vaccine from 20 states.

Pence, Harris will be 12 feet apart at their debate next week

BEIJING

VICE President Mike Pence and Democratic vice-presidential nominee Kamala Harris will be placed farther apart at their debate next week, a response to US President Donald Trump's diagnosis of COV-ID-19, according to people familiar with the development.

The Commission on Presidential Debates plans to seat Pence and Harris 12 feet (3.7 meters) apart, rather than 7 feet, as initially planned, according to people familiar with the procedure, who asked not to be named discussing information not yet public. The move comes after the announcement earlier Friday that Trump had contracted COVID-19, adding uncer- name-calling and frequent inter-

tainty to the presidential race.

Trump was taken to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center on Friday evening to be treated over the coming days. One of his top aides, Hope Hicks, has also tested positive for the highly contagious virus. The White House said Pence had tested negative.

The only debate between the running mates is scheduled to be held on Oct 7 at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City and will be moderated by Susan Page of USA

The two candidates will be seated, instead of standing at lecterns as Trump and Democratic nominee Joe Biden were at their raucous debate this week, which featured



This photo combination shows US Vice President Mike Pence and Democratic vice-presidential nominee Kamala Harris. ruptions as the two men shouted ily members and allies weren't

over each other.

wearing masks, despite a require-At that forum, some Trump famment from the organizers that they

but was open to the changes. "We are open to more space between the candidates, which we will be happy to discuss. This is a seated debate, so it's just a matter of moving farther apart at the table,"

do so.

Murtaugh said in a statement. Messages left for the CPD and the Harris campaign weren't immedi-

ately returned.

Countries share common future, must pursue solidarity and cooperation

"WE humans are battling COVID-19, a virus that has ravaged the world and has kept resurging. In this fight, we have witnessed the efforts of governments, dedication of medical workers, exploration of scientists, and perseverance of the public. People of different countries have come together. With courage, resolve and compassion which lit the dark hour, we have confronted the disaster head on," said Chinese president Xi Jinping.

Xi made the remarks while delivering a speech at the General Debate of the 75th session of the United Nations (UN) General Assembly, during which Xi elaborated on the lessons the epidemic has taught human beings.

China's voices and proposals have struck a chord with the international community at the crucial moment in the global battle against the COVID-19.

well as kindergarten children have returned to schools in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei province and also the previous epicenter of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, about a million college students have also returned to their schools as the new semester begins in September.

The news was reported by many foreign media outlets, including Reuters and The Wall Street Journal, which considered the fact a symbol of a huge vic-

Wuhan has become a microcosm of the major strategic achievements secured by China in the fight against the

"The Chinese system, the Chinese government, is superior to other gov-

Recently, nearly 1.4 million elemen- ernments in handling big challenges like tary and secondary school students as this...the Chinese state is a very effective institution, able to think strategically and mobilize society," said Martin Jacques, a senior fellow at Cambridge University.

The crucial determinant in performance during a pandemic is the state's capacity, noted American scholar Francis Fukuyama, explaining that the keys to success in dealing with COVID-19 are "whether citizens trust their leaders, and whether those leaders preside over a competent and effective state".

The Chinese people are full of confidence in the central government's crisis management capabilities, which is why the measures launched by the Chinese government to bring the society back to normal amid the epidemic have taken effect faster and faster, according to an article published on German daily newspaper Der Tagesspiegel.

From March 24 to April 26, a light projection activity was held on the Matterhorn mountain at an altitude of 4,478 meters in Switzerland. Words such as "hope" and "solidarity" as well as the national flags of various countries were projected on the mountain during the activity.

Many landmarks around the world have also been lit up, conveying people's best wishes and confidence in fighting the epidemic together.

China has actively assumed its responsibility for the world in jointly fighting against the virus. It has promoted international anti-epidemic cooperation, and resolutely safeguarded the safety and health of people in China and the rest of the world, showing its broad mind, breadth of vision, and sense of responsi-

The country has intensified efforts to promote exchanges and cooperation among various countries through headof-state diplomacy amid the pandemic. As of August 31, Xi had had more than 60 phone conversations with more than 50 leaders of countries and international organizations.

He has also held high-level video conferences with leaders of countries and international organizations to introduce China's battle with the virus, share the country's experience in containing the epidemic and promote joint prevention and control of COVID-19 around the

Though separated by mountains and rivers, people across the world live under the same sky. Seven years ago, Xi proposed building a community with a

shared future for mankind for the very first time, showing his keen insight into the general trend of the world.

It is in times of global crisis, like the current outbreak of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19), that human beings can best realize their common humanity and shared common interests, according to Martin Albrow, a fellow of the British Academy of Social Sciences, who initiated the concept of "globalization".

Albrow believes that disasters show how dependent people are on each other "in a worldwide sense," and thus demonstrating the need to build a community with a shared future for mankind.

"All nations should recognize humanity's common destiny so that together we can build a bright future," said Robert Lawrence Kuhn, chairman of the Kuhn People's Daily

Guardian



An actor plays accordion with relocated residents in a relocation site in Akto county, Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region. File photo

Relocated residents from Xinjiang get rid of poverty and embrace better life

perfuming the room with the aroma of milk tea. Worizhan Abdulraheem rose slowly and walked toward the kitchen, and poured the milk tea into a white porcelain bowl. Her son was doing homework in another room of her house.

It was hard to imagine that her family of eight were still living in a 60-square meter shabby adobe in Qinghe county, Altay, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region before July, 2016.

It was poverty alleviation relocation that shed a light of hope for Worizhan. Together with over 3,300 people from 850 households, she moved to Heping community.

Relocation was only the first step, and follow-up efforts were also ensured to help the people maintain stable income. The local government introduced enterprises and encouraged villagers to find a job near their home, as a result of which Worizhan became a child-care worker of a kindergarten. Her husband also found a job near their home. The family now earns around 66,000 yuan each year, including the income gained from land transferring.

Development is for the people and reliant on the people, and its fruits are shared by the people. From 2014 to 2019, Xinjiang's affordable housing projects launched in both urban and rural areas had assisted over 675,600 impoverished households, putting an end to the time when poverty-stricken rural residents had to live in dilapidated houses.

Wulandandagai is a village located in Bortala Mongolian Autonomous Prefecture, Jinghe county of Xinjiang. Rows of houses are standing neatly there, sur-

rounded by straight roads. Though the village is adjacent to desert, a vast protection forest shields it from sand storms. Various fitness equipment is offered on a square of the village for residents. However, this place was once filled with dilapidated houses and covered by mud.

Two years ago, an earthquake happened to Jinghe county, and Wulan-

WITH a 60-80 percent decline in

international tourism foreseen for

2020, and a drop of between 910 bil-

lion and 1.2 trillion U.S. dollars in ex-

ports, over 100 million direct tourism

jobs are at risk, the United Nations

World Tourism Organization (UN-

A joint statement, released on Sat-

urday by UNWTO and the Organiza-

tion for Economic Cooperation and

Development (OECD), said the COV-

ID-19 crisis has devastated the tour-

ism economy, with unprecedented

effects on jobs and businesses. "Tour-

ism was one of the first sectors to

be deeply affected by the COVID-19

UNWTO, OECD warn tourism shutdown

places millions of jobs at risk

A TEAPOT was steaming on the stove, dandagai village, the epicenter of the disaster, suffered severe losses. "After the quake, village cadres and villagers worked in solidarity, and rebuilt houses for 210 households totaling 16,800 square meters in less than 80 days," said Butdal, the first secretary of the village.

Jee Nadman is a villager that had his house rebuilt. Now, he lives in a big apartment with a flush toilet and water heater. "I must work harder after moving here," he said, adding that he has planted over 3 hectares of cottons which earns him a net income of more than 50,000 yuan. Besides, he also keeps 30 sheep, which adds another 15,000 yuan of income.

After sending his child to the kindergarten, Yilias Abu, an employee of the third division of Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps, started making socks at home together with two of her neighbors. The equipment was provided by a local sock manufacturer for free. The enterprise sends semi-finished products to them, so they can make money even without going out.

Yilias's home is in a relocation site where 49 houses are built neatly aside a road. Every house has a yard and a small piece of vegetable garden at the gate. Now, Yilias has transformed her living room into a workshop, saying it's comfortable living there. "The most important thing is that we have the opportunity to make money, and a machine can offer jobs for three people," she said.

In a fig plantation base of the 14th division of Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps, fig fruits are hanging on the trees, waiting to be picked and shipped to markets.

Hariguli Memet, who was once impoverished, was busy working with her colleagues. She's from the packaging group of the base and earns around 2,500 yuan per month. "Only by improving ourselves can we secure a stable job and make our lives better," she said. Currently she is planning to learn orchard management, trying to become a technical backbone of the plantation base.

containment measures, and with the

ongoing travel restrictions and the

looming global recession, it also risks

being among one of the last to recov-

Many tourism businesses are fight-

ing to survive, with a disproportion-

ate effect on women, young people,

rural communities, indigenous peo-

ples and informal workers, it said.

The COVID-19 crisis is also creating

an even greater hardship for low-

income and developing economies,

and their local communities, which

disproportionately depend on tour-

ism and hence face a serious risk of

higher poverty, the statement said.

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People's Daily

Russia concerned by US military buildup in Eastern Mediterranean – foreign ministry

RUSSIA is concerned by clearly anti-Russian US plans to boost its military presence in the Eastern Mediterranean region, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova told reporters on Thursday.

"We are concerned by Washington's plans to boost its military forces in Eastern Mediterranean, because [those plans] clearly have anti-Russian nature, reflect the aggressive policy of the

United States and, generally speaking, run Greece. counter to promoting peace and security in this region," she said.

US Secretary of State Michael Pompeo visited Greece on September 27-28 to sign an agreement on further cooperation in science and technology, aimed at boosting investment and encouraging the development of strategic dialogue between

On Tuesday, the US top diplomat visited the US military base at Souda Bay in Crete,

On October 5, 2019, Greece and the United States agreed to amend the previous agreement on defense cooperation, signed in 1990.

According to the document, the US military will reinforce the base at Souda Bay, use the Larissa air base, the army aviation base in Stefanovikio (Magnesia Prefecture) and the port of Alexandroupoli in northeastern Greece.

Agencies

Nile flooding poses no serious threat to Egypt despite damage in Sudan - official

CAIRO

The ongoing Nile River flooding poses no serious threat to Egypt despite the damage and casualties it caused to fellow downstream Nile basin country Sudan, said an Egyptian official.

"The flooding situation in Egypt is different and the society here will not be seriously affected as it happened in other Nile basin states," Mohamed al-Sebai, spokesman of the Egyptian Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation, told Xinhua.

The ministry's monitoring and forecasting center said that the Nile flooding is rather useful to Egypt this year, since there is an opportunity to use quantities of the flood water to refresh and improve the quality of the Nile water as well as reduce its pollution and the amount of ammonia in Egypt's Nile delta Rosetta branch, the spokesman added.

The Nile River is the main source of fresh water in Egypt, providing the country with 55.5 billion cubic meters of water annually. Sebai pointed out that the flooding will continue in Egypt until the end of October, in light of the continuous rainfalls in upstream Nile basin

The ministry has recently announced that the Nile flooding this year is "high and likely to continue increasing," while the government assigned the ministry to set up an "emergency plan." Egypt has 13 riparian provinces along the Nile River that would be first affected by the flooding, located between Aswan in the south and Damietta in the north.

The biggest issue about these provinces is their encroachments in the course of the Nile, whether through construction or plantation on adjacent



A child looks at the floodwater in Khartoum, Sudan, Aug. 26, 2020. File photo

lands, making them the most vulner-

The encroachments lead to bottlenecks in the course of the river, and thus the incoming amount of water cannot

be absorbed. However, the water ministry's spokesman told Xinhua that "any possible damage will be limited in the Nile islands and riparian lands of the river, which are considered an integral part of the river's course itself."Experts expect the Nile water level in Egypt to rise by about 120 centimeters, overwhelming the lowlands including islands and ri-

parian buildings and crops. Abbas Sharaqi, a professor of water resources at Cairo University, emphasized that the current flooding is not the most violent in the history of Egypt compared with those occurred in 1999

"But the difference is that Nasser Lake, the reservoir of Egypt's Aswan

High Dam, has been filled early this year during the current flooding," said the Egyptian professor, attributing the current rise of the Nile water level in Egypt to the increasing water flow coming from the Ethiopian high central plateau.

Although Egypt and Sudan are the two downstream Nile basin states, this year's flooding caused deadly damage in Sudan while Egypt is likely to pass it safely, mainly due to its giant High Dam that helps contain a large quantity of the flooding water.

"Sudan was exposed to a greater flooding that submerged some states due to the heavy rains there amid increasing water flow coming from upstream Ethiopia," Sharaqi told Xinhua. He explained that the capabilities of Sudanese dams are limited that they can-

The Egyptian Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation has other ways

not reserve large quantities of water.



Johnson doesn't want a no-deal Brexit but can live with it

LONDON

BRITISH Prime Minister Boris Johnson does not particularly wish for the Brexit transition period to end without a new trade deal in place but believes that Britain could live with such an outcome, he said yesterday-

With the Dec 31 expiry of the transition period fast approaching, Johnson and the head of the EU's executive, Ursula von der Leyen, agreed in a phone call on Saturday to step up negotiations on a post-Brexit deal.

"I think it's there to be done," Johnson said during an interview on BBC television.

"Alas, there are some difficult issues that need to be fixed, and there's no question that the EU needs to understand that we're utterly serious about needing to control our own laws and our own regulations, and similarly they need to understand that the repatriation of the UK's fisheries ... is very important."

Asked whether he was worried about the potential impact of a nodeal situation in the middle of the COVID pandemic, Johnson said: "I don't want the Australian WTO-type outcome, particularly, but we can more than live with it.

"I think the people of this country have had enough ... of being told that this will be impossible or intolerable. I think we can prosper mightily under those circumstances."

The government last week told importers and exporters they would have to complete extra paperwork whether there was a deal or not and that a lack of preparation on their part could lead to 100 km queues of

That prompted accusations from the opposition that ministers were setting up industry to take the blame for any chaos that might follow a botched Brexit.

The EU says that any deal must be sealed by the end of October, or in the first days of November at the latest, to leave enough time for ratification by the bloc before the end of the vear.

More trade talks are due in London next week and in Brussels the following week before the 27 national EU leaders meet over Oct 15-16 to assess progress. London has also said it wants clarity by Oct 15 on whether a deal is possible or not.

An estimated trillion euros of annual trade would be at stake if they fail to reach an agreement. Agencies

Sudanese govt, armed groups sign peace deal to end conflicts

KHARTOUM

AFTER a full year of negotiations, the Sudanese government and armed groups have signed a final peace deal in South Sudan's capital Juba to end armed conflicts.

The signing ceremony, which was broadcast live by Sudan's official TV, was attended by South Sudan's President Salva Kiir, Chairman of Sudan's Sovereign Council Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, and Sudan's Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok.

The participants also included representatives from Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Chad and Egypt in addition to regional and international organizations such as the United Nations, the African Union, the Arab League and the European Union.

Deputy Chairman of Sudan's Sovereign Council Mohamed Hamdan Daqlu signed the deal for the Sudanese government, while leaders of nine armed groups, under the Revolutionary Front Alliance, signed for the alliance.

Al-Burhan, addressing the signing ceremony, vowed that there will be no return to war, saying "we will not deviate from the peace. We reiterate our



Chairman of Sudan's Sovereign Council Abdel Fattah al-Burhan. South Sudan's President Salva Kiir and Chadian President Idriss Deby (front, from L to R) hold aloft the peace deal in Juba, South Sudan, on Saturday. The Sudanese government and armed groups on Saturday signed a final peace deal in South Sudan's capital Juba to end armed conflicts.

keenness to implement what has been agreed on."

Meanwhile, Al-Hadi Idris, chairman of the alliance, urged the international community to support implementation of the peace agreement. The deal included protocols of security arrangements, power and wealth sharing, compensation for the displaced people and refugees, land ownership, and realization of justice and development.

Chairperson of the African Union (AU) Commission, Moussa Faki, reiter-

ated the AU support for the peace deal in Sudan. "Implementation of the deal is harder than its signing. The AU will support this deal," he said. Egyptian Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly, addressing the signing ceremony, voiced Egypt's support to Sudan's peace deal."I reaffirm Egypt's firm determination to continue working with the brothers in Sudan to enhance the aspects of the standing partnership between our two countries," said Madbouly.

Xinhua

Domestic tourism eyes recovery opportunity over extended national holiday

MADRID,

WTO) has warned.

China is in the middle of a rare extended National Day holiday, the longest since the COVID-19 epidemic began. The country is poised to embrace more domestic trips amid warming demand and various incentives.

China saw a total of 97 million domestic trips on Thursday, the first day of the eight-day national holiday. That figure is 73.8 percent of trips made during the same period last year, official data showed.

The eight-day holiday, the result of the usual seven-day National Day holiday overlapping with the Mid-Autumn Festival,

has seen a heightened willingness to travel and increasing hopes of a tourism recovery, said Li Jian, an official with the Ministry of Culture and Tourism

The country's tourism sector has seen further signs of improvement in the third quarter of this year as the number of visitors welcomed by A-level tourist attractions nationwide is around 70 percent of the number during the same period last year, data from the MCT showed.

Effective COVID-19 control measures and the accelerated recovery of business activities have bolstered domestic travel, with plane trips in August restoring to over 80 percent of the total during the same month last year, and railway trips climbing 21 percent from July to 249 million, official data showed.

A survey from online travel agency Trip.com Group showed 42.6 percent of respondents had

considered traveling in October. Analysts expect the holiday will offer the strongest boost for domestic tourism so far this year, though the numbers could be down from the same time last year with COVID-19 precautions still in place.

As the epidemic is now in check and pre-holiday bookings

are booming, the tourism market could be more active during the upcoming holiday than during the previous holidays in May and June, said He Yanqing, an analyst with China Securities, prior to Oct. 1.

The holiday could see passenger trips on domestic flights up by 10 percent year-on-year to over 15 million, according to Lan Xiang, a data specialist with online travel service provider qunar.com, citing data from Sept. 10, when domestic passenger trips by air topped the figure from the same day

last vear. The country has raised the cap on daily arrivals at tourist spots nationwide, allowing them to fill 75 percent of their operating capacities during the National Day holiday. The previous limit was set at 50 percent.

"The eased restriction is great news for our business as it is likely to bring more visitors," He Qun, a marketing executive with Emei Shan Tourism Company Limited, based in southwest China's Sichuan Province, told the China Securities Jour-

Data from Trip.com Group showed domestic trips during the holiday could top 600 million, 70 percent to 80 percent

of the number recorded in the same period last year.

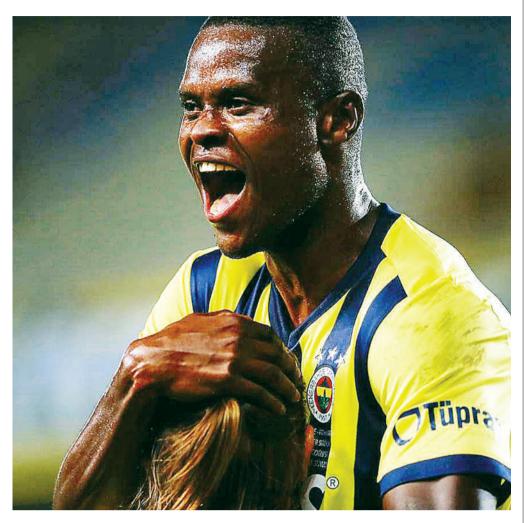
Jumping on the longest holiday since the epidemic began, tourist destinations and travel agencies have been offering discounts and vouchers to attract visitors, meaning the ongoing eight-day holiday is likely to be the most cost-effective one for domestic tourists in recent

Over 1,500 tourist attractions nationwide have suspended or discounted entrance fees for the holiday. Online service platforms like Trip.com Group have offered vouchers that can be used for tour packages, car rentals or entrance fees.

Governments at different levels have also taken measures to encourage traveling, with over 20 provinces and municipalities issuing tourist vouchers and central government departments recommending 300 routes for village tours.

The country has vowed to fend off the risk of COVID-19 and make visitors more comfortable during their holidays by staggering entrances at tourist destinations and introducing reservation systems at the vast majority of the 280 attractions with a 5Alevel rating, the highest in the

Guardian



After Samatta, KRC Genk miss out as four clubs reach UEFA tourneys

BY CORRESPONDENT MICHAEL ENEZA

CLUB fortunes cannot just be told by the presence of individual players as it is composite mix, but still everyone knows they make a difference.

As it is in all other fields, whether it is physical or business, intellectual or mass canvassing activity like politics, broad conditions and preparedness fuse with individual abilities to bring about events - like climbing to top flight or dropping.

Hence Mbwana Samatta was not everything in KRC Genk, but his absence is being

News filtering about results of qualifying matches for the UEFA Champions League on the one hand and for UEFA Europa League on the other were noticeable in what finally was the standing for Belgium generally, and for KRC Genk in particular, the club that recruited Samatta from DR Congo's TP Mazembe.

His being sold at 8.5m pounds to Aston Villa enabled what will most likely become his brief appearance in the English Premier League (EPL), where he scored one remarkable but refused goal against Liverpool in a UEFA Champions League tie.

It appeared that the rest was not so remarkable but for a premier league goal against Bournemouth, the only one he managed for the six-month stay.

Surprisingly, the Liverpool goal came in the very first weeks of his shift to Villa Park, which to outside watchers including his legion of fans in Dar es Salaam and elsewhere, appeared to be the shape of things to come.

This was not to be borne out as weeks went by, which evidently calls for some expert in psychology to jot out, but only guesswork is available without such a data flow kind of analysis, or trying to figure out an explanation when it takes the shape that it did. One probable explanation is that the player had extra adrenalin in the early days; it petered off later.

Still it is much less as regard the player that one finds something remarkable, as his exit from Astonn Villa resulted from a move to strengthen its attack, targeting high profile players at transfer prices that are double (17m pounds), thrice (23m pounds) or quadruple (33m pounds) to obtain signatures for its newly packed outfit, especially in attack.

That is why a formidable Turkish club rushed to obtain his signature ahead of others, as everyone could see it was a club reinvigoration move that diminished Samatta's playing chances at Villa Park. But that is his-

What is not so ancient is the declining fortunes of KRC Genk at the opening of the new season, as it would appear they have

slid to a more familiar role near the upper cream of the Belgian first league, but not with the top sides.

One fairly well known club is the country's representatives in the UEFA Champions League, namely Club Brugge, and three sides feature in the Europa Cup, where KRC Genk participates in playoffs and did not clinch a position.

The others are Royal Antwerp, Genk and Standard Liege, where the middle nearnamesake of KRC are rivals of Genk, and unlike the other three, they are not usually near the top of Belgian soccer, so that is familiar.

What local fans relish to remember is that it was upon the recruitment of Samatta from TP Mazembe that KRC Genk actually climbed the ladder to the UEFA Europa League in his first season and to the Champions League in his second season, netting at least one goal in nearly all the crucial encounters.

That is how he got noticed in the EPL and shifted to Villa Park, but the price they offered and was accepted says something about the gap in valuation of two premier

It also shows the caliber of players they recruit, and recently Aston Villa has been hitting harder.

It also says something about economic environment in which players are recruited or sought, the quality of sponsor advertising and thus ability to sustain the competition for high caliber players.

We are as yet sitting out the first ties of the Tanzania senior national soccer team 'Taifa Stars' captain in his new role at Fenerbahce S.K of Istanbul in Turkey, how far it will approximate his stint at KRC Genk, but preliminary projections can be made.

As it was the case when the Istanbul side met its city archrivals Galatasaray in a derby and the match ended scoreless, Samatta was among the substitutes and actually used as the game went on.

Earlier Villa had just won 3-1 without needing his services.

What becomes of the player at Fenerbahce is unlikely to match his pivotal contributions at KRC Genk as the Belgian club is smaller by comparison, and rarely has top level regular standing in the premier league, while Feberbahce is one of the two most known club sides, with its city rivals, Galatasaray.

In the UEFA Europa League there is one Turkish club, Sivasspor, while Belgium has three teams participating, in which case Samatta is at a bigger club side but in a less remarkable country in relation to soccer level than Belgium.

Chances of outright success are thus bal-

What went wrong for Krmpotic at Yanga?

BY CORRESPONDENT MICHAEL MWEBE

FTER just 37 days, Young Africans SC (Yanga) have sacked head coach Zlatko Krmpotic. The club announced Krmpotic's immediate departure on Saturday in the wake of a 3-0 victory over Coastal Union in a Vodacom Premier League duel, which took place in Dar es Salaam.

A surprise statement from Yanga on Saturday night confirmed that the Jangwani Street club had relieved Krmpotic of his coaching duties.

"Yanga hereby informs its fans, members and stakeholders that it has reached mutual agreement to terminate its relationship with its head coach Zlatko Krmpotic," read the club statement.

"Yanga would like to thank Zlatko for his professionalism while at the club and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.'

Krmpotic leaves with Yanga seating first in the Vodacom Premier League table having collected 13 points from five matches, three more points than they had at this corresponding stage last season.

Many agree the former Zesco United coach was never a good fit for Yanga, but sacking him so close to the club's league clash against rivals, Simba, dubbed 'Dar es Salaam Derby', and especially after topping the league standing is a strange move.

However, going by recent media reports the announcement came as no major shock.

Here, we look at the problems that contributed to the Serbian sion from the squad as due to tactician's quick exit from the illness, Mussa came out and Jangwani Street outfit.

Fallout with Farid Mussa

The breakdown of Krmpotic's relationship with winger Farid Mussa will be top of the agenda.

The former Azam FC winger is considered as one of the biggest signings made by Yanga in the last transfer window.

After four years in Spain, Mussa completed his reportedly \$50,000 return to the Mainland Tanzania not not only get the best out of the matchday squad against



Yanga defender, Lamine Moro (R), celebrates with fellow players after he had netted for the outfit in a Vodacom Premier League match against Mtibwa Sugar, which took place in Morogoro recently. Yanga won 1-0. PHOTO; COURTESY OF

Premier League in August.

he is viewed as an integral part of the first team.

Five games into the season, he has only played one match under Krmpotic.

It did not take long for tensions to surface. Once they had, they would not go away.

While Yanga spokesman, Antonio Nugaz, termed his excludeclared himself fully fit and went on to say he does not understand why he is not playing.

It was telling that he did not even make it off the bench in the last two games against Mtibwa Sugar and Coastal Union.

It is safe to say the bad blood between Krmpotic and Mussa contributed to the quick exit of the former.

The Serbian tactician could

a marquee signing but also went Given the amount Yanga paid, as far as pushing him out of the squad so early into his reign.

Blunt attack

The ever restless Yanga fans were more concerned with how

the team looked blunt in attack. Until Saturday's comprehensive victory, the team had not scored more than one goal in a competitive match.

Yanga spent big in transfer fees to bring three strikers, Waziri Junior, Michael Sarpong and Yacouba Songne. The three strikers have just

two goals among them in five matches. Waziri Junior arrived at Yanga off the back of a very good season with relegated Mbao FC but

never got a single minute in a competitive game under Krm-He was not even selected in Coastal Union.

Uneasy relationship with

As one of the biggest signings, Mussa was the most high-profile player to fall out with Krmpotic, but there were many more cas-

Krmpotic is said to have upset captain Deus Kaseke and young fullback Kibwana Shomari after questioning the latter's performance.

Ahead of a clash against Mtibwa Sugar, it is reported Krmpotic wanted to employ Kaseke as a fullback instead of Kibwana.

It was a decision that irked senior members in the squad who questioned the unorthodox decision. The coach made a U-turn but the damage had been done.

It is almost unbelievable but Krmpotic had lost the dressing room within weeks of arriving

Kitata upsets Kipchoge to win London Marathon



Kenya's Brigid Kosgei runs past Buckingham Palace and the Queen Victoria Memorial into the Mall on her way to winning the London Marathon in London, England, Sunday, Oct. 4, 2020. Athletes are competing on a 26.2-mile (42.2-kilometer) closed-loop course consisting of 19.6 clockwise laps around St. James' Park. The traditional course along the River Thames was scrapped because of the coronavirus pandemic and only elite men and women are competing and no spectators are permitted. (AP Photo)

LONDON

ELIUD Kipchoge's four-vear winning run at the London Marathon ended Sunday as Shura Kitata emerged from the rain and the gloom to become the new champion.

There was no upset in the women's race with world record holder Brigid Kosgei winning her duel with fellow Kenyan Ruth Chepngetich, the world champion, who was eventually pipped for second by Sara Hall of the United States.

The race, originally scheduled to be run in April, was adapted to 19.7 laps of St James's Park rather than the traditional street route. and was restricted to elite runners only, due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Kipchoge, the Kenyan who has had not lost a marathon in seven years, dropped off the pace around the 22-mile mark. The 35-yearold world record holder had no answer as a seven-strong lead group edged away from him, and he ended up finishing down in eighth.

Kitata of Ethiopia claimed victory in two hours, five minutes and 41 seconds, pipping Vincent Kipchumba of Kenya on the line after a thrilling sprint finish.

In the women's race, Kosgei broke for home with seven miles to go leaving Chepngetich, who had looked the stronger in the middle stages of the race, far behind.

The pair were a minute ahead of their nearest challenger at the halfway mark and looked on course to trouble the women's-only world record of two hours 17 minutes and one sec-

But as the rain began to fall harder the pace slowed and Kosgei eventually crossed the line in 2 hours 18 minutes, 58 seconds - almost five minutes outside her world record set in Chicago last year.

"The weather was not good so we struggled," Kosgei said. "I struggled up to the moment I finished.

"We have not prepared well due to the pandemic. I will be prepared for good results next year."

A tiring Chepngetich was caught by a stunning late charge from Hall, who overtook her with just a few strides remaining.

Man City held by Leeds, Chelsea click into gear

MANCHESTER City were forced to settle for a pulsating 1-1 draw against Leeds as Rodrigo punished Ederson's mistake, while Chelsea's big spending began to bear fruit as they thrashed Crystal Palace 4-0 on Saturday.

While Chelsea clicked into gear and City struggled to find their rhythm, James Rodriguez guided Everton to the top of the Premier League by scoring twice in a 4-2 win over Brighton.

City were humiliated last weekend when Leicester won 5-2 at the Etihad and Pep Guardiola responded by splashing out on Benfica defender Ruben Dias.

Dias made his debut at Elland entertaining game packed with chances at both ends.

Raheem Sterling fired City into a deserved 16th-minute lead, cutting inside on the left edge of the penalty area driving his low shot inside the far post.

early dominance into more goals proved costly as Rodrigo pounced on a mistake by Brazilian goalkeeper Ederson to turn the ball home from close range in the 59th minute.

"That was good. When both teams want to attack, it's a good game. We made an incredible first 30 minutes," Guardiola said of the showdown with his managerial mentor Marcelo Bielsa.

It's not easy to play against Leeds. before Yves Bissouma pulled a late They've showed how good they

City have won just one of their first three league games and could fall eight points behind champions Liverpool should Jurgen Klopp's men win at Aston Villa on Sunday.

For promoted Leeds, this buccaneering performance was further proof that Bielsa's commitment to attacking play can flourish in the top-flight.

"Leeds have been waiting a long time to be in this league and I think we showed we are prepared for levelled for Burnley early in the this," said Rodrigo.

Frank Lampard has asked for was on the Blues to respond after restore Newcastle's lead. a disappointing 3-3 draw at newlypromoted West Brom and a League scored his fourth goal in as many Cup exit to a much-changed Premier League games for Steve Tottenham in the past week.

able to field five of his new signings as Edouard Mendy and Ben Chilwell

made their Premier League debuts with Thiago Silva, Kai Havertz and Timo Werner also starting.

Zouma to double Chelsea's lead.

What should have been a routine win for the hosts did not go without controversy as Jorginho then slotted home two penalties after Tammy Abraham and Havertz had been felled inside the area.

kick, captain Cesar Azpilicueta Abraham with the England striker

"I appreciate his eagerness Road and the Portugal centre-back because his performance deserved had his work cut out for him in an a goal but the rules are you don't jump up ahead of the list at any moment," said Lampard.

- Maximum points on Merseyside

Merseyside derby against Liverpool after the international window But City's failure to turn their with maximum points from their first four games as James again shone for Carlo Ancelotti's men.

> The Toffees also have the Premier League's form striker in their armoury as Dominic Calvert-Lewin opened the scoring by heading home his ninth goal of the season.

> Jordan Pickford's howler let Brighton back into the game as the Everton keeper's fumble was converted by Neal Maupay.

Yerry Mina's restored Everton's "My team, for the position we're lead and former Real Madrid in, showed incredible behaviour. midfielder James struck twice goal back.

'We are really pleased for the start, we did really well this period, winning games, showing good quality. The spirit is good, but it is only the start of the season,"

Newcastle moved up to sixth as Callum Wilson's double saw off Burnley 3-1.

individual effort opened the scoring for the Magpies before Ashley Westwood deservedly second-half.

But the Clarets remain without patience after Chelsea's £220 a point this season as they had million splurge in the market no answer to the pace of Saint-(\$285 million), but the pressure Maximin as he set up Wilson to

The England international then Bruce's men from the penalty spot For the first time Lampard was after Ryan Fraser was fouled by Nick Pope.

Chilwell had the biggest impact as he opened the floodgates with a thunderous strike at the far post five minutes into the secondhalf before his cross teed up Kurt

However, for the second spothad to intervene to take the ball off desperate to get on the scoresheet.

Everton will head into the

Ancelotti said.

Allan Saint-Maximin's fine

Old friends Guardiola and Bielsa praise each other after lively draw

LEEDS, ENGLAND

Guardiola and Leeds United boss each other after an entertaining 1-1 draw at Elland Road in the Premier League on Saturday.

Spaniard Guardiola has made no secret of his admiration for Bielsa, with the City manager calling the on a bucket to watch games, spent Argentine the best coach in the much of the first half of this intense world in the past, while saying this encounter pacing up and down his week the Leeds manager is the technical area as City dominated man he "probably admires most in world football".

It is well known Guardiola adopted the same possession- the crucial second goal their based philosophy as Johan Cruyff at Barcelona but Bielsa is another man the Spaniard sees as a mentor, having flown to Argentina to ask him for advice before taking his and then looked the most likely to first coaching role.

In the first meeting between the coaches in England, in the pouring brilliantly denied Rodrigo a Yorkshire rain, they stuck to their attacking principles, with fans watching from afar treated to 35 shots at goal as both sides went all out for victory.

"That was good, huh?" Guardiola said. "When both teams want to attack, it's a good game. They are difficult to face because they have would not have been fair. five players behind our midfield line and attack our defence. They

are a fantastic team.

"It was an entertaining game for MANCHESTER City manager Pep everyone. I'm incredibly proud of these players who enjoy football Marcelo Bielsa heaped praise on and come to this country and play many years at a high level. We couldn't do more because the opponent was so good like all Marcelo Bielsa sides.

Bielsa, who is famed for perching and deservedly got themselves in front through Raheem Sterling.

But City could not score dominance warranted whatever Bielsa said at the break inspired his side, who deservedly levelled through Rodrigo Moreno go on and win.

Ederson City goalkeeper second for the hosts as he tipped the Spanish striker's header on to the crossbar before, in a pulsating finale, City had chances to snatch all three points.

"It would not have been fair if we won this game," Bielsa said. "It was possible to win the game but it

REUTERS

Ederson's mistake hurt Man City, but their attack is more of a problem

T was a mistake from Ederson that allowed Leeds United to claim a 1-1 draw with Manchester City at Elland Road on Saturday, but Pep Guardiola need only look at the other end of the pitch to understand the reason behind the result.

After a breathtaking game manufactured by two of the world's most revered coaches in Guardiola and Marcelo Bielsa, City had managed 23 shots at goal. The problem was that only two were on target and only one went in.

Without Sergio Aguero or Gabriel Jesus, City are struggling for goals. By the end, Guardiola's team had been reduced to frantically appealing half-penalty shouts and taking pot shots from distance while Leeds scampered down the other end looking for a winner of their own.

At one point, Raheem Sterling, who put City ahead in the first half with his first Premier League goal of the season, raced through but couldn't even get a shot away before he was smothered by Leeds goalkeeper Illan Meslier. You got the feeling that had that chance fallen to Aguero, it would have been 2-1 and City would have left with all three points. With no sign of another striker arriving before Monday's transfer deadline, Guardiola will be desperate to have him back.

"We had really good moments in the first 30 minutes that we could make a bigger margin in our result," admitted the City boss.

Leeds, meanwhile, continue to earn new admirers. After four games, two of them against Liverpool and City, they are fifth in the table, having scored nine goals and conceded eight. Their first season back in the top flight since 2004 is going to be



to be beautiful but City Two teams determined also played a huge part in making the game beautiful," Bielsa said. "Physically, mentally, technically it is a very powerful team. They played with a natural incline to attack. It was a very intense game."

Guardiola beforehand having Bielsa -the man he "admires most in world football" -- in the Premier League is "good for England" and it was fitting that their first meeting these shores was played in typically English conditions. Guardiola vs. Bielsa, two exponents of beautiful football, felt like it deserved a more exotic backdrop than a Yorkshire October chill and pouring rain -- the spectacle was akin to ordering a pina colada in a working men's club. If the weather was

a disappointment, the "We played our part for the game football was certainly not.

to pass out from their goalkeeper and apply a ferocious press on the edge of the opposing penalty area when they didn't have the ball will usually make for an entertaining game, and the risk, reward, mistakes and chances made for a thrilling 90 minutes.

Kevin De Bruyne hit the post with a free kick after three minutes that almost caught out Meslier after he had strayed too far. It sparked a period of City dominance, and by the time they took the lead after 17 minutes, they had already had eight attempts. The goal when it came

was typical Sterling. In to score. In 12 years in the from the left, a feint to press conference, I never shift a defender, then a right-foot shot that nestled one [mistake] and that in the far corner. It was a goal of beautiful simplicity, but unfortunately for Guardiola, it was the only

piece of genuine attacking quality his team could muster.

Ederson had ensured

they went in at half-time a goal up after producing a fine save from Luke Ayling after the Leeds right-back had made the most of a mistake from Benjamin Mendy. But it was the Brazilian who was responsible for the equaliser, dropping Kalvin Phillips' corner at the feet of Rodrigo, who spun and scored just 3 minutes and 6 seconds after coming on as a substitute.

"The mistake is part of the human being," Guardiola said. "Also, we create four or five chances say we lost because of this one.' It was clear where he

thought the game had

Ederson at least atoned with an acrobatic stop from a Rodrigo header that looked destined for the top corner, and It said everything about Guardiola's concern for Leeds' ability to break quickly that two of his changes were defensive. First, Nathan Ake came on for Mendy before Fernandinho replaced Riyhad Mahrez.

Ederson was needed again nine minutes from time when Patrick Bamford went through, and the final whistle blew with Leeds just edging the possession stats. Not many teams do that to Guardiola, let alone one that was playing in the Championship last season.

A bigger concern for City is that they could find themselves eight points behind Liverpool by Sunday evening if Jurgen Klopp's champions win at Aston Villa.

"I know we have to win games to be on top, but I am not going to start, after three games, to start to think if we are going to win the league," Guardiola said. "It is what it is. I know the situation -- where we are, how we finish last season, the players we have. I am more than satisfied with what we have done so far. You know how tough the league is and how opponents don't drop much."

Guardiola is far too experienced to panic after three games, but he will feel far more comfortable when Aguero and Jesus are

'Ice-cold' Haaland nets twice as Dortmund run riot

ERLING Braut Haaland once again demonstrated 'ice-cold' finishing by netting twice on Saturday as Borussia Dortmund climbed to third in the Bundesliga table with a 4-0 demolition of Freiburg.

"He is our centre forward, that's what he's paid for, but he's ice cold," Dortmund captain Marco Reus said of Haaland's latest haul in front of 11.500 people - the biggest Bundesliga crowd since Covid-19 hit Germany in March.

"He will always score - no matter how well or badly he is playing." Dortmund bounced back from last

weekend's shock defeat at Augsburg as Haaland shone to leave him on 21 goals in 23 games for Dortmund since his January transfer. "Not bad, it could have been more,"

said Haaland drilv.

Having also scored in Wednesday's German Super Cup 3-2 defeat at Bayern Munich, the 20-year-old has netted five goals in as many games this

"There are already a few creatures like him, but he's a real beast in front of goal," said Freiburg captain Christian Guenter with grudging admiration.

"The first big chance he gets, goes

Dortmund were missing England winger Jadon Sancho and goalkeeper Roman Buerki, both recovering from illness having tested negative for the coronavirus.

Reus made his first start for eight months after injury.

US teenager Giovanni Reyna, who set up Dortmund's first three goals, was outstanding. The 17-year-old attacking mid-

fielder played Haaland into space for both of his goals and delivered a pinpoint corner for Emre Can's headed Haaland, 19, once again showed

dazzling finishing when he fired home from a right angle on 31 min-Can then rose highest from a cor-

Reyna and Haaland combined again when they got in behind the defence as the American delayed his pass which the Norway forward



hammered into the net on 66 minutes.

Winger Felix Passlack claimed his first Bundesliga goal in added time to complete the rout with Haaland providing the final pass.

- Leipzig go top -

Defending champions Bayern Munich host Hertha Berlin on Sunday out to bounce back from last weekend's shock defeat at Hoffenheim which ended their 23-match winning streak.

Later, RB Leipzig went top of the league on goal difference with a 4-0 rout of bottom side Schalke, who are now 19 league games without a win.

Despite replacing head coach David Wagner with ex-Augsburg boss Manuel Baum in mid-week, Schalke's defensive woes contin-

Playmaker Emil Forsberg created Leipzig's first goal when his chip was knocked into the net by Schalke defender Can Bozdogan ater half an hour.

Schalke's misery continued as left-back Angelino and burly defender Willi Orban added goals to make it 3-0 at the break.

Germany defender Marcel Halstenberg then netted a penalty ten minutes from time to complete the

Leipzig's win knocked Eintracht Frankfurt down to second on goal difference following their 2-1 victory over Hoffeheim.

rout.

Croatia striker Andrej Kramaric netted his eighth goal in four games with a superb strike, curled inside the far corner, to give Hoffenheim the lead on 18 minutes.

- Kamada shines -However, Japan midfielder Daichi Kamada turned home on 54 minutes, then powered through the defence before Bas Dost stabbed the ball over the line on 19 minutes from Champions

the game when he tapped

side Moenchengladbach romped to a 3-1 win at Cologne as Alassane Plea and Stefan Lainer fired home before Lars Stindl added a penalty on 56 minutes. Cologne scored a con-

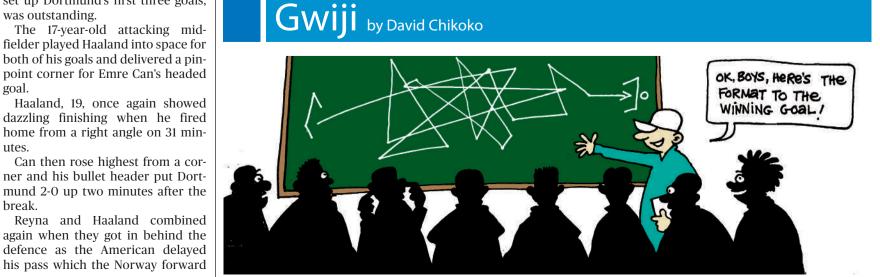
solation goal when Elvis Rexhbecaj beat Gladbach keeper Yann Sommer from 20 metres out.

Bremen earned a second win in three games when Leonardo Bittencourt's right-footed shot on 27 minutes sealed their 1-0 win at home to new boys Arminia Bielefeld, who had a late goal disallowed.

Leverkusen were held to a 1-1 draw at Stuttgart as Patrik Schick's early goal was cancelled out by an equaliser by the hosts' striker Sasa Kalajdzic.

On Friday, Union Berlin enjoyed their first win of the season with a 4-0 thumping of Mainz at home as Germany striker Max Kruse scored his first goal for the hosts.

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Yanga part ways with Zlatko Krmpotic

'Ice-cold' Haaland nets twice as **Dortmund run riot**

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feature in a recent race, held in Tanga. PHOTO; COURTESY OF

Tanzanians ought to embrace cycling-call

THE family of Tanzania's Father of the Nation, the late Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere, has asked people in the country to embrace cycling as it is a healthy, lowimpact exercise that can be enjoyed by people of all ages.

Nyerere's sons, Andrew and Makongoro, made the call during a function for flagging off of this year's edition of a cycling tour, known as 'Twende Butiama', which took place at the Father of the Nation's residence at Msasani in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

The two were of the opinion cycling is also a source of

They thanked the riders who are expected to cycle more than 1400km to reach Mwitongo Village in Butiama

"We really thank you for starting this tour to Mwitongo, Butiama, it is not that easy but you are determined to finish the journey, our late father loved cycling very much, when he was teaching Pugu Secondary School in Dar es Salaam, riding was his best and dependable means of transport," Makongoro stated.

"It is healthy as it can protect people from serious non communicable diseases."

The tour which has attracted more than 170 riders is sponsored by SAS Logistics, Usangu Logistics, Tanzania Tourist Board (TTB) and other companies and

Speaking on behalf of all sponsors, Salim Albusaidy from SAS Logistics hailed Mwalimu Nyerere family for giving them a warm welcome at Msasani, noting they expect the same in Mwitongo.

He said they are committed to seeing to it that the 'Twende Butiama' tour is becoming very popular and attracting riders from all parts of the world as the late Mwalimu Nyerere contributed a lot to the world.

"Our plans are to see to it that 'Twende Butiama' tour is becoming very big, this year we have more than 170 riders from more than six clubs," Albusaidy disclosed.

"Our aim is to take this tour to great heights, the 'Twende Butiama' tour has a lot of importance with some of them being valuing healthy and promoting domestic

The riders are expected to arrive at Mwitongo in Butiama on October 14 to climax the date Mwalimu Nyerere passed on.

They will pass in Morogoro, Dodoma, Singida, Shinyanga, Mwanza and arrive at Mwitongo, Butiama on

While at Mwitongo Village, they will carry out a number of social activities which include plating trees.

Godfrey Mhagama, Tanzania Cycling Association (Chabata) Chairman, hailed 'Twende Butiama' organizing committee and SAS Logistics for the tour.

He stated on top of honouring the late Mwalimu Nyerere, the tour is a platform for riders to gain experience.

He said his association will offer its full support to organizers of 'Twende Butiama' so that the tour becomes one of the biggest in the world.

"We are happy that the 'Twende Butiama' tour is growing each and passing day, last year we had 110 cyclist who took part but this year more than 170 have registered

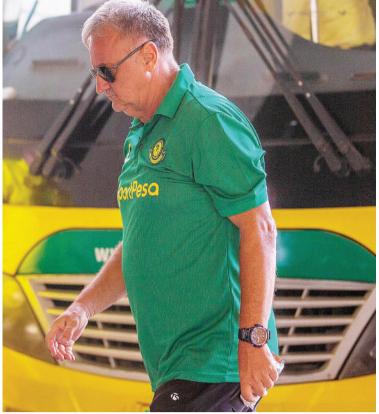
and we expect the number to increase as many people will join the tour on the way," he noted. "We are committed to provide all necessary support to

see this tour reach the levels of Tour de Rwanda, Tour de France and other top tour events," he said.

By Correspondent Joseph **Mchekadona**

ways vith his head coach, Zlatko Krmpotic, after one month

The Jangwani Streetbased side had, through



Zlatko Krmpotic

Patrick Simon, announced the evening.

its Acting Secretary General firing of the coach on Saturday

"Young Africans Sports Club (Yanga) hereby inform its fans, members and stakeholders that it has reached mutual agreement to terminate its relationship with its head coach Zlatko Krmpotic," reads a statement from the club.

No reasons were issued for the firing of the coach who has guided Yanga to five games in this season's Vodacom Premier League, in which the team won four games and recorded draw in one.

Yanga thanked the coach for his contribution to the club and his professionalism while at the club and wished him all the best in his future endeavours.

Speaking in a telephone interview yesterday, Yanga's information officer, Hassan Bumbuli, confirmed development saying outfit's assistant coach, Juma Mwambusi, will head the bench on an acting capacity.

"It is true we have parted ways with our head coach, Zlatko Krmpotic, we wish him all the best, today is Sunday... the club's leaders have not

meet to discuss anything," Bumbuli disclosed.

"In the meantime, our assistant coach, Juma Mwambusi, will act as the head coach until the time we

find a new coach," he said. Yanga had, with the exception of their comprehensive 3-0 win over Coastal Union, been registering

narrow wins in the top flight duels.

The Serbian tactician was hired on a two-vear contract replacing Belgian, Luc Eymael, who was fired before the start on the 2020/21 Premier League.

Yanga, through the club's registration committee chairman, Hersi Said, said during Krmpotic's unveiling they hired the Serbian tactician for two years.

He revealed that they picked the much-travelled Serbian despite having a list of many coaches who had offered themselves to replace Belgian Eymael, who was fired at the end of last season.

"Krmpotic's experience in handling teams in Africa gave him the job, he had trained such outfits like Zesco United in Zambia, Polokwane of South Africa," Said

Coastal Union coach blasts players for complacency

By Correspondent Joseph

Mchekadona

COASTAL Union's head coach, Juma Mgunda, has said his charges lacked positive mentality during the squad's Vodacom Premier League encounter with Yanga, which took place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam last Saturday.

The Tanga conceded 3-0 loss to Yanga in the duel.

In an interview held after the duel, Mgunda expressed his displeasure with his charges, noting played well but were lacking a positive mentality.

He said his side created some chances but failed to convert them into goals.

"It was a very good match, we did our best but the main challenge I saw in my charges is that they were lacking positive mentality, they were repeating the same mistakes," he stated.

"We conceded all goals as a result of the same type of mistakes but all in all we have lost and now the focus is on the coming games," he said.

Coastal Union are positioned 16th in the league table with four points from five games played.

Yanga assistant coach, Juma Mwambusi, hailed his charges for playing according to game plan and said the Saturday results is just the beginning.

"On Saturday I was very happy with the



Yanga winger, Tuisila Kisinda (L), negotiates his way past Coastal Union's fullback, Hans Masoud, when the sides met in a Vodacom Premier League clash, which took place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam last weekend. Yanga won 3-0. PHOTO; COURTESY OF YANGA

performance of my players, they tempo and kept their fans on the did exactly what we told them and I'm sure the team will maintain this type of intensity in the coming games," he said.

Smarting from victory in their last week's league matches, both teams started the first half on high Coastal Union's goal.

edges of their seats but the squads could not find the back of each other's nets.

Yanga had themselves to blame for failing to score in the first half as they made several attempts on

In the second half Yanga displayed their desire and hunger for three points and substituted midfielder Zawadi Mauya for Haruna Niyonzima and fullback Kibwana Shomari for Deus Kaseke.

The mission was achieved when they scored the first goal on the 48th minute via midfielder, Carlos Fernandes, midfielder Haruna Niyonzima made it 2-0 on the 52nd minute and striker Yacouba Songne netted the third on the 64th minute.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

