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# Emotional Zanzibaris see off JPM in carriage

President Mwinyi leads mourners, vows support, cooperation with new Union president

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THOUSANDS of Zanzibaris yesterday thronged the main Amaan Stadium to

bid farewell to the late Union President John Magufuli whose body arrived from Dodoma for a farewell viewing and

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Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi pays his last respects to former president Dr John Magufuli at Zanzibar's Amaan Stadium yesterday. Photo: Zanzibar State House



The motorcade with the hearse carrying the casket bearing former president Magufuli's body moves along Zanzibar streets yesterday, heading for Amaan Stadium for the paying of last respects. Photo: Zanzibar State House



A Zanzibar youth breaks into tears upon seeing the casket bearing former president Dr Magufuli's body. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Grief, sobbing punctuate Interfaith event at Chato

By Guardian Reporter, Chato

A PRAYER service organized here yesterday for the late President John Magufuli was dominated by unrestrained sobbing and weeping, making some key contributors fail to finish their contributions as they were overcome by grief.

Organized by Chato Interfaith—an ad hoc religious grouping from various

denominations—the service was briefly interrupted after Chato MP Dr Medard Kalemani was overcome by grief, failing to finish reading his speech.

He was conveying his condolences as he broke down whilst still addressing the gathering.

With the atmosphere dominated by a grieving local community, those attending resorted to consoling the weeping and for a while the service was interrupted, before proceeding to the end.

Earlier, District Commissioner Charles Kabeho said the people hold the late president in high esteem which must be done by maintaining peace, unity and solidarity as he demanded when he was leading the country.

"I understand that we, all of us have been immensely shaken. It is a huge

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# Mwanza readies to receive JPM's body

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

AS the body of the late President John Magufuli arrives here today for viewing, residents of Mwanza will steel their nerves as they try to recover from the shock of losing a leader who has in a few years changed the scenery of the budding city.

They remember him for implementing various development projects that have changed the region for the better, as during his unfinished tenure, Mwanza saw record construction of roads, bridges and ferries that have transformed transportation in the region and neighbouring Lake Zone regions.

**The fifth phase also saw expansion of Mwanza Airport to enable bigger planes to land, stimulating economic growth and attracting tourists**

Soon after taking office, Dr Magufuli issued funds to implement a number of projects, including building ferries and ships like MV 'Mwanza Hapa Kazi Tu,' to strengthen transport between various lake ports.

He also facilitated the rehabilitation of MV Victoria and MV Butiama, as the fifth phase government released billions of shillings to ensure that lake transport is improved to stimulate economic development in the zone.

Due to his commitment to make the city more attractive, he directed the building of a pedestrian bridge at Furahisha area, clamping down on accidents that were

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memory service.

Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi led mourners in the event, cherishing the memory of the deceased as an African visionary and a remarkable revolutionary leader of the 21st century.

Mwinyi described the late Magufuli as a capable and brilliant leader of a unique kind. "A leader like him is very rare to be found. The late Magufuli was truly patriotic, a defender of the voiceless, who was proud of being Tanzanian and an African," the president underlined.

In his speech, the Zanzibar leader said Magufuli had a great vision to ensure that our country makes great strides in development "using the resources that God has blessed us with."

President Mwinyi described the huge turnout as a symbol of the love that Zanzibaris had for the deceased leader saying his death has left a gap in the lives of Zanzibaris as well, a leader fondly held in esteem by other development-loving Africans.

Since Thursday March 18, the morning after the late president's death was announced, large numbers of people have turned up to pay their last respects to the leader who always put the interests of Tanzanians at heart, the Isles leader noted.

"His death has brought tears, sorrow and a dark cloud to the people of Zanzibar because of the good things that he did to Tanzania and to the continent," he said.

"He left us when the country is in peace and tranquility and he's an exemplary leader in Africa and around the world. In actual fact his life and deeds provide many theoretical and

practical lessons to be grasped by leaders, philosophers, politicians, economists, scientists and experts of various cadres around the world," he declared.

Dr Mwinyi said the late president was a gift given to Tanzanians by God and surely his death has left the country in tears, so it is good to remember and celebrate all the good he left behind including unity, love, peace and solidarity, things that he emphasised in his leadership.

He said President Samia Suluhu Hassan would have all the support and cooperation she needs from Zanzibaris so as to fulfill expectations of the country at large.

He described Samia that having great potential to fulfill her new responsibilities as she is has great political and leadership potential which was noticed in the various positions she has held.

Earlier, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa, the chairman of the funeral committee of the central government, said that the state funeral held in Dodoma was streamed by a global audience of anything up to 3.4 billion people, without citing the source of the statistic.

He expressed satisfaction with the work of the various media outlets for a commendable job of keeping the nation and others around the world informed on what was going on, noting that the media has been with the state authorities from day one of the tragic event.

After the viewing in Zanzibar the body of late president is being flown to Mwanza city for viewing by residents and those of nearby regions, before reaching Chato for viewing for the whole of tomorrow, with burlal slated for Friday.



**DISTRAUGHT, BUT FIGHTING ON:** Chato shoeshiner Maximillian Edward (R), who says he routinely polished JPM's shoes from sometime in 1996 until last year whenever the former president was at his home village in Geita Region, visibly distressed but still in business when roving photographer Richard Makore caught up with him yesterday.

## Xi sends condolences over passing of Tanzanian President John Magufuli

BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping yesterday sent a message of condolences to new Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan over the passing of the country's President John Magufuli.

In his message, on behalf of the

Chinese government and people as well as in his own name, Xi expressed deep condolences, and extended sincere sympathies to the Tanzanian government and people as well as President Magufuli's relatives.

Calling him an outstanding leader of Tanzania, Xi said

that President Magufuli had made positive contributions to promoting friendly cooperation between China and Tanzania and between China and Africa during his lifetime. Magufuli's death is a huge loss to the Tanzanian people, and the Chinese people have also lost a good friend, Xi said.

Noting that China cherishes the profound traditional friendship between China and Tanzania, Xi said that China is willing to work with the Tanzanian side to deepen their comprehensive cooperative partnership, so as to bring more benefits to both countries and their peoples



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa, chairman of the national Dr John Magufuli funeral committee, speaks yesterday at Zanzibar's Amaan Stadium. That was at the solemn ceremony at which Zanzibar residents officially bid the former president final farewell. Photo: State House

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blow to the country as a whole and Chato in particular but more importantly, we are supposed to maintain unity," the DC asserted.

He recalled that earlier in January the deceased leader was with Chato leaders, "and he promised us that he would return in April to inspect various

development projects in our (Geita) region that had stuck...we did not know that he was in effect saying his last farewell to us."

For his part, Chato Interfaith Secretary Fr Clement Calist said the organization had to organize the special prayers in mourning the late president ahead of his body arriving in Chato, given his great contributions in the

country, to religious groups and an untold number of individuals who benefited from his interventions in running public affairs in the interest of justice and fairness.

The late Magufuli died on Wednesday last week at Mzena Hospital in Dar es Salaam where he was taken for treatment for heart complications. Announcing

the death close to midnight Wednesday, then Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan said the deceased had a heart condition for most of the past 10 years.

She was sworn in as President of the United Republic on Friday at the State House in Dar es Salaam, making history as the first woman to hold the highest office in the land.

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commonplace.

Another project was the Makongoro Airport road, spending 16.6bn/-, by cancelled Independence Day festivities in 2016 so that the funds are directed to the two-lane airport road project.

Ilemela Municipality also constructed the Buswelu-Nyakato road costing 6bn/- to tarmac level, along with the Sabasaba-Kiseke-Buswelu road.

The fifth phase also saw expansion of Mwanza Airport to enable bigger planes to land, stimulating economic growth and attracting tourists.

Worth 12bn/-, the project involved rehabilitation and widening of runways, construction of a control tower, a cargo building, upgrading of aprons, taxiways, a power station and a weather forecast centre (observatory station).

Other facilities were a control tower, cargo terminal, passenger building, a new general aviation apron and a drainage system for rainwater to drain into the lake.

Lake Zone residents witnessed the construction of a gold refinery worth 8.9bn/- arising from exceptional measures taken by the late president to change the disorganized minerals sector.

The State Mining Corporation (STAMICO) built the factory to ensure that artisanal miners prosper, as for years they failed to benefit from their sweat in the pits.

Residents were using the Kigongo, Misungwi, Busisi and Sengerema ferries, when the late Dr Magufuli dished out 700bn/- to construct the 3.2km Kigongo-Busisi bridge spanning an inlet, and adjacent roads at tarmac level.

In the water sector, various projects supply clean water

to residents in Nyamazugo (Sengerema), Nyahiti (Misungwi), Busulwa and Matela (Magu), Chabilungo and Namagubho (Ukerewe) in Buchosa district as well as a major water project for Butimba, Nyamagana district.

The fifth phase government did not leave health services as they were, and conversely added a maternal building at the Sekou Toure referral hospital at a cost of 4.5bn/-, a male ward in Butimba Hospital in Nyamagana (1.2bn/-), as well as similar facilities at Sengerema (1.5bn/-), Ilemela (1.8bn/-) and Misungwi.

The JPM government also facilitated the construction of a modern bus terminal and parking area for trucks with capacity to accommodate 200 buses and 300 lorries, regional authorities explained.



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Zanzibar residents wait for their turns to pay their last respects to former president Dr John Magufuli at Zanzibar's Amaan Stadium yesterday. Photo: Zanzibar State House

# 'He made sure Tanzanians got fair share of mineral resources'

By Guardian Reporter

AMENDMENTS made to the Mining Act by efforts by the late President Dr John Magufuli ensured that Tanzanians got fair share of mineral resources and such efforts had boosted Tanzania to become respected internationally.

The remarks were given on Monday by the Foreign Affairs and EA Cooperation minister Prof Palamagamba Kabudi when enumerating the late President's profile at Jamhuri Stadium in Dodoma.

The amendments insisted by the late president have benefitted Tanzania from its resources.

Prof Kabudi said the completion of the perimeter wall around Mirerani tanzanite mines has helped to control mineral smuggling as the security has been beefed thereby increasing government's revenue from the minerals.

Prof Kabudi also said the late President's boldness helped in ensuring the government receiving 16 per cent shares from the country's mining investors and the goal is to reach 50 per cent.

The minister further said from directives of the late President, mineral markets were established in every region which have increased government revenues from the mineral resources.

For his part, Kenya's President Uhuru Kenyatta said late President Magufuli greatly assisted in ensuring Tanzania does not depend on foreign aid and ensured using local resources in developing the country.

He further said he has assured Tanzania for cooperation with Kenya to bring development in Tanzania, East Africa and the African continent in general.

"My fellow President Samia Suluhu Hassan, Dr Magufuli has shown you the road, hence my call

to you is to work hard just like his slogan 'Hapa Kazi Tu' and also call upon all Tanzanians to support President Samia to complete what your late president had begun," he said.

The event at Dodoma Jamhuri Stadium to pay last respects Dr Magufuli, the retired was attended by 12 presidents and representatives from presidents who could not attend.

Some of the presidents who attended include those from Congo DRC, S. Africa, Kenya, Zambia, Botswana, Mozambique, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Sri Lanka and Zambia.

For her part, Tanzania President Samia Suluhu Hassan praised all Tanzanians for their calmness in paying last respects to the late president John Magufuli.

She also pledged to carry on with all that Dr Magufuli had started and called on Tanzanians to trust her as she had adequate expertise and experience

By Correspondent Mutayoba Arbogast, Bukoba

SCORES of people in Kagera Region have been urged to continue maintaining peace and solidarity during this difficult time when the nation is mourning following the death of President John Magufuli.

Haruna Kichwabuta said the country has lost a great and patriotic leader who had a good vision for all Tanzanians.

"I was terribly saddened after getting this awful information. The late President Magufuli was a God-fearing man who worked hard to see voiceless people live a joyful life in their land, let all of us join and pray for his soul to rest in eternal peace," said Kichwabuta, a chairman of Kagera Regional Peace Committee.

He also urged government authorities to continue informing the public on the updates and development of the tragedy so as to enable the public to have the right to information.

Renatus Rutta, chief executive officer (CEO) for Arutta Agencies Ltd in Misenyi District said President Magufuli will be remembered by many due to his efforts in transforming the country's economic development.

"He uplifted the status of petty traders enabling them to be respected in the

# Tanzania called on to continue maintaining peace and stability

society. He was our hero, a shoulder to cry when we (petty traders) were passing through a difficult time of being abused by some leaders who were usually chasing them away from conducting business in some areas," he said.

Rashida Mfaume, one of the development stakeholders in the region urged the continuing leaders to live his legacy by implementing all the plans he had for the country. "We have been so much saddened by this death,

Dr Magufuli was a great leader, he loved all Tanzanians especially the poor, he worked hard to ensure that vulnerable people also benefited from the national cake," she said.

A 14-year-old Alisia Renatus, a Standard Six pupil at Bugombe Primary School in Kanyigo ward, Misenyi District said the late Magufuli will be remembered for establishing the provision of free education, a program that has benefited thousands of poor children in the country.

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The Board of Directors, The Management and the Staff of Canara Bank (Tanzania) Ltd join the nation to mourn the passing of H.E President Dr. John Pombe Joseph Magufuli. The news of his passing has been received with profound sadness and grief.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to H.E. Mama Samia Suluhu Hassan, Mama Janeth Magufuli, family, relatives and all Tanzanians at this moment of grief.

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May his soul Rest in Peace

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The Board of Directors, Management and Staff of Tanzania Portland Cement PLC (TPC PLC) has received with great sadness news of the sudden death of our beloved former President Dr. John P. Magufuli.

We hereby offer our deepest condolences to the President Hon. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of Zanzibar Hon. Dr. Hussein Mwinyi, and the Prime Minister Hon. Kassim Majaliwa.

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# Zanzibar bids Dr John Magufuli final farewell



Zanzibar residents stand by at a common point yesterday, eagerly waiting to have a glimpse of the motorcade with the hearse carrying the casket bearing the body of former president Dr John Pombe Joseph Magufuli. Photos: Zanzibar State House



The motorcade moves slowly inside Zanzibar's Amaan Stadium, the official venue for the paying of last respects.



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi speaks at the sombre occasion at Zanzibar's Amaan Stadium. Behind him (R) is Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa, chairman of the national funeral committee.



Members of Tanzania People's Defence Forces carry the casket bearing Dr Magufuli's body shortly after it was flown into Zanzibar's Abeid Amani Karume International Airport yesterday from Dodoma city, where the national funeral was held on Monday.



Zanzibar residents stand by the roadside, waiting to view the casket bearing the body of the former president - as the motorcade drove by.



Members of the Zanzibar government Special Forces salute as the motorcade heads into Amaan Stadium.



People from all walks of life attended the solemn occasion at Zanzibar's Amaan Stadium.



Zanzibar's First Lady, Mariam Mwinyi, pays her last respects to Dr Magufuli.





Members of the armed forces salute as the motorcade with the hearse carrying the casket bearing the body of former President Dr John Magufuli enters Zanzibar's Amaan Stadium yesterday ready for the paying of last respects. Photo: State House

By Guardian Correspondent, Ileje

## Malawian citizens mourn JPM as man of the people

A cross-section of Malawians have vowed to continue honouring the late President John Magufuli for building a bridge connecting the two countries.

They described the fallen leader as "a man of the people" who within shortest period of time made a number of tangible development project, who benefit all Tanzanians.

In separate interviews, they cited construction of Mpemba-Isongole tarmac road as one of tangible projects.

One of the Malawian nationals, Meshack Mkondya said the death of Magufuli shocked everyone because they had never heard that he was ill.

He said the leader has built an important bridge that links the two countries which helps them to travel safely from Malawi to towns of Tunduma, Isongole and Mpemba to buy various goods.

"This bridge will make us remember him (Magufuli), we have been transporting our produce to sell at the Isongole market through this bridge, but even this road helps us a lot," said Mkondya.

James Pili also described the late Magufuli as a hardworking leader who deserves to be emulated by other African leaders with the explanation that within a short period of his leadership he has transformed the country.

He said that infrastructure that has been built in Tanzania within shortest period of time are being seen in developed African nations such as South Africa and Egypt.

On bilateral relations, Pili said during his tenure the relations between the two nations have been good, asking the current President to emulate Magufuli's spirit.

"We the people of Chitipa and Ileje Districts have long had a good relationship and every year we have been celebrating good neighborhood, now we're asking the new president to continue this relationship," said Pili.

Ileje District Commissioner, Joseph Mkude said many Malawians have been enjoying the relationship between the two countries especially in Dr

Magufuli presidency as a result of the ongoing talks.

He said the late Dr Magufuli successfully completed the construction of the 51.3 km Mpemba-Isongole Road that connects the two countries and thus the road is beneficial to both nations.

"Even the Songwe River bridge built by the Government of Tanzania helps them and surprises them because they did not expect it to be built in their country, they thought we would probably wait for their government," said Mkude.

The Manager of the Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS) Songwe Region, Eng John Kasaini said the Mpemba-Isongole road has been completed unless the construction of the Songwe River bridge is still underway.

He said the completion of the bridge would help increase trade cooperation between the two countries, especially through the Isongole border.

By Guardian Correspondent,

Morogoro

UNION of Non-Governmental Organisations (UNGOS) in Morogoro Region has appealed to President Samia Suluhu Hassan to continue promoting good governance and accountability for the country to attain its development goals.

The union's chairman Bonaventura Mtalimbo said yesterday here that the death of President John Magufuli is a huge tragedy to the nation due to his patriotic struggles meant to transform the country's economy.

He said that Dr Magufuli created strong leadership systems which promoted accountability in the public service and improved service provision.

"We are appealing to our President Samia to supervise and sustain all the good things done by the late Magufuli. He was a hard-working man who wished well for his people and the country," she said.

Mtalimbo said the NGOs will continue working closely with the government in implementing various development initiatives and protecting the country's resources.

He called on servants both in the public and private sector to continue implanting their duties efficiently

## NGOs in Morogoro appeal to Samia to clasp good governance, accountability

and with diligence while also fighting corruption and emblems.

Erasmus Tullo, director of DIRA Organisation said they will continue implementing various projects which provide positive impacts and opportunities to society.

He urged the government to open more doors of

collaboration with the NGOs so as to increase the pace of development in the country.

"NGOs play a huge role in educating the public to know their rights and responsibilities towards achieving the country's goals, we educate the society on the importance of protecting resources as

well as increase their engagement in economic development," he said.

Tullo said during his tenure, the late Dr Magufuli created a responsive government that includes monitoring and annulling all organisations which were not implementing fruitful initiatives in the country.



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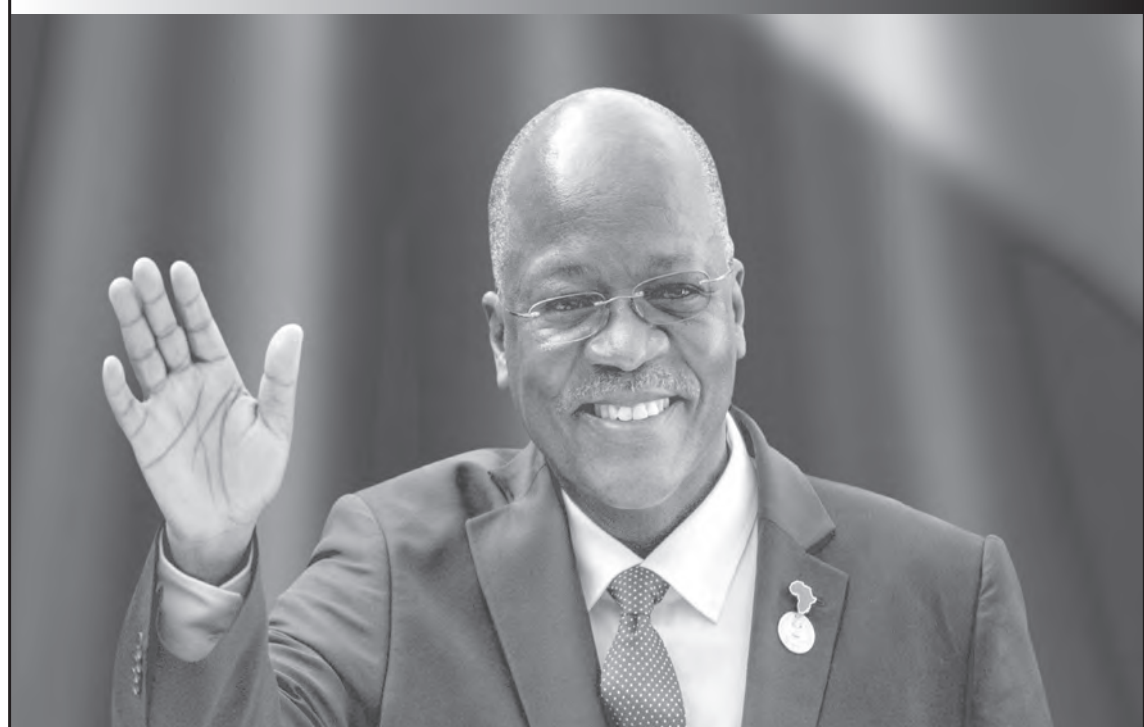


## CONGRATULATIONS

Canara Bank (Tanzania) Ltd Board of Directors, Management and Staff would like to extend sincere CONGRATULATIONS to the new President of the United Republic of Tanzania Her Excellency Mama Samia Suluhu Hassan. Wishing her continued success, strength and wisdom in performing the highly important and demanding presidential duties.

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By Guardian Correspondent,  
Dodoma

## PwD promise to remember the late Magufuli for his great achievements

PEOPLE with disabilities (PWD) have declared that they will remember the late President John Magufuli for his great development achievements in the country including extending to them loans of 10 percent from local councils' internal revenues. Speaking to this paper after paying their last respects to the late President at Jamhuri Stadium in Dodoma on Monday they said his death touched many of them,

hence they will continue to hold him in high esteem for various issues he was telling Tanzanians to do to attain development.

Speaking on behalf of fellow PWDs, Abdul Yusuf said the late Dr Magufuli did many things for them including a representative in the government who was speaking for them in regard to their vulnerability.

Yusuf, who has bodily impairment said among the things the late Dr Magufuli did to them was the 10 per cent loans from the country's various local councils, adding that the money did a lot in improving their lives.

"We people with disabilities hold high hopes that his successor, Samia Suluhu Hassan will follow his steps," he added.

He said they are praying to God to rest the late president's soul in eternal peace and praying for those he left behind in the leadership to carry on what he

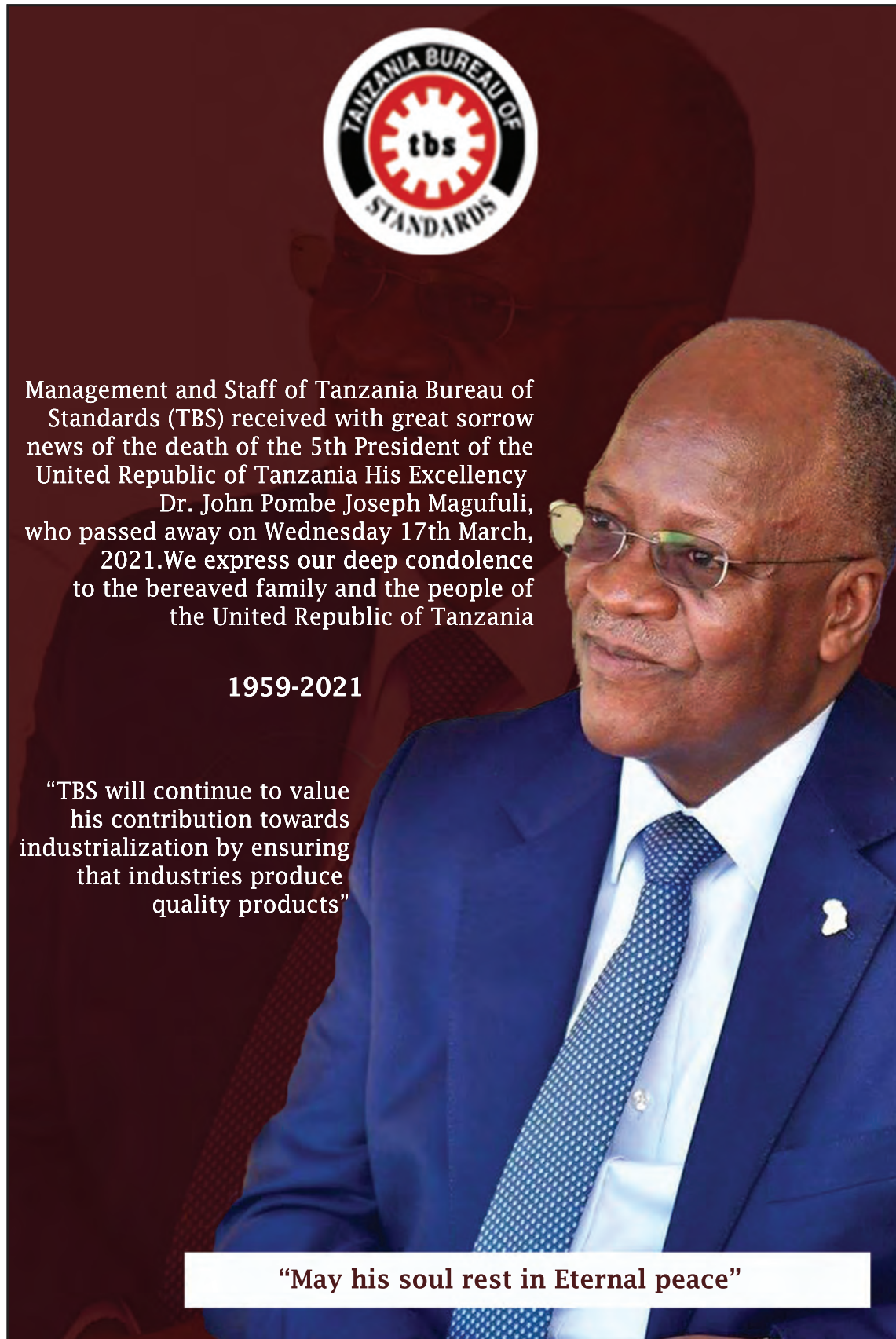
was doing for Tanzanians.

Husna Hassan, an entrepreneur said in regard to women, they will remember the late president for many things as he was at the fore

front in listening to their problems during his visits countrywide.

She said their coming to Jamhuri Stadium was for remembering him for great accomplishment to his people.

For his part, Julius Melea said the youth have every reason to attend the function to pay last respects to the late president from what he did to them when he was alive.



Management and Staff of Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) received with great sorrow news of the death of the 5th President of the United Republic of Tanzania His Excellency Dr. John Pombe Joseph Magufuli, who passed away on Wednesday 17th March, 2021. We express our deep condolence to the bereaved family and the people of the United Republic of Tanzania

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"May his soul rest in Eternal peace"



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Zanzibar residents pictured at Zanzibar's Amaan Stadium yesterday brandishing placards with messages applauding Dr John Magufuli for a job well done for Africa in general and Tanzania in particular. They were among thousands of mourners paying their last respects to the former president. Photo: State House

## CCM in Masasi mourns JPM, says he accomplished many projects

By Guardian Correspondent, Masasi

THE ruling Chama cha Mapinduzi (CCM) in Mtwara Region says it will continue to mourn and remember the late President John Magufuli because during his time as president he implemented big development projects in Masasi District.

The remarks were given here on Monday this week by the party's District's Chairman Edward Mmavele as he conveyed his condolence messages on behalf of the party at the meeting by the party's rank and file at its district head office where they bid farewell to the late president and signed the book of condolences.

Mmavele said the projects implemented by the late president in Masasi District include construction of the

modern Kitunda Primary School, health centres, dispensaries, classrooms, water, electricity and road infrastructures.

He said CCM in Masasi district and its residents in general have been immensely pained by Dr Magufuli's death because he has departed when Masasi residents were expecting him to do more for them, hence his death was a great loss to the poor.

Mmavele said the late Dr Magufuli was Africa's light that suddenly extinguished, hence CCM members and Tanzanians in general will never forget all the good he did for their development when at the helms until his death.

He said Magufuli's legacy in Masasi epitomized by completed development projects, with others at various stages of completion.

He added that during his leadership he assisted in the construction of Masasi District headquarters by contributing 20m/.

He said other accomplishments in the district during Dr Magufuli's presidency include Kitunda Primary School that cost 700m/-, and electrification to over 80 villages.

He said CCM in Masasi Districts holds great hopes his successor, President Samia Suluhu Hassan will emulate all good accomplishments of the late President.

Veronica George, CCM member from Masasi said she will remember the late President Magufuli because he has left a big mark on Tanzania by his resolve to protect the country's resources for the benefit of all Tanzanians.

## Village officials in Rufiji warned against falsifying meetings' minutes for land allocation to investors

By Guardian Correspondent, Rufiji

THE Rufiji District Lands office in Coast Region has cautioned village executives who allocate land plots to investors to stop forging meeting's minutes, saying stern measures would be taken against those doing so.

Acting Rufiji District Lands officer Abdallah Mashaka issued the warning early this week at the training seminar called to monitor the education to village executives in regard to investors.

He said there were some village officials who have been falsifying minutes for meetings in order to endorse investors by adding names of officials who attended the meetings.

Speaking at the event of issuing permits to investors, Mashaka said it was only the President who issues the permits assisted by his organs for verification that satisfy themselves that many people were genuinely involved in the decisions.

Landesa Tanzania Director, Dr Monika Mhoja said officials who decide on investors' applications are supposed to be careful, as allocating land without care could have long lasting effects to affect future generations.

She said it was the responsibility of village officials to involve the people in the area by giving them all reports correctly in order to identify right investors.

Ngarambe Ward Executive Officer Sarah Flugency said in her area there was an investor - Kutalucha Hunting Co. who was given 767 square metres without involving the people, the decision that spurred frequent land conflicts among the residents.

Sarah said they were working on such conflicts and will continue educating village officials to abide by the laws and procedures when allocating land to investors.

She said it was the responsibility of village officials to involve the people in the area by giving them all reports correctly in order to identify right investors.



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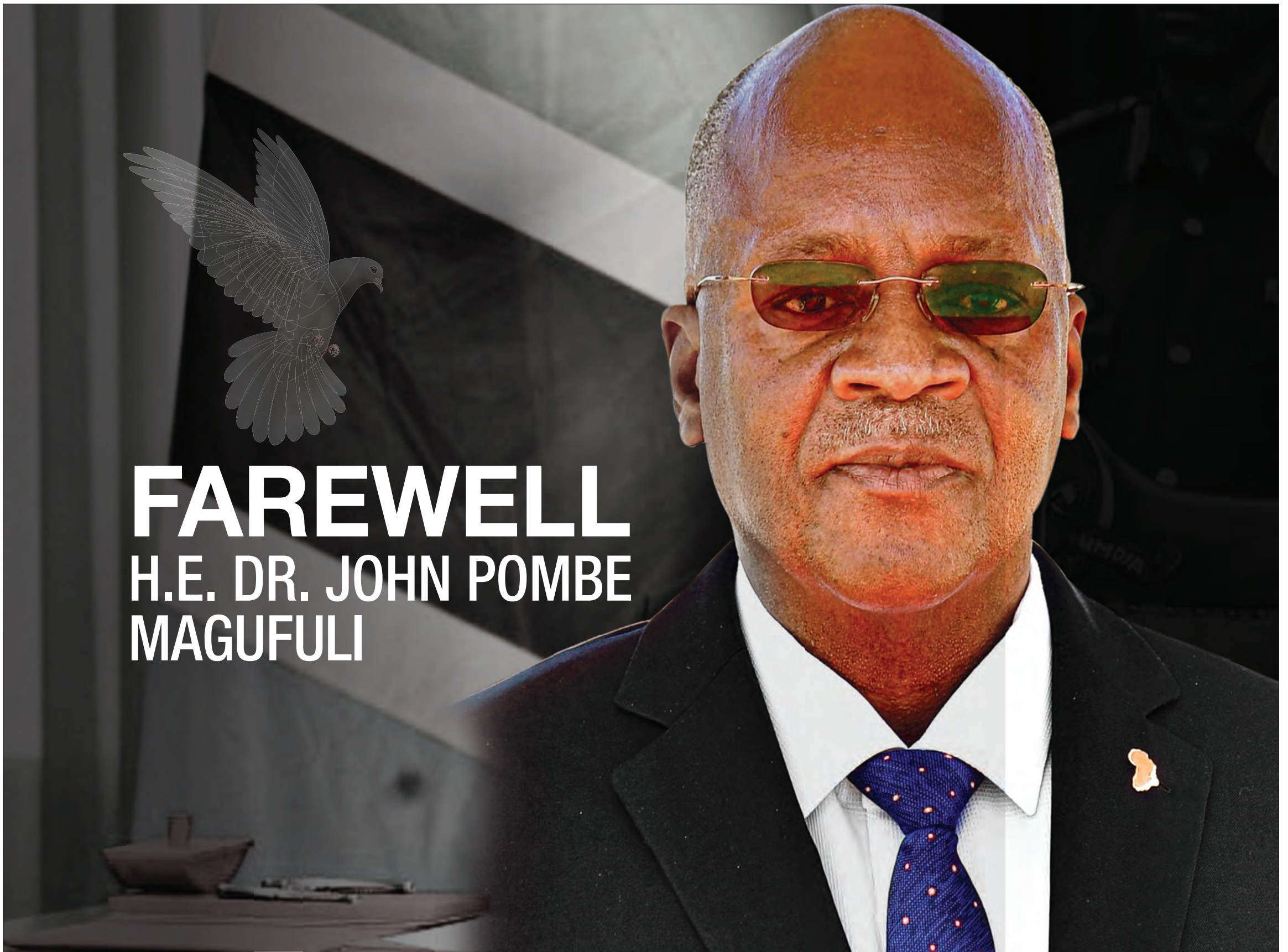
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# FAREWELL

## H.E. DR. JOHN POMBE MAGUFULI

It is with deep sorrow that the Management and employees of Total Tanzania LTD and Total East Africa Midstream B.V. (TEAM B.V) have learned of the demise of the late President of Tanzania Dr. John Pombe Magufuli which occurred on March 17<sup>th</sup> 2021 at Emilio Mzena Memorial Hospital in Dar es Salaam.

We would like to convey our deepest condolences on behalf of Total to the family of the late Dr. John Pombe Magufuli, the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania and to all Tanzanians.

Total will always remember the late President Magufuli for his remarkable contribution towards economic growth and the development of major and strategic infrastructures including fostering the implementation of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) together with his dedication to serve the general public.

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## Paying last respects to JPM in Zanzibar fortifying the Union

PEOPLE in various parts of the country have continued to pay their last respects former President Dr John Magufuli, who died in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday, ahead of his burial at Chato in Geita Region this Friday.

After a mass in Dar es Salaam presided over by Dar es Salaam Catholic Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Ruwa'ichi, a state funeral was held in the national capital - Dodoma - where religious tributes were given on the fallen leader.

Yesterday it was the turn of Zanzibar residents to bid him final farewell, with Mwanza city next in line - on tomorrow.

Plenty of this procedure is innovative, and for good cause, as never before had our country lost a sitting head of state since we attained independence.

Dr Magufuli's passing has come in the wake of the formation of a Government of National Unity (GNU) in Zanzibar bringing together President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi and since-deceased First Vice President Maalim Seif Sharif Hamad, whose place was taken up upon his recent death by Masoud Othman Masoud.

Zanzibar President Dr Mwinyi worked with Dr Magufuli as cabinet ministers during the Jakaya Kikwete presidency and as cabinet minister in the last Union government under Dr Magufuli, and thus the two had a lot in common in terms of ideals.

Not surprisingly, there is every indication that Dr Mwinyi has started translating those ideals into action, his speed in turning Zanzibar around reminiscent of Dr Magufuli in various ways.

What is even more pivotal is that, as Union president, Dr Magufuli fought hard to neutralise whatever disaffection existed between the two sides of the Zanzibar political divide.

He did so by working behind the scenes to get a functioning GNU formed and by inviting the two top leaders (from the ruling party and from the opposition) to his Chato residence soon after they were sworn into office.

Dr Magufuli is understood to have counselled Maalim Seif to disabuse himself of the belief that he was merely a Zanzibari opposition leader and not a Tanzanian and a patriot - and part and parcel of the Zanzibar Revolutionary Government.

JPM also pointedly said that he would invite Maalim Seif to grace the launching of completed development projects on the Mainland - notably, in the latter's capacity as a national leader.

As President Samia Suluhu Hassan starts her work in earnest soon after the ongoing funeral proceedings are done, she will find this background work and effort useful, as a similar situation reigns in Zanzibar as well as on the Mainland or, rather, in the Union Government.

Public officials will be learning to work with Zanzibar First Vice President Masoud Othman Masoud just as their Union counterparts will start getting used to the leadership of the new president, even if she isn't that new among them.

In Zanzibar, the coming on board of Masoud was comparable to the return of Maalim Seif to the government after five years, as the former was Zanzibar Attorney General up to mid-2014 - at the time of the Constitutional Assembly.

What is also noticeable is that the Constitutional Assembly was a sort of baptism of fire to rising leaders both in the ruling CCM and in opposition, as some of the leading figures of the post-2015 period 'cut their teeth' in the national constitutional conference.

The two newcomers in top national leadership were among the number, meaning Samia Suluhu Hassan (who became the Assembly's vice chairperson) and Masoud Othman (who formally shifted to the opposition camp). As 2021 is seven years from that point, it will be no surprise if things happen.

Put rather differently, there is something of a personal rapport among top leaders in the country right now in like manner as leaders of the earlier generation of political leadership from both the ruling party and the opposition met in the heyday of demands for a multiparty state - in 1992 and then multiparty polls in 1995.

That is when former University of Dar es Salaam student government colleagues Prof Ibrahim Lipumba and Maalim Seif Sharif Hamad met again in a different environment. That was after both had vacated high level advisory or executive roles in the two governments and shifted to the opposition. It's all part of the give and take of national life.

While death is a tragic moment that we can never formally be used to encountering, it is also true that it is a moment of renewal in family life and national life likewise, much as its impact is often incalculable.

There is always cause to worry about the future. However, when leaders have come from the same roosting place and emerge into high-end points at the same time, there is a confluence of events that augurs well for the future.

After the nation has gotten over the sorrow and the weeping, the broad public will start appreciating openings in national leadership where the foundations for creating new, substantial levels of understanding between them have already been laid.

Dr Magufuli's legacy may well take the additional turn of having made a pivotal contribution to cementing the Union, as current grieving shows.

That his body has been taken all the way to Zanzibar for the paying of last respects shouldn't therefore be perceived as an issue of mere procedure but answering to overwhelming public demand meaning well for our country and people.

And, surely, affording Zanzibar residents to pay their last respects to the Head of State of the United Republic of Tanzania is no mere formality but a solid gesture demonstrating the strength of our Union and the need to strengthen it all the more for the benefit of the present generation and posterity.



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## Women will not reach parity at the pinnacle of power for another 130 years, predicts UN

By Thalif Deen

THE United Nations says the highest levels of political power remain the furthest from achieving gender parity in an increasingly male-dominated power structure worldwide.

Women serve as Heads of State or Government in only 23 countries (10 women Heads of State and 13 women Heads of Government out of 193 UN member states), while 119 countries have never had a woman leader.

At the current rate, says a new report by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, parity at the pinnacle of power will not be reached for another 130 years. (based on calculations of UN-Women data, as of 1 November 2020).

But this triggers the question: Does this also apply to the United Nations, which has never had a woman as Secretary-General, while only four women have been elected to lead the General Assembly - over a period of 76 years?

Available research demonstrates that women's and men's education, political experience and ages upon entering executive office are similar.

Gendered perceptions that executive offices should be filled by men, and not on the basis of credentials, account for women's severe underrepresentation at this level, according to the report which will go before the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), March 15-26.

The CSW, described as the principal global intergovernmental body, exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women, is a functional Commission of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

Speaking on International Women's Day March 8, Guterres singled out the progress made on gender parity under his administration.

"Overall, we in the United Nations are on a positive trajectory towards gender parity. Two decades after the General Assembly's first deadline, we are finally making progress across the entire United Nations system. We achieved the goal of 50-50 gender parity amongst my Senior leadership, two years ahead of my commitment," he said.

In the Secretariat, the proportion of women in the



UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres

professional categories and above has increased to over 41 per cent from 37 per cent in 2017 - a steady annual increase. "This shows that our strategy works".

In the Secretariat's field operations, the gender balance is 31 per cent women and 69 per cent men.

Guterres also said: "We are taking steps to identify qualified women candidates to replace many of the 3,000 international staff who are retiring in the next eight years, the majority of whom are men. This includes measures to develop staff and build internal talent pipelines."

Gender equality is a question of power. "We live in a male-dominated world with a male-dominated culture and male-dominated power structures. This has inevitably affected the institutional culture of the United Nations, and of diplomacy as a whole", he declared.

But does that male-dominated power structure reach out to the office of the UN Secretary-General?

Ian Richards, a former president of the UN staff coordinating committee, told IPS there have been varied reactions from UN staff to the Secretary-General's gender parity policy, particularly when it comes to downsizing in peacekeeping operations.

"However, this year many staff have been asking us if the Secretary-General plans to apply the gender parity policy to his own position, which up to now has only been filled by men. We don't know how to answer them on this as it is outside our mandate," said Richards. "The Secretary-General may wish to address this question directly," he added.

Barbara Adams, chair of the board of Global Policy Forum, told IPS: "It's a relief to see that the Secretary-General is no

longer equating gender parity with gender equality. As we know overcoming structural or institutional discrimination of any and all kinds extends to measures beyond individual appointments."

The recognition of importance and impact of power dynamics is welcome, but "taking" power in the present setup is a bit of a contradiction in terms, she argued.

Perhaps the quote of Simone de Beauvoir would be of interest, said Adams, a former Associate Director of the Quaker United Nations Office in New York (1981-1988).

Considered one of the most pre-eminent French existentialist philosophers and writers, Simone de Beauvoir, once famously remarked: "The point is not for women simply to take power out of men's hands, since that wouldn't change anything about the world. It's a question precisely of destroying that notion of power".





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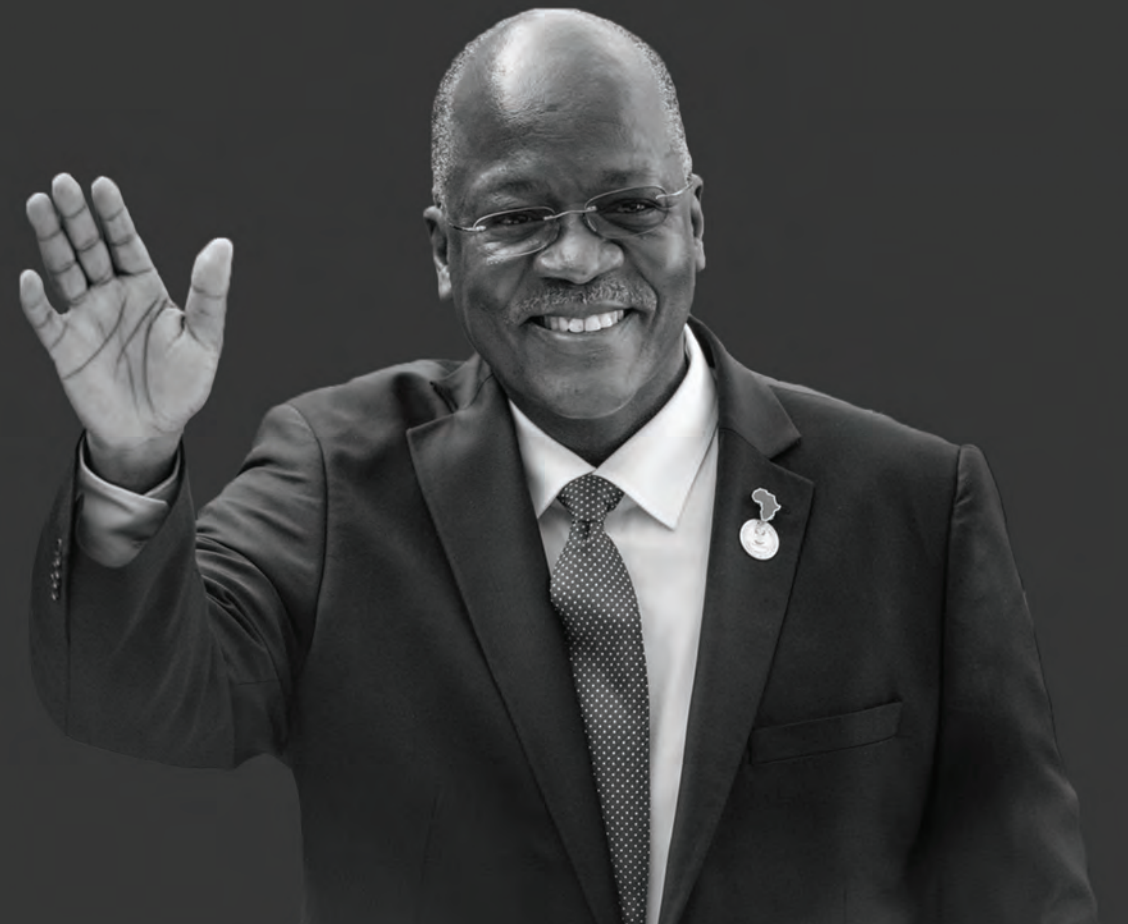


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H.E. Dr. John Pombe Magufuli  
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The Board of Directors, Management and staff of UBA Tanzania, join the Government, family and fellow Tanzanians as we mourn the passing of his Excellency President John Pombe Magufuli.

His legacy and fruits of his hard work will always be in our memories.

May he rest in eternal peace. Amen



The board, Management and staff of Advent Construction Limited join our fellow Tanzanians to congratulate Your Excellency Samia Suluhu Hassan on your appointment as President of the United Republic of Tanzania. We salute your dedication and consistent and diligent efforts over the past 21 years of your political career that have led to this proud moment for us Tanzanians. Your proven track record of hard work, composed decision making and steadfast adherence to your duties gives us all absolute confidence in your ability to lead our great nation onto continued growth and prosperity, while maintaining our culture of being a peace loving and welcoming nation.

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# In-depth investigation helps China's political advisors make targeted suggestions

By Jiang Jie

THROUGH diversified forms of investigation, members of the committees of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), a major channel for promoting socialist consultative democracy in China, have made their due contributions to improving people's well-being by reporting on the wisdom and opinions of the people to the country's decision-makers via the CPPCC.

The Communist Party of China (CPC) believes that "He who makes no investigation and study has no right to speak". In fact, in-depth investigation has been a highlight of the work of the National Committee of the CPPCC over the past year.

In March 2019, China released a newly revised version of the measures for enhancing and improving the investigation work of the National Committee of the CPPCC. The document stressed that political advisors should make sure that investigations are carried out in an earnest and wholehearted manner.

CPPCC members should attentively listen to people's opinions during discussions and interviews, completely comprehend the situations the people are in, work hard to study the problems, elaborately put forward solutions, improve the quality of their investigation results, enrich means of making suggestions, and promote the transformation of investigation results into practical solutions, the document said. By strengthening and improving its investigation activities, the CPPCC National Committee has significantly improved its institution, standard, and procedure construction to better fulfill its duties.

In August 2020, the CPPCC National Committee held a consultative conference on the supervision over the handling of key proposals related to the consolidation of poverty alleviation results in China's western regions during the country's 14th Five-Year Plan period (2021-2025) in Linxia Hui autonomous prefecture, northwest China's Gansu province. Before the conference, main leaders of the CPPCC National Committee made field trips to poverty-relief relocation sites, workshops, planting bases, visited households lifted out of poverty, and held meetings with poverty-eradication cadres at provincial, municipal, county, township, and village levels. The move marked the first time that the main leaders of the CPPCC National Committee supervised the handling of key proposals by field investigation.

Before the investigation, the Committee for Handling Proposals of the CPPCC National Committee held two symposiums both offline and via video link, which were attended by CPPCC members and the organizations that were responsible for handling the proposals. During the field investigation, leaders of the CPPCC National Committee went in four groups to the front line to

acquire detailed information in the day time, and held brief meetings at night to discuss investigation results.

In early September last year, an investigation team of the population, resources, and environment committee of the National Committee of the CPPCC, went to the headwaters region of the Yellow River, China's second longest river, to research into the ecological protection situation of the water source conservation areas along the upper reaches of the Yellow River.

After arduous field trips to relevant rural areas and pasturing areas in the headwaters region, where weathers change drastically from hour to hour, the team compiled a report on further strengthening ecological protection in the water source conservation areas along the upper reaches of the Yellow River, which was later submitted to the CPC Central Committee and China's State Council.

Based on their own strengths, the special committees of the CPPCC National Committee have conducted diversified forms of investigation activities through innovative approaches and methods.

Centering on priorities for improving business environment during the 14th Five-Year Plan period, the Committee on Economic Affairs investigated 130 enterprises and learned 12 major problems, including accommodative and prudential regulation on new economy and legal guarantee for workers in flexible employment.

Follow-up research activities were later conducted, and a comprehensive report and ten articles containing relevant materials for and information about the work of the CPPCC were formulated, which received important instructions from the CPC Central Committee. The Committee on Social and Legal Affairs researched into key issues in the 14th Five-Year Plan for promoting the modernization of social governance system and capacity by carrying out in-depth exchanges with 56 Party and government departments, grassroots units, and social organizations through videos. The committee's research report and results have been responded and recognized by relevant leaders.

In addition, the Committee on Education, Science, Health and Sport made field visits to colleges, universities, and employers, and held in-depth discussions with executives of local authorities, colleges, universities, and employers, as well as representatives of fresh college graduates and their parents on the topic of employment and entrepreneurship of college graduates amid pandemic.

After extensively soliciting opinions, the committee compiled a research report, and many of the suggestions in the report were adopted by relevant departments.

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## CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – EoI A CONSULTANCY WORK ON OCEAN CIRCULATION STUDY FOR RUFUJI – MAFIA – KILWA (RUMAKI) SEASCAPE AREA TERMS OF REFERENCE (summary)

**Background:** The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) is an International Non-Governmental Organization that deals with conservation of nature through environmental management and conservation programmes. Its mission is to stop the degradation of the Planet's natural environment and to build the future in which humans live in harmony with nature. WWF Tanzania Country Office (WWF TCO) through Marine Programme is currently implementing a project called "Strengthening Marine Protected Areas Management in Rufiji, Mafia and Kilwa Districts in Tanzania" funded by Blue Action Fund (BAF) commonly known as RUMAKI-BAF. The project is a 5-year project being implemented by WWF Tanzania Country Office in partnership with WWF Germany, Wetlands International East Africa, coastal communities and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania through the Vice President's Office (VPO) and the Ministries of Livestock and Fisheries and Natural Resources & Tourism.

**Project:** The project consist of four work packages (WPs), namely; (WP 1) Improved management effectiveness of Mafia Island Marine Park – MIMP, (WP 2) Improved management effectiveness of Rufiji Delta Mangrove Forest Reserve, (WP 3) Strengthening Collaborative Fisheries Management Areas - CFMAs and (WP 4) Designation of Man and Biosphere (MAB) Reserve in the Rufiji-Mafia-Kilwa Seascape. The four work packages have been objectively designed to ensure marine protected areas and associated buffer zones within the seascape are more effectively managed to maintain and improve ecological value and livelihoods for nature and people. This consultancy assignment is part of work package four (WP 4) on the the designation of Man and Biosphere (MAB) Reserve.

**Consultancy:** The overall objective of the consultancy is to review existing literature and data on nearshore processes in RUMAKI seascape and carry out a detailed physical oceanographic field study in order to fill the gaps with the view of informing a full understanding of the spatial and temporal oceanographic patterns and structure in the entire Rufiji – Mafia – Kilwa seascape areas, including the deltaic and estuarine processes off the Rufiji river confluence with the Indian Ocean. The study particularly intends to provide a clear oceanographic, hydrodynamics and sediment and nutrients distribution phenomenon that influence the benthic and pelagic recruitment potentiality and productivity as well as the importance in providing physical interlinkage between the key habitats of coral reefs, seagrasses and mangrove ecosystems in this area. The information should be directly linked to identification of high value conservation areas in order to inform current and future marine resources governance systems and socio-economic context in this coastal area. The duration of the consultancy work is three months (90 days, working days spread within the proposed period) including contract signing date. The expected starting date of the assignment is Friday 30th April, 2021

**Applicant Requirements:** A suitable candidate for this assignment should possess the following qualifications:

- PhD in marine sciences, fisheries management, natural resource management/governance, environmental sciences, or any other related discipline;
- Experience on oceanographic research and publication in the areas of study.
- Specialization in Physical Oceanography is added advantage;
- Demonstrated high quality knowledge, skills and experience in undertaking ocean circulation or related coastal hydrodynamics research, with high competence in data analysis and reporting;
- Knowledgeable and awareness of cultural sensitivities of coastal communities and especially in the study area; and
- Evidence of similar assignment previously conducted by the Consultant within the Western Indian Ocean (WIO) region is an added advantage.

**Submission of Application Documents:** Application from interested Consultant (s) should include:

- Letter of expression of interest;
- Technical proposal including the survey design and methodology, data collection procedure and analysis, and timeline;
- Financial proposal; and
- A detailed CV describing a consultant's preparedness, experience & expertise in conducting such similar consultancy/activity in his/her previous similar assignments and at least 3 referees.

Interested applicants are required to submit their electronic copies of application to the procurement email; [procurement@wwftz.org](mailto:procurement@wwftz.org); please, direct all your applications to:

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## AGREEMENT PERFORMANCE OF WORK (APW) TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF EARLY WARNING DASHBOARD FOR OUTBREAKS PREDICTION OF CLIMATE SENSITIVE DISEASES – REQUEST FOR CURRICULUM VITAE

### TERMS OF REFERENCE:

#### BACKGROUND

Early Warning Systems (EWS) have been regarded as useful tools to help detecting possible or ongoing disease events. The results from early warning are used to guide timely responses to possible or ongoing outbreaks. Early examples of EWS dates back to the early 1910s, when Captain S. R. Christophers of the British army developed a system to predict malaria in India using climatic and socioeconomic data. The early experience by Christophers was highly successful, and his system was in use until the 1940s. Since then the technology has been dramatically improved with advanced computer capacity and statistical techniques.

The unfolding climate change is showing profound impacts on climate-sensitive diseases. Therefore, the Ministry of Health recommends extending in-country available health and climate digital platform resources to extract data aimed to build climate-informed surveillance and early warning systems that would enable to make intervention for prediction of disease outbreaks. Data from health will indicate disease trend status with reference to climate data over certain period of time. This recommendation of using in-country digital platforms is based on the following reasons:

- Easy alignment with the domestic e-Government standards, as defined in Act no.10 of 2019, which refers to the establishment of digital systems. Tanzania e-Government Authority has been given the mandate to accept or reject any digital system with reference to their inspection (verification and validation). This inspection will include issues with data security & confidentiality, hosting environment and Tanzanian technical team's capacity.
- Capacity level availability at the operational level, in-country digital health platforms have been built in parallel with training to end users for usage of them. It will be re-customized accordingly to reduce the need to instruct users since they will already be conversant with the system utilization.
- Easy flexibility and scalability, if the Tanzanian national digital platforms will be used, then issues with flexibility and scalability will be accountable since platform technologies are well known within the domestic technical teams.
- Data protection and privacy, the use of an in-country platform will suffice the concern over how to harness data flows while addressing concerns related to privacy and security.

In this context, the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MOHCDGEC) in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) is embarking to leverage readiness support to develop early warning dashboard for prediction of disease outbreaks as a results of climate change and associated health – climate change impacts in the health sector with a particular focus to building national and subnational resilient health system.

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this consultancy is to support the Ministry of Health to develop Early Warning Dashboard for the prediction of disease outbreak occurrence and thereby implement early preventive interventions before outbreak occurrence. The Consultant will work in close collaboration with the Ministry of Health, WHO and other partners to ensure that the prediction model is accurate and appropriate for the health sector.

#### SCOPE & EXPECTED RESULTS

The key deliverables of the consultancy will be the following:

- Data elements for each of the selected diseases identified and defined clearly
- Final Early Warning Dashboard with user manual developed and pretested before final submission

Development of the dashboard conceptual frameworks would involve the following:

- Review of high-level business requirements;
- Engaging the Ministry and key stakeholders to validate/ verify the business requirements;
- Developing system design specifications based on the requirements of early warning and prediction dashboards including NSMIS, Malaria, National HMIS (DHIS2), TMA Information Management Systems;
- Working with the MOHCDGEC to verify the developed system design specifications;
- Develop an Early Warning Dashboard (EWD) in line with system design specifications;
- Test the developed EWD against the business requirements and system design specifications;
- Orientation of Ministry staff and key stakeholders to validate the User Acceptance Test (UAT) of the developed EWD;
- Development of system documentation (User Manual and Standard Operating Procedure (SOP))
- Engaging the Ministry and key stakeholders to review and provide comments/inputs on developed system documentation;
- Provide EWD orientation and capacity building for users;
- Deployment of EWD in the production environment;
- Provide support and maintenance of EWD.

#### TIME FRAME

The assignment must be completed within one (1) month from the date of commissioning.

#### KEY COMPETENCIES AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

- Advanced Degree in ICT, Statistics, Software Designing and Programming;
- At least 7 years' experience in System Development and Programming;
- Experience in developing dashboard conceptual frameworks in the field of public health, environment and climate change;
- Proven research skills and demonstrated expertise in analysis and development of technical papers and reports in the public health;
- Knowledge and experience in the national policy and guidelines formulation;
- Knowledge and experience on information management in emergency contexts;
- Capacity to work independently yet with ability to share information, receive feedback and engage in dialogue with partners;
- Good writing and analytical skills;
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to promote collaboration and consensus building;
- Fluency in English

#### MANAGEMENT PLAN

The consultant will work in close coordination with the Project Coordination Team and relevant expert groups. In addition, the MOHCDGEC and other Partners will be consulted throughout the process for inputs on the dashboard conceptual frameworks development.

#### FUNDING SCOPE

Total budget for the assignment must not exceed USD 10,000 including costs related to the consultancy, software/license procurement, stakeholder meetings/training workshops, communication and travel as appropriate.

#### HOW TO APPLY

Interested, individual should send a cover letter, comprehensive Resume (Curriculum vitae) and proposal with detailed budget to the WHO Representative, send via email: [afwcotzrem@who.int](mailto:afwcotzrem@who.int) by 31st March 2021.

The email subject should be written **DEVELOPMENT OF EARLY WARNING DASHBOARD FOR OUTBREAKS PREDICTION OF CLIMATE SENSITIVE DISEASES – UHC/HP**





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- Ensure that policies/procedures approved by the board of directors are implemented.
- Ensure efficient and adequate system of internal control systems/financial controls are in place and are adhered to.
- Provide timely compliance and other reports to BOT and other statutory bodies as required by Law/Regulations.
- In charge of preparing the Annual Budget and ensure that expenditure is controlled in line with the approved Budget.
- Management of overall business development of the bank in line with the bank strategic plan.
- Monitoring banks performance against the strategic plan, working with staff to stay on target and looking ahead to the long-term development of the bank operationally and strategically.
- Develop good relationship with external stakeholders including high value clients and partner organizations.
- Elaborate business development plans, design and implement processes to support business growth through customer and market definition.
- Facilitate business growth by working together with clients, and business partners.
- Maintain or increase banks market share.
- Build and maintain high level contacts with current, prospective customers, other business and project partners.
- Develop marketing strategy; manage proposal terms/ client relationship managers.
- Introduce new products /services until stabilization and hand over to operations.
- Carry out any other duties as assigned by the CEO.

#### Required Education & Experience

Holder of Master's Degree in Business Administration, Economics, Commerce or equivalent from a recognized Institution with 10 years relevant working experience 5 of which must be at Senior Managerial level.

### 2) Job title: Head of ICT and Operations Responsible to: Deputy CEO - Operations

#### Duties and Responsibilities

##### ICT

- Heading the ICT and operations Department.
- Responsible to offer the first line of support for the core Banking system and all other systems for the entire Bank. This includes monitoring and execution of the functions of all ICT business enablers of the Bank and supervising officers in the ICT unit.
- Collaborates with appropriate departments to assess and recommend technologies that support Bank's organizational needs.
- Shares responsibility for the formulation and implementation of the Bank's strategic plan by active participation as an Executive team member in strategy planning forums as the digital and IT subject matter expert.
- Develops and executes the digital and technology strategic and operating plan to support and enhance Bank's strategic ambitions and business requirements, focusing resources so that cost effectiveness and optimum customer service experiences are achieved. Foster innovation, prioritizing IT initiatives, and coordinating the evaluation, deployment, and management of current and future IT systems
- Establishes and sets short and long-range objectives for the digital strategy for the Bank and gain buy-in of the various stakeholders and establishing criteria for monitoring progress and measuring success.
- Defines and executes a strategy for the core banking systems/platforms/networks that is cost effective, reduces complexity and improves speed to market of new product delivery.
- Communicates Bank's technology strategy to management, staff, partners, and stakeholders as and when appropriate.
- Oversees the management of customer service and support processes for technology-based services.
- Acts as an IT and digital pathfinder, interprets critical business drivers, conducts research, maintains an understanding of current banking/financial services industry trends, consults and participates in peer review in order to develop long-term plans and to provide a framework for decision-making in respect of

Information Technology delivery.

- Ensure technology is accessible and equipped with current hardware and software.
- Advise and/ or negotiate with vendors and service contractors to ensure high level of return consistent with services rendered.
- Preparation of an ICT strategy to support business growth in line with the bank's Strategic plan.
- Create and maintain documentation for supported ICT systems in accordance with ICT policy standards.
- Ensuring adherence with software licensing laws and Oversee all technology operations including networks, compute infrastructure, Databases, Banking applications and deploy & operate them according to established goals.
- Advise and establish IT policies and systems to support the implementation of strategies set by the Board.
- Translate business needs to determine technology requirements.
- Responsible for BCP

#### Operations

- Ensure that operations policies are reviewed regular.
- Ensure that proper estimates regarding operations matters are submitted and incorporated in the budget.
- Analyzing and advising Management on all policy issues.
- Ensuring proper training of staff under his/her jurisdiction.
- Appraising staff under his jurisdiction.
- Under taking research in potential areas for location of banking business.
- Ensure compliance with various policy and regulations.
- Coordinate customer service operations and find ways to ensure customer retention.
- Collaborating with other senior management to formulate strategy.
- Ensure operations run smoothly and employees are productive.
- Perform other duties as may be assigned by DCEO.

#### Required Education & Experience

Holder of Bachelor Degree in Computer Science with at least 10 years working experience 3 of which must be at Senior Managerial level.

### 3) Job title: Head of Business Development Responsible to: Deputy CEO - Business

#### Duties and Responsibilities

- Research and identify new business opportunities including new markets, growth areas, trends, customers, partnerships, products and services - or new ways of reaching existing markets.
- Promote business growth i.e. loan portfolio and deposit.
- Meet with customers/clients face to face or over the phone.
- Understand the needs of customers and be able to respond effectively.
- Promote the bank brand and image through solving customers needs and demands on time.
- Contacting potential clients to establish rapport and arrange meetings.
- Planning and overseeing new marketing initiatives.
- Researching organizations and individuals to find new opportunities.
- Increasing the value of current customers while attracting new ones.
- Finding and developing new markets and improving sales.
- Attending conferences, meetings, and industry events.
- Developing quotes and proposals for clients.
- Developing goals for the business development team ensuring they are met.
- Perform other duties as may be assigned by DCEO.

#### Required Education & Experience

Holder of Bachelor Degree in Business Administration, Economics, Commerce or equivalent from a recognized Institution with 10 years relevant working experience 3 of which must be at Senior Managerial level.

### 4) Job title: Relationship Manager - Liabilities Responsible to: Head of Business Development

#### Duties and Responsibilities

- To contribute to the development of the bank's overall business plan by servicing and enhancing existing Business.
- Monitor and market Liability and Cash Management products to expand the Bank's deposit customer base, targeting mainly corporate customers and focusing on funding cost reducing liability products.
- Successful conversion of corporate clients in defined markets industries and target potential customers.
- To secure sales in line with business plan.
- To manage account relationships with existing portfolio of customers in order to maximize account profitability within the Bank's Credit policy.
- To establish account relationships with new customers interested in (Borrowing and Non-Borrowing).
- To ensure high risk situations are identified early and actions taken for proper intensive handling and recovery.
- To meet with current and potential key bank customers in the interests of sustaining and furthering on going profitable relationships.
- Cross-sell bank products and services.
- Positive representation and projection of the Bank in the market.
- Perform other duties as may be assigned by DCEO

#### Required Education & Experience

Holder of Bachelor Degree in Business Administration, Economics,

Commerce or equivalent from a recognized Institution with 5 years relevant working experience.

### 5) Job title: Branch Manager Responsible to: Deputy CEO - Operations

#### Duties and Responsibilities

- Ensuring efficient and economical administration of the Branch.
- Ensuring that safety and security of Branch assets is maintained all the time.
- Controlling overall activities of the Branch and ensuring efficient services to customers.
- Ascertaining that all branch returns including daily activities summary are prepared on daily, weekly and monthly basis and submitted to Head Office and Bank of Tanzania promptly.
- Carrying out CDBL policies and ensuring that all staff under him/her join in carrying out the instructions.
- Ascertaining that adequate staff rotation and on job training are carried.
- Promoting healthy relations between management and staff as well as maintaining sound public and staff relations.
- Opening and examining all mail from Head Office and signing all outgoing Head Office and other correspondences.
- Scrutinizing daily all branch vouchers and records to ensure that the day's activities have been properly carried out and accounted for.
- Carrying out periodic surprise snap checks of cashiers.
- Advising the DCEO on how to expand the CDBL business.
- Appraise staff performance in the branch.
- Ensuring that all drafts TTs, MTs and transfers from the branch account for customers who have sold for to the Institution are effected promptly.
- To ensure high risk situations are identified early and actions taken for proper intensive handling and recovery.
- Carrying out any other duties as may be assigned by the DCEO

#### Required Education & Experience

Holder of Bachelor Degree in Business Administration, Economics, Commerce or equivalent from a recognized Institution with 7 years relevant working experience.

### 6) Job title: Translator Responsible to: Finance and Administration

#### Duties and Responsibilities

- Provide translation and interpretation services to the Board of Directors and the Management.
- Attend key meetings as needed to provide both verbal interpretation as well as translation of supporting materials for the Bank.
- Ensure there is clear understanding of all meaning, intent and explanation on certain topic to the team.
- Translate from English to chine or chine to English for a variety of business documents.
- Review material translated by others for accuracy of meaning, grammar and syntax.
- Ensure translations conform with formatting and technical specifications guideline as provided by the Board of directors of CDBL.
- Conduct research and verify technical terminology.
- Perform any other duties as assigned by the supervisor.

#### Required Education & Experience

Holder of Bachelor Degree in Business Administration, Banking, Economics, Commerce or equivalent from a recognized Institution and good oral and written chine language with 3 years relevant working experience.

#### MODE OF APPLICATION

Applications should include the following:

- Typed letter of application hand-signed by the applicant.
- Detailed CV.
- Photocopies of relevant Certificates.
- Two recent passport size photographs of the applicant.
- Name of at least two referees with complete contact details.

#### REMUNERATION

Attractive remuneration package will be offered to the successful candidate.

#### Applications should be addressed to:

The Chief Executive Officer,  
China Dasheng Bank Ltd,  
P.O. Box 388,  
Dar es Salaam.

#### Physical Address:

Mezanine Floor, Extelecoms House,  
Samora Avenue, Dar es Salaam.

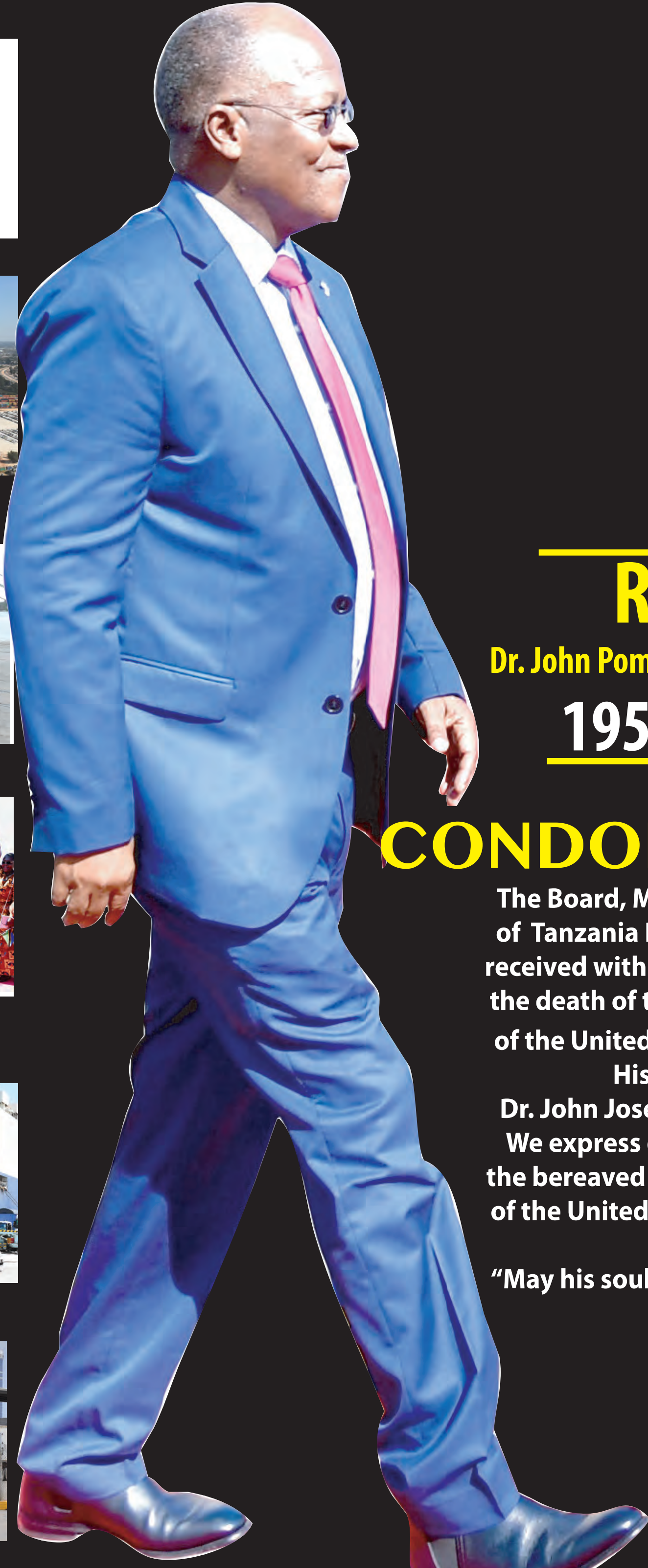
#### Closing Date:

Application should reach the Chief Executive Officer on or before 6th April, 2021. Only short-listed applicants will be contacted.





# TANZANIA PORTS AUTHORITY (TPA)



## R.I.P

**Dr. John Pombe Joseph Magufuli**

**1959-2021**

## CONDOLENCES

The Board, Management and staff of Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) received with great sadness news of the death of the late fifth President of the United Republic of Tanzania His Excellency.

**Dr. John Joseph Pombe Magufuli.**

We express deep condolences to the bereaved family and the people of the United Republic of Tanzania.

**"May his soul rest in Eternal peace"**



## APPRECIATION

## TanGold Corp top boss describes Dr Magufuli as stalwart statesman

By Guardian Reporter

THE late Tanzanian President John Pombe Magufuli was a true stalwart statesman to sought fair play in mining deals that the government signed with private investors.

Tanzanian Gold Corporation's CEO, Stephen Mallowney said in a statement yesterday that Dr Magufuli who succumbed to heart failure last week, was globally recognized for his vision, ethical standards and innovative solutions for the country.

"He was a renowned reformer of government institutions, business, industrial relations and political structures for the benefit of Tanzania. His anti-corruption platform attracted attention around the globe for his unyielding and high ethical standards," Mallowney said.

He further noted that the late Magufuli was also known for his pragmatic approach towards resolving complex situations and achieving fair and tangible outcomes. "In addition to

his consummate abilities as a statesman and leader, he was well known for his love of the people of Tanzania. He will be truly missed," the TanGold CEO added. TanGold which jointly owns Buckreef Gold Project in Geita with State Mining Corporation is a product of the late president who renegotiated most of the mining development agreement signed by his predecessors.

"President Magufuli was a highly regarded and respected leader whose record of achievements and outstanding performance in government and industry is world renowned. He was from the region where our joint-venture in the Buckreef Gold Project is located. His loss is especially felt so close to home," Mallowney noted.

Backing Mallowney's observation, TanGold Executive Chairman, James Sinclair said the passing of President Magufuli is a great loss to Tanzania and the world. "It is with deepest sympathy we share and express our sincerest condolences. He leaves a



Tanzanian Gold Corporation CEO Stephen Mallowney (2nd-R) with Minerals minister Doto Biteko (2nd L) after a recent meeting in Dodoma. File photo

legacy of respect and admiration. He was admired for his accomplishments and achievements in service to Tanzania and humanity," Sinclair said in the statement.

Meanwhile, TanGold has announced senior management changes at Buckreef Gold Company Limited, its local subsidiary, with Isaac Bisansaba and Gaston Mujwahuzi being named Co-acting General Managers for Buckreef, on an alternating basis.

Bisansaba and Mujwahuzi will be directly responsible for monitoring and improving the mining and processing operations at Buckreef. While Bisansaba has a Masters in Mining Engineering,

Mineral Resources Evaluation and twenty years of experience in the gold mining industry, Mujwahuzi has a Bachelor of Science in Mineral Processing Engineering, and over sixteen years of experience in the gold mining industry.

"We are pleased to announce Isaac and Gaston as acting General Managers at Buckreef, and I am delighted that they have enthusiastically accepted their new roles. These new appointments to Buckreef's general management team help support our objectives for continuously improving mining, plant and exploration operations and are vital to our continued success. We also

take this opportunity to thank Peter Zizhou for his past services and wish him the very best in all of his future endeavours," said TanGold Chief Operating Officer, Andrew Cheatle.

He said the company is in the process of updating all levels of administration and operations for Buckreef with a meeting of the board of directors pending to change the Tanzam2000 nominees to the board to better reflect the new management team at TanGold. The company, in conjunction with Stamico will begin to identify an experienced and suitable candidate for the position of General Manager at Buckreef as per the

requirements of the Buckreef joint venture and articles.

"Changes to the board of directors at Buckreef are necessary in order to fully align the company's interests in Buckreef with the new vision for the company being implemented by the new executive management at TanGold. Our action plan requires disciplined coordination at all administrative and operational levels for effective and sustained progress," said TanGold CEO, Stephen Mallowney while adding that his company is working with Stamico to identify an experienced and qualified person for the position of General Manager.

## Uber SA drivers demand to become formal employees

JOHANNESBURG

FOLLOWING Uber's recent announcement that it would concede employment rights to its UK drivers, its local drivers, in collaboration with attorneys from Mbuyisa Moleele Attorneys and Leigh Day (London), have called on Uber SA to do the right thing and acknowledge its drivers are legally entitled to statutory employment.

The ride-hailing firm, which has had several run-ins with its driver partners in SA, is facing a lawsuit, which was filed by the attorneys in the Johannesburg Labour Court. The claim is based on the drivers' entitlement to rights as employees under South African legislation and will seek compensation for unpaid overtime and holiday pay.

Last week, Uber announced it would grant worker status to its 70 000 UK-based drivers in order for them to be entitled to various benefits, such as minimum wage, employee packages and other advantages. The re-classification makes the UK the first country in the world where Uber will adopt this business model.

In a statement, the attorneys express their confidence in the South African case, saying South African employment law, with regard to what constitutes employment as opposed to independent contractor status, is very similar to UK's employment law. "Uber's announcement that it would concede workers' rights for their UK drivers is an important development for the company's drivers in South Africa," says Zanele Mbuyisa of Mbuyisa Moleele Attorneys.

"The writing is on the wall and we call on the company to afford these rights - including compensation for unpaid overtime and holiday pay - to their drivers in SA. These drivers have suffered through the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic without the right to unemployment benefits, and consistently earn less than the minimum wage."

Furthermore, Uber operates substantially the same system in SA, with drivers using an app, which the UK Supreme Court concluded resulted in drivers' work being "tightly defined and controlled" by Uber, according to Mbuyisa. The e-hailing representative bodies have been battling the same wage issues for over four years, without reaching any agreement with Bolt and Uber.

Early this month, e-hailing drivers and operators protested outside the offices of the Gauteng Public Transport and Roads Infrastructure in Johannesburg, calling for government intervention. Uber takes a 25% commission from drivers' earnings, and charges them an additional booking fee of 3% per trip.

Due to South Africa's income disparity, few professional drivers own the cars they drive - they instead rent them from owners, known as "partners", and split the earnings, resulting in them taking home low wages, according to the drivers. In an e-mail interview with ITWeb last month, Uber SA said the majority of local drivers who use the Uber app have indicated they want to work independently.

However, a spokesperson for the E-hailing Operators Interim Committee told ITWeb this morning that while being a fulltime employee has its cons, such as lack of independence, it is still better than their current hopeless situation. "Drivers would rather be officially identified as employees in order to benefit from the labour laws and the Employment Act. As employees, drivers can join a union and they can enjoy all the benefits thereof, which include a guaranteed living wage within the gazetted eight working hours and taking their labour disputes or unfair dismissals to the CCMA or the Labour Court, which cannot happen currently under the independent contractor status," says the spokesperson.



### THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA MINISTRY OF WORK AND TRANSPORT ROADS FUND BOARD



## TRIBUTE MESSAGE

### Dr. JOHN POMBE MAGUFULI

October 29<sup>th</sup>, 1959 - March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The Roads Fund Board; Management and Staff would like to convey her heartfelt condolences to the President of United Republic of Tanzania And the Commander in Chief of The Armed Forces Mama. Samia Suluhu Hassan following the loss of The Late President; Dr John Joseph Pombe Magufuli. The Fund joins his family, friends, loved one and the rest of Tanzanians in mourning this national tragedy.

Dr John Joseph Pombe Magufuli was a great visionary; patriotic; nationalist and Pan Africanist leader who ensured Tanzanians benefit more from her resources. His strategic and firm decision making was even more pivotal to the growth and success that Tanzania has attained. We honor him for the love he had for Tanzania and Africans At Large.

The Roads Fund board will continue to bring growth in the transport sector through prudent management and disbursement of locally sourced funds for maintenance and construction of roads network through our implementing agencies (Tarura And Tanroad) The Fund will continue.

*The Lord has given, the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.*

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## RELIEF

## Akiba Commercial Bank chief upbeat on merger decision

By Guardian Reporter

THE recent decision to merge Akiba Commercial Bank and National Bank of Malawi's operations in the country is aimed at widening business scope, accelerating economic development of the people and supporting the government efforts to reduce the financial exclusion gap.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam earlier this week, ACB acting managing director Juliana Swai said the two banks merger has brought together complementary operations that are anticipated to bring about positive change in the banking industry as they have expertise and experience in the financial sector.

"Through this merger, Akiba Bank has managed not only to raise its capital but also will provide new and improved services through its digital products," Swai explained while revealing that in an effort to ensure smooth take-off, NBM has injected 17bn/- to make ACB financially viable by meeting Bank of

Tanzania's capital requirement to operate as a commercial bank in the country.

She said the anticipated changes are expected to increase opportunities as well as improve services currently being offered by ACB and urged Tanzanians to be prepared for new experience of banking services.

"I welcome all our customers and the public at large to our bank to benefit from various products, services and opportunities that will improve their lives and grow their businesses," she added while promising ACB customers more positive changes in service delivery.

"We as Akiba Bank believe that our clients will now be served with more expertise that is a result of years of experience shared by the two merged institutions but also a good friendship and historic trade relations that have existed between the two nations for so many years," the ACB acting MD noted.

Describing the new ACB partner,



Akiba Commercial Bank acting managing director, Juliana Swai speaks in Dar es Salaam recently. Left is the bank's head of marketing and communications, Dora Kessy. File photo

Swai explained that, NBM is a financial institution established in 1971 as a result of a merger of two major banks, Barclays DCO and Standard Chartered South Africa. Currently, NBM is the leading bank in Malawi having inherited the great expertise of the two banks. Currently, NBM

has a network of 33 service centres and has employed about 1,000 employees.

NBM is also the largest commercial bank in Malawi in terms of asset base, as well as being the most efficient and profitable. The bank is also listed on the Malawi Stock Exchange with an over

subscription of 3.4 times.

In contrast, Akiba Bank which started its banking operations in 1997, has managed to more than 200,000 customers mainly in Dar es Salaam, Arusha, Mwanza, Mbeya, Kilimanjaro as well as the country's capital, Dodoma.

## PRIDE

## RwandAir not profitable, but catalytic for economy - finance minister

KIGALI

RWANDA is pumping money into the tourism sector, which has badly been hit by Covid-19 says Minister of Finance and Economic Planning Uzziel Ndagijimana. He believes the partnership between RwandAir and Qatar Airways will help put the country in a better place to benefit from the post-Covid economic upswing.

Having bet big on the sector over the past few years - the Rwandan government underwrote the creation of the Kigali Convention Centre - the collapse of tourist numbers has been tough. As part of its Covid response, the government is pumping \$100m over the next two years into the private sector. "And we plan to double this," says Ndagijimana.

At least \$50m will go on financial help to hotels. "We gave permission to the banks to restructure the loans, to increase the maturity up to 15 years and provide three years of grace period and reduce the interest rate", he says. The government is also pumping additional money into the national carrier, RwandAir, RWF145bn (\$145m) in the 2020/2021 budget, up from RWF122bn in the previous year.

Ndagijimana says that transport was one of the worst-hit sectors, and that while RwandAir "is not profitable, it has played a catalytic role in our development." The tourism industry was booming before the pandemic, "but it also helps trade, helps export some light manufactured items and took horticulture products to Europe." And even when passengers stopped flying, RwandAir helped in importing strategic medical supplies, like protective equipment and testing kits.

The imminent partnership between RwandAir and Qatar Airways should help shelter the airline



Rwanda's Finance and Economic Planning minister, Uzziel Ndagijimana.

from the tough times faced by Kenya Airways or South African Airways. "We are in final negotiations, the company will be stronger with a larger fleet and more resources," says Uzziel, who declines to give a date on when it may be signed and confirms the government will remain the majority shareholder.

The construction project has kept going despite the pandemic, in part to be able to meet the logistics requirements of the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting taking place in June 2021.

By 2022, the new airport should have the capacity to handle seven million passengers per year, compared to the nearly one million available today.

RwandAir meanwhile continues its expansion, and recently became the first African airline to trial the international IATA vaccine travel pass, part of a scheme airlines hope will convince governments to open up borders. The economic recovery does not just depend on tourism, however, says Ndagijimana. Back in 2020, when Rwanda

locked down the country starting in March, the second quarter's GDP growth figure was -12.4%. "We have never had that except during the genocide," he says. A progressive recovery was seen in manufacturing and trade, with -3.4% growth in the third quarter. "We don't have figures for the final quarter, but we expect another improvement, says the finance minister.

One immediate priority - aside from putting money into the private sector - is to ensure food security, with money pumped into

agricultural production. The government has bolstered the social security net "to help people falling into poverty after the sudden close of activity, providing for basic needs, foods and so on", says Ndagijimana. The national budget also has extra funds for the health sector. All this requires extra cash: Ndagijimana asked parliament to increase the budget nearly 7% to RWF3.4trn. Having tapped \$28m in debt service relief from the IMF in 2020, the government is targeting a rebound to 5.6% growth in 2021.

## DIGITISATION

## Mozambique sees electronic cargo tracking system roll out across country

NAIROBI

THE Electronic Cargo Sealing and Tracking System (SEERC) for goods in transit in Mozambique has officially started operating after a pilot phase since December, the Mozambican Tax Authority (AT) said on Monday.

The new system goes live after 55,780 vehicles were tracked during the pilot phase, according to figures the tax authority published this Monday in daily newspaper Notícias.

The pilot phase covered the three main Mozambican transit corridors that link the ports of Maputo, Beira and Nacala to Southern African countries.

Supervision will also be stepped up with 300 support vehicles, the agency added. The system aims to combat smuggling by sealing and geo-location of road goods.

Permanent tracking of sealed cargo (in containers, bulk or tankers) is carried out by a central office in communication with mobile brigades of the Mozambican Customs service and other authorities.

At the same time, inspection equipment and surveillance resources were reinforced at the Ressano Garcia, Namaacha, Goba, Machipanda, Calomue, Zobué, Casacatiza and Milange borders crossings.

The design, implementation and operation of the system was awarded to Mozambique Electronic Cargo Tracking Services (MECTS), a Mozambican company with Chinese state security inspection products company Nuctech as its technology partner.

## INNOVATION

## African airlines testing own COVID-19 passport system

ADDIS ABABA

KENYA Airways and Ethiopian Airlines are testing a new digital Covid-19 passport system. The digital health passport allows travellers and airport authorities to authenticate Covid-19 test certificates prior to departure.

The Trusted Travel Pass pilot programme was developed by the Africa Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as digital health passports look likely to become a standard requirement for international travel.

A global travel pass developed by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) is currently being trialled by several leading international airlines. The pass allows travellers to create a digital copy of their passports and receive verified information on country-

specific travel requirements via an app. These requirements will inform what testing or vaccination procedures need to be followed prior to departure.

Once these requirements are met, confirmation is provided in the form of a unique QR code which can be scanned by the relevant health authorities. Apart from creating a universal authentication standard, the pass aims to also simplify check-in processes for both travellers and airline staff.

The African Union and Africa CDC launched their own version of the health passport to boost confidence in safe air travel across the continent. Adopting the same principals and processes used by IATA, the Trusted Travel Pass is currently being tested in AU Member States.

Passengers on Kenya Airways or Ethiopian Airlines

flights are encouraged - but not yet forced - to use the Trusted Travel Pass. The online portal, which allows passengers to upload their Covid-19 test and vaccine results to receive a QR code, is accessible via desktop and mobile phone but has not yet been rolled out as an app. Features of the Trusted Travel Pass include:

"We are pleased to have introduced a digital platform that will be pivotal in increasing the number of passengers while making air travel safer," says Getinet Tadesse, Ethiopian Airlines' Chief Information Officer. "The solution is capable of addressing passengers' travel needs during [the] Covid-19 pandemic as it helps them validate their test and vaccination documents before departure."

Other African airlines are expected to join the pilot programme, according to John Nkengasong, Director

of the Africa CDC. "To coordinate our air, sea and land movement on the continent, all countries have to have a similar understanding of what we have to do and harmonise that," adds Nkengasong. Should the pilot programme be a success, the pass is expected to be rolled out to all AU member states and airlines as a mandatory compliance protocol.

"Kenya Airways as an AU and Africa CDC partner will also bring invaluable input and feedback to improve the Trusted Travel Pass programme making the groundbreaking step in enabling safe international travel during the pandemic as convenient as possible... giving people the boost of confidence that they are meeting all Covid-19 entry requirements by governments," said Julius Thairu, Acting Chief Commercial Officer at Kenya Airways, which was the first carrier to adopt the pass



GROWTH

# Britain's unemployment rate unexpectedly falls to 5pc in January

LONDON

BRITAIN'S unemployment rate unexpectedly fell to 5 per cent in the three months to January despite many parts of the country entering a third Covid-19 lockdown, according to official data.

The fall from 5.1 per cent recorded in the three months to December offers hope that that the UK can start to recover from its worst recession in 300 years, the Office for National Statistics said. However, the headline figure disguises the fact that young people are suffering the brunt of the job losses.

UK finance minister Rishi Sunak said the pandemic caused "one of the largest labour market shocks this country has ever faced." "We have taken decisive action with a £352 billion (\$487.29bn) package of support," Mr Sunak said in a statement on Tuesday.

"The continued success of the vaccine rollout provides us with hope for the future, and through our Plan for Jobs, we will continue to support people throughout the months to come." During the three months from November to January, about 1.7 million people were unemployed - 360,000 more than in the same period a year earlier.

Mr Sunak extended the Job Retention Scheme until the end of September in his March budget to help individuals and businesses survive the raft of restrictive measures currently in place. Since January, non-essential shops, restaurants and hospitality venues have been closed in England, with similar measures in other parts of the country.

The speedy vaccination programme has reduced new infections and allowed English schoolchildren to return to school this month, while shops are due to reopen next month, but restrictions on hospitality will remain until at least late June.

A total of 4.8 million employees were furloughed at the end of January, helping to protect the unemployment rate from soaring, according to Ruth Gregory, senior economist at Capital Economics.

"The drop in the unemployment rate from 5.1 per cent in December to 5 per cent in January highlights



UK Finance minister Rishi Sunak

once again the extent to which the government's job furlough scheme has protected jobs during the pandemic," she said. "We still expect the unemployment rate to rise fur-

ther to a peak of 6 per cent by early 2022, but that would be a much better result than most feared only a few months ago," she said.

The rise in unemployment was

also restrained by a leap in the number of people counted as economically inactive and outside the workforce as people who lost their jobs left the labour market instead

of searching for a new role.

Separate data showed the number of employees on payrolls rose 68,000 in February, the third consecutive monthly increase, while job vacancies from December to February increased 8 per cent to a total of 601,000.

However, there were almost 700,000 fewer people on payrolls compared with February last year, indicating a large fall in employment since the start of the crisis, and young people are taking the biggest hit with two-thirds of that fall made up of under 25s. Keeping people in work and pay has been vital in preventing more serious damage throughout the pandemic, said Becky O'Connor, Head of Pensions and Savings at interactive investor. "Over the coming months, a key indicator of recovery will be whether a rising number of people are going back to their old jobs, as shops and venues open up again, or finding new ones," she said. On a more positive note, the number of redundancies fell slightly across the UK to 11 per 1,000 people in January - down from 14 per 1,000 two months earlier.

Meanwhile, average wage growth rose to 4.8 per cent, its highest since March 2008, however this reflected that job losses have been greatest in low-paid sectors such as retail and hospitality, rather than higher pay for people who are still in work. The ONS said the jobs crisis remains acute, with 368,000 payroll jobs lost in the hospitality sector since the start of the crisis and 123,000 lost in the retail sector.

Helen Dickinson, chief executive of the British Retail Consortium, said while the second wave of the pandemic swept away tens of thousands of retail jobs, many more were saved by the Government's furlough scheme, which is now providing support for 600,000 retail workers, a rise of 200,000 since December.

"The biggest threat to jobs and shops will be future lockdowns beyond April 12, and it is imperative the Government takes all necessary precautions to prevent that from happening," she said. "Any delays to the Prime Minister's roadmap will undoubtedly result in more store closures and threaten the livelihoods of the retail workers currently furloughed."

CRISIS

# Coal markets roiled as Australia's flood crisis worsens

SYDNEY

THE deluge that's inundating Australia's eastern states is hampering shipments from the world's biggest coal export terminal.

Heavy rainfall and damaging winds are expected to continue on Tuesday, including in the key coal regions of the Hunter Valley and the Port of Newcastle. That is likely to see prices of the power-station fuel extend Monday's climb to a two-year high, as coal in Europe also gained on the news.

Overnight there were 870 rescue operations in New South Wales state, as dams overflowed and catchments flooded. A further 15 000 people may be evacuated today, after 18 000 people were forced to leave their homes on Monday, Premier Gladys Berejiklian told reporters earlier today.

The one-in-100 year flooding event forced companies from Glencore Plc to Yancoal Australia Ltd. to cut production, while Whitehaven Coal Ltd. said there is a backlog of ships at the Port of Newcastle. "This type of temporary weather event does not typically have any lasting impact," the Port of Newcastle said in a statement. "The port continues to operate and is monitoring conditions closely." The rain is forecast to ease on Wednesday, but Berejiklian warned "the rivers will keep rising."

The drenching comes as some parts of Australia are still recovering from the catastrophic bushfires of last summer that razed an area the size of the UK, wiping out communities and billions of animals. While the fires were linked to climate change, it isn't clear yet whether the floods have a similar causation.

"Little is known about how the frequency of weather events like this one will change with global warming," said Todd Lane, a professor at the University of Melbourne's School of Earth Sciences. "In a warmer world the atmosphere can hold more moisture, so as the climate continues to warm events like this have the potential to produce more rain when they occur."

There were 11 700 insurance claims lodged associated with the storms and flooding in New South Wales



as of 9:30 a.m. Sydney time, the Insurance Council of Australia said. It is too early to estimate the total cost and extent of the damage, and insurers expect a large number of claims in the coming days as property owners return to homes and businesses, it said.

Southern areas of neighbouring Queensland state are also on flood watch. Disruptions to freight and logistics services are impacting fresh produce supplies and have also hampered Australia's rollout of the Covid-19 vaccine.

The floods are also impacting on the agricultural sector, with the dairy industry reporting lost animals, power outages and stalled transport that could affect milk deliveries. While the extent of the damage is still being assessed, as many as 200 farmers have been affected across New South Wales, the national industry lobby group said in a statement.

The Bureau of Meteorology said around 10 million Australians in every mainland state and territory except Western Australia were currently subject to a weather warning, covering "an area similar to the size of Alaska."



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## WORLD

# One year on from first lockdown, Britain grieves for COVID-19 dead

LONDON

A YEAR to the day after they were first ordered to stay at home to contain the spread of COVID-19, Britons will remember the more than 126,000 people who have lost their lives to the virus, a toll few could have imagined in March 2020.

People were being invited to observe a minute's silence at midday (1200 GMT) to honour the dead, and to stand on their doorsteps at 8 p.m. holding candles or torches.

Official data shows that on March 23, 2020, when Prime Minister Boris Johnson stunned the nation by ordering people to stay at home and by shutting down much of the economy, fewer than

1,000 Britons had succumbed to the novel coronavirus.

Now, the number of people known to have died in the United Kingdom within 28 days of testing positive for COVID-19 stands at 126,172 -- the worst toll in Europe and fifth highest in the world.

Six million people have been bereaved, according to the end-of-life charity Marie Curie, which is organising several yesterday's commemorations.

The past year has tested many people to their limits and beyond, with repeated lockdowns, forced separation from family and friends, months of home schooling for millions of children and entire industries mothballed and fighting for survival.

While the nation as a whole has



Medical workers move a patient between ambulances outside of the Royal London Hospital amid the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, London, Britain, January 27, 2021. (File photo)

shared these hardships, the focus yesterday is on those who have not survived and on those left behind.

"The last 12 months has taken a huge toll on us all, and I offer my sincere condolences to those who have lost loved ones," said Johnson, who was himself very ill with COVID-19 in April 2020 and spent three nights in intensive care.

"Today, the anniversary of the first lockdown, is an opportunity to reflect on the past year -- one of the most difficult in our country's history," he said in a statement.

## LANDMARKS LIT

In the evening, landmarks across the United Kingdom, from the London Eye, Trafalgar Square and Wembley Stadium to Cardiff Castle and Belfast City Hall will be lit up in yellow as a beacon of hope and support for the bereaved.

"Let us take a moment together to remember those who have been lost, to give thanks for their lives, and to

acknowledge the inexpressible pain of parting," said Prince Charles, heir to the throne, in a video message.

After a second strict national lockdown kept people shut up in their homes through the worst months of winter, Britain is gradually easing restrictions under a four-step plan underpinned by the success of the national vaccination campaign.

Close to 28 million people have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, offering hope of a gradual return to normality over the coming months -- although for now life remains far from normal.

"We should also remember the great spirit shown by our nation over this past year," Johnson said, paying homage to health service staff and carers and to society as a whole.

"It's because of every person in this country that lives have been saved, our NHS (National Health Service) was protected, and we have started on our cautious road to easing restrictions once and for all." **Agencies**

## China announces sanctions against European individuals, entities

BEIJING

CHINA on Monday announced sanctions against 10 individuals and four entities on the EU side, saying they had severely harmed China's sovereignty and interests and maliciously spread lies and disinformation.

The European Union (EU) imposed unilateral sanctions on relevant Chinese individuals and entity on March 22, citing the so-called human rights issues in Xinjiang, said a Foreign

Ministry spokesperson.

The spokesperson said this move, based on nothing but lies and disinformation, disregards and distorts facts, grossly interferes in China's internal affairs, flagrantly breaches international law and basic norms governing international relations, and severely undermines China-EU relations.

"China firmly opposes and strongly condemns this," said the spokesperson, adding that the Chinese government is firmly determined to safeguard na-

tional sovereignty, security and development interests.

According to the spokesperson, the individuals and entities to be sanctioned are Reinhard Butikofer, Michael Gahler, Raphael Glucksmann, Ilhan Kyuchuk and Miriam Lexmann of the European Parliament, Sjoerd Wiemer Sjoerdsma of the Dutch Parliament, Samuel Cogolati of the Belgian Federal Parliament, Dovile Sakaliene of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, German scholar Adrian Zenz, Swedish scholar Bjorn Jerden,

Political and Security Committee of the Council of the European Union, Subcommittee on Human Rights of the European Parliament, the Mercator Institute for China Studies in Germany, and the Alliance of Democracies Foundation in Denmark.

The individuals concerned and their families are prohibited from entering the mainland, Hong Kong and Macao of China, said the spokesperson, adding that they and companies and institutions associated with them are also restricted from doing

business with China.

"The Chinese side urges the EU side to reflect on itself, face squarely the severity of its mistake and redress it," said the spokesperson, urging the EU side to stop lecturing others on human rights and interfering in their internal affairs.

The EU side must end the hypocritical practice of double standards and stop going further down the wrong path, the spokesperson added.

"Otherwise, China will resolutely make further reactions,"

## Israelis vote on Netanyahu again, after vaccination success

JERUSALEM

ISRAELIS began voting yesterday on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's political survival in a fourth election in two years, with the veteran leader hoping his role in a rapid COVID-19 vaccine campaign will win him another term.

Opinion polls show the race too close to call.

On trial on corruption charges he denies, Netanyahu, 71, is Israel's longest-serving head of government. Since 2009, he has led the politically polarised nation where supporters hail him as "King Bibi" and opponents call him "crime minister".

Opinion polls indicated an uptick for Netanyahu's right-wing Likud party in the campaign's final days, giving a

prospective coalition of conservative and ultra-Orthodox Jewish parties around 60 seats in the 120-member parliament.

A possible, but more unlikely, alliance among right-wing, centrist and left-wing parties opposed to a Netanyahu-led government also fell short of a ruling majority in the legislature, but could also be within reach of power, the surveys showed.

Polling stations opened at 7 a.m. (0500 GMT) and was expected to be closed at 10 p.m. (2000 GMT), when exit polls could point to voting trends, if not a clear winner. Yair Lapid, a former finance minister who heads the centrist Yesh Atid party, has emerged as Netanyahu's main challenger.

No one party has ever



gleaned enough votes for a parliamentary majority on its own in an Israeli election. Election night results may only be a starting point, with a final winner to be determined in backroom coalition talks.

Critics have accused Netanyahu of seeking new elections out of self-interest, in hopes of

securing enough support in parliament to quash the legal proceedings against him.

Netanyahu has denied the allegation, or any personal involvement in prospective criminal immunity moves. But he has not ruled out the possibility that allies might pursue them.

On the campaign trail, Netanyahu has highlighted his role in securing millions of vaccine doses from Pfizer Inc and turning Israel into what he dubbed a "vaccination nation".

About half of Israelis have been inoculated at a pace that drew international praise for Netanyahu as well as calls for Israel to do more to ensure Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza receive

vaccines.

Israel's swift vaccine roll-out allowed it to reopen much of its economy before the election. Posting a video on Twitter of his visit to a Jerusalem hospital on Monday, Netanyahu wrote: "Today we are the first in the world to return to life and smile again."

Netanyahu's current government, a power-sharing alliance with centrist Defence Minister Benny Gantz, collapsed in December, some seven months after it was established.

Gantz's Blue and White party is forecast to win barely enough votes to get into parliament, after he angered many of his supporters by reneging on a promise not to serve under an indicted prime minister. **Agencies**

## Chinese, Russian foreign ministers critical of US

THE foreign ministers of China and Russia have criticized the United States' negative impact on global peace and growth and urged the US to return to the Iran nuclear deal without conditions.

On Monday, at the first meeting of Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov's visit to China, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi and the Russian diplomat had "strategic communication" and reached wide-ranging consensus over global and regional issues of common concern in Guilin, Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region, according to the Chinese Foreign Ministry.

The nations briefed each other regarding their respective bilateral ties with the US, and the two diplomats noted that the international community believes the US should reflect on the damage it has brought to world peace and development.

The US should stop its unilateralism and bullying behavior, stop interfering in other countries' domestic affairs and stop alignment that seeks confrontation between blocs, the two ministers said.

All countries should abide by the goals and principles of the United Nations Charter, pursue true multilateralism, devote themselves to the democratization of international relations and accept and promote the peaceful coexistence and common development of different social systems and development paths, they added.

On the Iran nuclear deal, Beijing and Moscow agreed that Washington should make its return to the landmark agreement with no strings attached at an early date. They encourage Teheran to fulfill the deal, and expect the agreement to further play its role in nuclear nonproliferation.

At the meeting on Monday, China and Russia also proposed to establish a regional security dialogue platform to help shape a new consensus for resolving security concerns among regional countries.

Both nations encouraged all dialogue mechanisms focused on the Afghanistan issue to join their efforts and speed up peace, reconciliation and reconstruction.

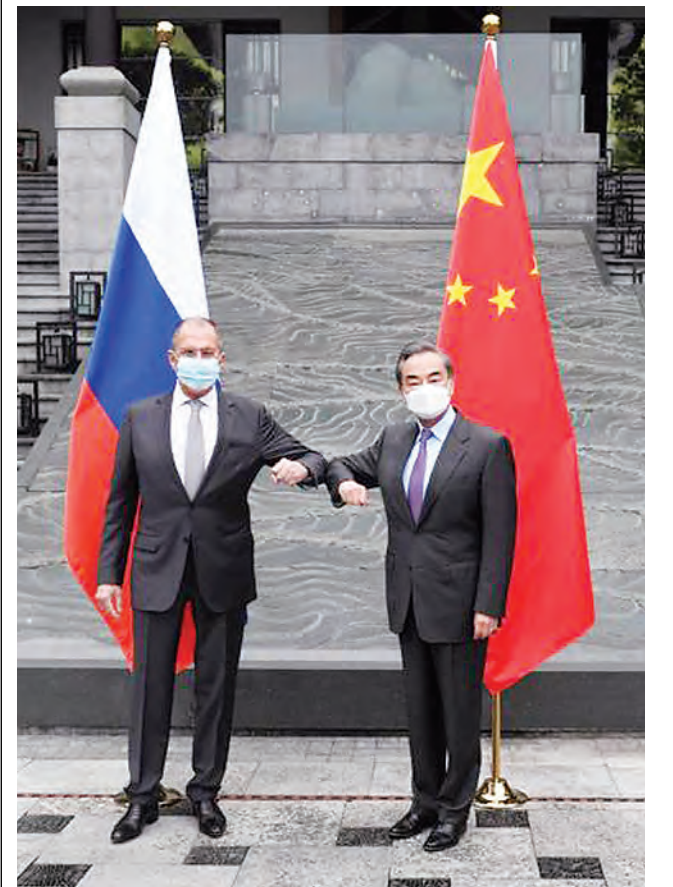
Speaking on the Myanmar situation, both nations voiced deep concern and stated support for efforts in the country to resolve the existing crisis within the framework of Myanmar's Constitution and laws. They called for preventing further bloodshed and conflict, and warned about external forces' attempts to take advantage of the crisis.

Lavrov, who is visiting China on Monday and Tuesday, is in Guilin. He and Wang will continue their talks on Tuesday.

As some media outlets speculated that the trip was deliberately scheduled to take place following the China-US dialogue in Anchorage, Alaska, last week, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying dismissed such guessing on Monday, saying that the growth of China-Russia relations "doesn't target any specific country", and the ties are "frank and upright".

Yang Cheng, a professor at Shanghai International Studies University and executive president of Shanghai Academy of Global Governance and Area Studies, said Lavrov's China visit "shows the consistency of the tradition of Beijing and Moscow to update each other" on issues of concern.

The reinforced collaboration and two-way support between Beijing and Moscow are a display of the ever-increasing strategic mutual trust since the end of the Cold War and a natural response to Washington's persistence in viewing them as rivals, Yang noted. **Agencies**



State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi (right) greets Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in Guilin, Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region, on Monday. (XINHUA)

## Hong Kong society looking forward to improving relevant mechanisms of 'patriots governing Hong Kong'

THE principle of "patriots governing Hong Kong" recently sparked heated discussion in Hong Kong society. It is believed that the principle is an important premise for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) to safeguard national sovereignty, security and development interests.

The current electoral system of the HKSAR is not able to offer solid institutional guarantee for the principle of "patriots governing Hong Kong," and must be improved as soon as possible.

Leung Chun-ying, vice-chairman of the National Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, China's top political advisory body, noted that "patriots governing

Hong Kong," as a principle and a goal is perfectly justified.

He stressed that no country or society would allow its electoral system to select the unpatriotic, or allow those who oppose their country and undermine national sovereignty, security and development interests to govern the country.

The principle of "patriots governing Hong Kong" must be upheld to ensure the long-term stability of the "one country, two systems," said Margaret Chan Fung Fu-chun, member of the CPPCC National Committee.

Chan, also former director general of the World Health Organization (WHO), noted that she has never seen any country that allows the unpatriotic

to join national governance during her years of working in international organizations. "Patriots governing Hong Kong" is justified, and shall not be an issue that needs to be discussed, she added.

Henry Tang Ying-yen, member of the Standing Committee of the National Committee of the CPPCC, and President of the Friends of Hong Kong Association believes that a country is able to ensure national and people's interests only when its governed by patriots. Most Western countries know this very well, he added.

According to a recent poll that randomly called 1,078 Hong Kong citizens done by Bauhinia International Research Institute of Politics &

Economics, over 80 percent of the respondents recognize the principle of "patriots governing Hong Kong," and nearly 70 percent support the improvement in the HKSAR's electoral system.

The poll indicated that most of Hong Kong citizens realized that Hong Kong's security would continue being threatened, and economic and social stability encroached, if the HKSAR's electoral system is not improved.

Lu Jinqin, president of Hong Kong Commerce and Industry Associations (HKCNIA) noted that the HKCNIA fully supports the principle of "patriots governing Hong Kong," and hopes to improve relevant mecha-

nisms as soon as possible. Politicians must never be allowed to collude with foreign forces or undermine national interests and territorial integrity with any reason, and anti-China forces must be excluded, he said.

Andy Sze, member of the CPPCC National Committee from Hong Kong, noted that Hong Kong's development has encountered difficulties especially after the anti-extradition bill protests and COVID-19. Facing the situation, the unpatriotic and the irresponsible are not able to shoulder heavy tasks, and only the principle of "patriots governing Hong Kong" can bring a new hope to Hong Kong citizens.

"The governance of Hong Kong is of crucial importance, as it concerns

whether the 'one country, two systems' can be implemented in a correct and successful manner," said Tan Huizhu, deputy director of the HKSAR Basic Law Committee of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress.

She stressed that only with "patriots governing Hong Kong" can the Chinese central government effectively implement its governance in the HKSAR in accordance with the law; can the orders established by the Constitution and the HKSAR Basic Law be effectively protected; can deep problems be effectively solved; can long-term stability of Hong Kong be realized.

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## Trump says he's working to start his own social media platform

BY BLOOMBERG



FORMER president Donald Trump, who has been banned from Twitter and other major social-media platforms, said he's working on his own platform to reach his followers that could be announced soon.

"I'm doing things having to do with putting our own platform out there that you'll be hearing about soon," Trump said in an interview for Fox News contributor Lisa Boothe's initial podcast "The Truth" released on Monday. "I'll be telling you pretty soon."

Twitter Inc, Trump's favorite social-media platform, permanently banned his personal account in January for breaking its rules against glorifying violence after he encouraged his supporters to march on the Capitol on Jan 6 in what became a deadly attempt to stop the counting of Electoral College votes for President Joe Biden. Facebook has suspended Trump's account pending a review by outside experts.

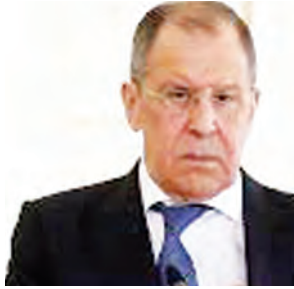
Trump boasted on Boothe's podcast that despite the bans, his press releases making statements and endorsing candidates are getting picked up by media outlets "much better than any tweet."

In an interview with Newsmax on Monday night, he called the press releases are "more elegant" and that they avoid the risk of a retweet from someone who might put "you in a little difficulty."

Asked about starting his own platform, Trump said, "I have tremendous options."

## Moscow has no relations with EU as organisation today, Lavrov says

GUILIN



THE entire infrastructure of relations with the European Union has been destroyed by unilateral steps taken by Brussels, so Moscow has no relations with that organization now, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov told reporters yesterday at a joint news conference with his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi.

"There are no relations with the European Union as an organization. The entire infrastructure of these relations has been destroyed by unilateral decisions made by Brussels," he said.

"If Europe severed these ties, just destroying all the mechanisms that had been created for many years, and we only have individuals European countries that want to be guided by their national interests, then, probably, objectively, this leads to the fact that our relations with China are developing faster than what is left of relations with European countries," Lavrov stressed.

Russia will be ready for contacts to scale up cooperation with the EU when Brussels deems it necessary to eliminate anomalies in bilateral relations, according to Lavrov.

"If and when Europeans deem fit to eliminate these anomalies in contacts with their largest neighbor, of course, we will be ready to build up these relations based on equality, the search of balance of interests. In the meantime, there are no changes on the Western front, while in the East, in my opinion, we have a very intensive agenda, which is becoming more diverse every year," he noted.

Agencies

## WHO chief: Little done to address virus vaccine inequity

GENEVA



THE chief of the World Health Organization (WHO) warned on Monday that little has so far been done to address the inequitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, which is pushing the world to the brink of a catastrophic moral failure.

"In January, I said that the world was on the brink of a catastrophic moral failure unless urgent steps were taken to ensure equitable distribution of vaccines. We have the means to avert this failure, but it's shocking how little has been done to avert it," said WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus at a press briefing.

He warned that the gap between the number of vaccines administered in rich countries and that through COVAX, an international vaccine campaign led by WHO and partners, is growing every single day and becoming more grotesque every day.

"The world's poorest countries wonder whether rich countries really mean what they say when they talk about solidarity... Some countries are racing to vaccinate their entire populations while other countries have nothing. This may buy short-term security, but it's a false sense of security," he added.

By that, the WHO chief cautioned that more transmission of COVID-19 may lead to more variants of the virus, which in turn means it's more likely that they will evade vaccines. And as long as the virus continues to circulate, people will continue to die, trade and travel to be disrupted, and the economic recovery to be further delayed.

He appealed to high-income countries to share vaccine doses through COVAX while urging manufacturers to increase the production and equitable distribution of vaccines.

Xinhua

# How China's new five-year plan resonates with the world

BEIJING

CHINA'S 14th five-year plan has resonated with big-wigs participating in the China Development Forum 2021 as economists and business leaders shared their insights on how the country will embark on the future route.

"The 14th five-year plan provides an excellent pathway for a truly modernized economy, a consumer-driven society, and growth which is sustainable as well as strong," said Noel Quinn, Group Chief Executive of HSBC, at the high-profile forum, lasting from March 20 to 22 in Beijing.

The country has unveiled its blueprint for development in the new era, prioritizing new development paradigm and high-quality development in the five-year plan.

The endeavor to promote higher-level reform and opening-up, further boost consumption-driven growth, strengthen green development is setting a new landmark on its journey to modernization.

### OPENING-UP AT HIGHER LEVEL

Angel Gurria, secretary general of Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), hailed China's efforts in opening up the services sector.

"In China, there should be a particular emphasis on the services sector," which generates over half of the GDP and employs more than half of the workforce, he said, adding that the OECD's services trade restrictiveness index shows that China has been a top reformer in recent years.

He commended China's success such as easing foreign entry barriers for life insurance companies and consolidating the regulatory framework for foreign investment through a new law.

John C. Dugan, chair of Citigroup Inc., acknowledged the role of China's opening-up reform in ensuring the growth of foreign enterprises. The country's efforts in removing the limit on foreign investment in the financial sector, further opening up the securities market and optimizing the market environment for financial services facilitated the business growth of foreign financial firms, he said.

Also noting the improvements in China's business environment, Ulf Mark Schneider, CEO of Nestle S.A., lauded the country's continued focus on creating a level playing field for foreign companies, allowing them to enter the Chinese market in an easier way.

"The reform and opening-up have enabled very sig-



Photo taken on Sept. 9, 2020 shows a view of the China National Convention Center, the main venue of the 2020 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS), in Beijing, capital of China. (Xinhua)

nificant progress for China toward a sustainable path. It is encouraging that China delivers firm commitment to maintain its opening-up policy and drive reforms dedicated to building an open, inclusive and mutually beneficial market environment." Lars Fruergaard Jorgensen, President and CEO of Novo Nordisk, told Xinhua in an interview at the sidelines of the forum.

Shortening the negative list of investment will help bring in more foreign investment in the future, noted Dugan, who is optimistic about the further expansion of domestic demand under the Chinese government's dual circulation policy.

### DEMANDS IN MORE FORMS

Expounding on the new opportunities for enterprises operating in the Chinese market, Bai Chongen, Dean of Tsinghua University School of Economics and Management, stressed increasing demands in new forms.

The demands of young consumers in medium and small cities, as well as those of the aging population for healthcare and medicare services, are prominent, Bai said, adding that high-quality products and services in the fields of culture, physical fitness and entertainment will help generate new businesses for all kinds of companies.

"I noted the strong emphasis in the 14th five-year plan on consumption-based growth," said Axel van Trotsenburg, managing director of Operations at the World Bank.

According to China's development blueprint for the next five years, the country will boost and upgrade consumption as part of its strategy of expanding domestic demand and the new development paradigm featuring dual circulation.

The scale of the Chinese market has attracted foreign companies, and as the country's middle-income population reaches more than 500 million in 2022, the Chinese economy will realize an even higher growth in 2025, Du-

## Colorado supermarket shooter kills 10, including police officer

BOULDER

A GUNMAN opened fire at a supermarket in Boulder, Colorado, on Monday, killing 10 people, including a police officer, before being arrested, marking the second deadly US mass shooting in less than a week.

Police gave few immediate details of the shooting and no known motive for the violence, which unfolded at about 3 pm at a King Soopers grocery store in

Boulder, a north-central Colorado city at the eastern foot of the Rockies, about 28 miles (45 km) northwest of Denver.

Frantic shoppers and employees fled for cover through the supermarket as law enforcement officers swarmed the scene, located about 2 miles from the University of Colorado's flagship campus.

Sarah Moonshadow, 42, a customer and Boulder resident who was in the

store with her son, Nicholas, recounted scenes of pandemonium as gunfire rang out from inside the store.

"We were at the checkout, and shots just started going off," Moonshadow told Reuters. "And I said, 'Nicholas get down.' And Nicholas ducked. And we just started listening and there, just repetitive shots ... and I just said, 'Nicholas, run.'"

Moonshadow said she tried to go to the aid of a victim she saw lying on the

pavement just outside the store, but her son pulled her away, telling her, "We have to go." The woman broke down in sobs, adding, "I couldn't help anybody."

The bloodshed came less than a week after gun violence last Tuesday that left eight people dead, including six Asian women, at three day spas in and around Atlanta. A 21-year-old man has been charged with those killings.

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## China to join construction of world's largest telescope

Square Kilometer Array (SKA), the largest radio telescope ever in human history, is expected to be constructed since July this year, said Wu Xiangping, member of the National Committee of the Chinese's People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) on March 4.

Wu, also an Academician at the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and chief scientist of China's SKA team, said it is estimated that 10 percent of the SKA will be completed and put into use for observation by 2028.

As a major international science project, the SKA aims to build the world largest and most sensitive telescope, whose receiving area will hit one square kilometer.

China's Five-Hundred Aperture Spherical Telescope (FAST) is the world's largest single-aperture telescope, while the SKA will eventually consist of thousands of dishes.

The FAST is located in the Northern Hemisphere, while the SKA will be built in the other half of the globe. The two of them will complement each other, and jointly contribute to astronomical

The SKA is another international project joined by China after the country participated in the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) project.

At the 24th International Union of Radio Science General Assembly held in Tokyo, astronomers from 10 countries including China jointly proposed to build the next generation of large radio telescope. In 2011, the SKA Organization was officially established in Rome, Italy, with China as one of the nine founding members.

Researcher Qin Bo with the National Astronomical Observatories, CAS noted that different from the ITER, the SKA project is the first international science project that China has joined from the very beginning and acted as a major participator through the whole process, including the making of basic rules and regulations, as well as project construction and operation.

In 2012, preparations of the SKA project of-



Photo shows the SKA site in South Africa.

ficially started, and a dual-site solution was unanimously approved. The project will be constructed in Australia and South Africa, while its headquarters is located in the UK. The high-frequency array will be built in South Africa, as well as eight partner countries in southern Africa, and the low-frequency array in Western Australia.

The SKA Organization issued II work packages to the globe. The antenna package is the largest among them and of the highest construction cost. After rounds of heated debate, China's antenna solution became the only candidate solution, and China was also the chair of the SKA antenna package alliance. In February 2018, the 54th Research Institute of China Electronics Technology Group Corporation developed the first prototype SKA antenna SKA-P, whose performance is leading the world in multiple areas.

The SKA demonstrates the latest and highest achievements of modern science and technology, and will promote the rapid development of a series of industries, including manufacturing, communication, computing and energy, said Qin. Relevant Chinese industries have acquired certain technical reserve and experience, and are able to join the technical development of the project and apply relevant results in other major sci-tech areas.

People's Daily

## African countries stick with AstraZeneca in shots rollout

KENYA

THE African Union has recommended continued use of AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine, saying its benefits outweigh the risks.

During a weekly news conference on the coronavirus on Friday, John Nkengasong, director of the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, emphasized the benefits of the inoculation and that countries should move forward with vaccinations.

"COVID-19 vaccines remain a strategic approach for the prevention of severe cases of and COVID-19 related deaths. Africa-CDC encourages African Union member states to facilitate rapid access to safe and effective vaccines that reduce COVID-19 severity and COVID-19 related hospitalizations," Nkengasong said.

"Africa is facing significant challenges in securing access to the COVID-19 vaccines needed to achieve its goal of vaccinating at least 60 percent of the continent's population."

As of March 15, 23.6 million doses of vaccine had been distributed on the continent. The AstraZeneca vaccine, allocated principally via the COVAX facility, accounts for 20.5 million doses and is the main vaccine used in Africa, he added.

Many countries in Africa are relying on the AstraZeneca shot as it is cheaper and easier to store. Under the COVAX initiative, around 14.5 million doses have been delivered to African countries. According to Matshidiso Moeti, WHO's regional director for Africa, countries are encouraged to continue with their vaccination campaigns and not to pause.

"To date, there has been no causal link established between the administration of the vaccine and the events reported," Moeti said.

"Around 7 million doses have been administered. Thirty African countries have now started vaccination of frontline healthcare workers and other priority groups," she said.

On Sunday, a batch of COVID-19 vaccines donated by China arrived in Niamey, capital of Niger.

President of Niger Mahamadou Issoufou, Prime Minister Brigi Rafini, Niger's acting Health Minister Ahmed Boto and Chinese Ambassador to Niger Zhang Lijun attended the handover ceremony at the airport.

"I would like to ask the Chinese ambassador to convey our thanks to the Chinese government and to the Chinese people," Issoufou said. Agencies



# SPORT



Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)'s AS Vita Club's head coach Florent Ibenge.

## AS Vita Club out to post victory in remaining CAF Champions League fixtures

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

DEMOCRATIC Republic of Congo (DRC)'s AS Vita Club's head coach Florent Ibenge has said that in order for his team to advance to the quarterfinals of this season's CAF Champions League, they need to emerge victorious in their remaining two games of the showdown's Group A.

The AS Vita Club will confront Tanzania's Simba SC and Sudan's Al Merreikh in the last two outings in the group.

The DRC side is currently placed third in the group after accumulating four points.

The showpiece's group has Simba leading the rest of the clubs, having notched 10 points, whereas Egypt soccer big guns Al Ahly are placed second after notching seven points.

Ibenge stated that based on the results and points they have earned, they should win their next two games no matter which

team they meet.

He disclosed if they do not come out victorious, they will not be able to advance to the last eight.

He said: "We have to win both of our remaining games against Simba and Al Merreikh so that we can advance to the quarterfinals, the results we got were not very good for us but this is not the time to blame each other."

He noted: "We have to avoid concentrating on the opponents we will take on, all the remaining games are difficult for us."

"We lost our away fixture to Simba when we played them last time, so we don't have to repeat mistakes."

"We will, in our last clash, be at home to Al Merreikh. Everyone knows we haven't won a single home match," the tactician noted.

The AS Vita are expected to play Simba in Dar es Salaam on April 2.

Al Merreikh will later confront AS Vita Club in Kinshasa on April 9.

## Judo association appreciates Magufuli's contribution in sports

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

TANZANIA Judo Association (JATA) has said it will pay tribute to the country's fifth phase President, John Pombe Magufuli, by seeing to it domestic judo players excel in various international competitions.

Olympic qualifiers, to be held in Morocco in May this year, is one of the next competitions that domestic judo players hope to participate in.

The association's leaders pointed out they thank Magufuli's government for promising to pay for the domestic judo players' camp and transport costs.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam, JATA Secretary General Innocent Mallya said the government had paid for the camp and the players were expected to go for training in Moshi, Kilimanjaro on March 25, this year.

"We thank the government and we moreover thank Magufuli for his contribution. I remember

he once said that teams going abroad should make sure they do well and we will do our best to go and do well," he said.

He said through Magufuli's administration's contribution the national judo team made up of four players have their transport costs already taken care of.

According to Mallya the JATA and the national judo team are proud of Magufuli.

Mallya named the players who will enter the camp as Anangise Kwele, Andrew Thomas, Abdulrabi Alawi, and Mussa Sheki. They will be coached by Zaidi Hamis.

The JATA leader stated that apart from the support, they recount that health services were so cheap that they could solicit health insurance for players.

Mallya disclosed many players are going to make the most of health insurance as the administration made it easy for the players to access it.

## SPORTS

## Virtual mental 'chaos' as club leaders start testing 'water depth', feel stones

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

VARIOUS sections of the sports fraternity, like officialdom elsewhere in the country, shall be on the lookout for signs that something has indeed changed following the death of President John Magufuli mid last week.

They will be checking as the country settles down to a new reality, with altered perception and sensitivity to certain issues at the top, and what this implies for 'strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats' for those looking for ways to hide some coins from public needs, etc.

Habits of embezzling public funds are cat and mouse games where supervisory officials wishing to stop it must be steadfast and clever.

Even with the fact that there is in all seriousness no change of government but change of a leader, it can also mean a lot of things and in a short while.

What will be at stake is some sort of opening signals at the highest level and then it trickles down, when officials figure out the level of sensitivity on wrongdoing, in the sense of pilferage of public funds, rather than a hemorrhage, big embezzlement of funds as it at times happens. When they notice that the top level is significantly off guard, the sentiment then trickles down.

As it is often the case in the local situation, such a situation concurrently implies that deal making is also on the horizon, and sports activity becomes a bit more hectic on that account, though conflicts among the more amateurish clubs can also be more pronounced.

But usually the problem for clubs isn't pilferage of funds but its availability, as pilferage relates to a margin of 'surplus' funds which can be 'hidden' by club officials without hampering team preparedness and competitiveness.

As the adage goes in the city of Dar es Salaam for instance, the rule is that you give the fans their goals and you gobble up all the cash; peace.

It is when the team isn't performing that contentions begin, and problems of pilferage of funds will start at that point, such that Simba SC in the five years to the take over by industrialist Mohamed Dewji used an inordinate amount of time in a tug of war the compensation funds for the transfer of ace Ugandan striker Emmanuel Okwi, a debate that has since them moved to Yanga, mutatis



Kilimanjaro's Polisi Tanzania's midfielder, Abdul-Aziz Makame (L), battles for possession with Azam FC striker, Ayoub Lyanga, when the squads locked horns in a Vodacom Premier League's clash, which took place at the former's venue on December 31, 2020. Azam FC won 1-0. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

mutandis.

They are using one third of any particular week to plan to take revenge on Simba for roping in Bernard Morrison in a faulty shift of loyalties, etc.

Accusations of pilferage are merely the sideshow to club non-performance.

So there is a relative situation of 'chaos' in the sense that there is a directionless flow of sentiments at the highest level, where no one knows where loyalties are directed in terms of what is permitted and what is frowned upon at the highest level.

Despite the huge show of affection for the disciplinary methods of squeak public sector and indeed sports leadership, or revenue and dividend accountability in the private sector and public commercial firms, the lower level people are also a material base for a change in the fortunes of this or that club.

If some new billionaire comes up and Yanga is well financed, who will cry?

That is why the public outpouring of grief for the departed national leader, and affinity with his brand of leadership at the sports fraternity level may not last long, as this sphere doesn't depend or isn't assured of its fortunes when there are huge surpluses in government coffers.

Fans like all other people in the streets feel better about excellent public amenities, but they also want their teams to win, and that means being able to register good players and provide them with facilities to train, be paid on time, etc.

Yanga in a sense the best example of crying gaps in that direction but it isn't in any sense the only one in relative penury as Mbao FC in Mwanza was looking for a buyer; it may have found it hard due to strings thereof.

What can thus be said is that chances of the 'good old days' returning are fairly high, though not too rapidly, as it will be difficult for officials to collect the same

zeal as before, sniffing and reporting any and all semblance of pilferage of club funds or something of that sort. When that situation has perceptibly changed, and it can't change on its own but as part of wider feeling of relaxation, those who wish to wield influence might already feel the stones to carry them to cross the river. It is a tested Chinese aphorism.

This is the sort of atmosphere that can be projected at present, that in the absence of the centralizing authority to ferret out all sorts of wrongful gains being at the helm of the state, the public - and the sporting public in particular - would adapt all too easily to a new environment.

The point isn't that they don't care about pilferage of funds but it is also an enabling environment for all sorts of speculators and deal makers to pull together, or singularly, to uplift the club as in the past. It is just a hypothesis, though.

## Magufuli was genuine sports enthusiast - ZAAA



Tanzania's athletes feature in a past national championships, which took place in Dar es Salaam.

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

THE Zanzibar Amateur Athletics Association (ZAAA) has said that Tanzania's fifth phase President, the late John Pombe Magufuli, was a lover of justice and he wanted to see the sports industry enjoy progress.

Cosmas Chasama, ZAAA president, made the comments when he paid tribute to Magufuli who died of a heart condition in Dar es Salaam on March 17, 2021. Chasama said that Magufuli was a true sports fan, as he loved to see Tanzania perform well in international sports competitions and that is why

he promised to help national teams participate in the events.

Citing the example of supporting national teams, Chasama said the National Sports Council (NSC) and its Zanzibar counterpart (BMZ) have already formed a committee, which will discuss how the government will support sports.

"The Zanzibar body and NSC Sports formed a committee and we meet regularly to plan, including the budget, so that the Magufuli government can assist us in sports," he disclosed.

He noted that their committee had already started preparing a report on

how to develop sports and if they had done so they would have handed over the report, which would no doubt have reached Magufuli.

"Unfortunately Magufuli has passed on before we handed over our report which would be very helpful in showcasing how national teams will be supported by his government, which has zealously sought to develop sports," he said.

He said God loved Magufuli more, so he has high hopes for the new President, Samia Suluhu Hassan, to continue the good deeds, which include developing sports.



## Emotional Zlatan returns to Sweden squad

STOCKHOLM

AN unusually reserved and humble Zlatan Ibrahimovic had to hold back the tears on Monday as he arrived in Sweden ahead of his return this week to the Swedish national squad after nearly five years away.

Veteran striker Ibrahimovic showed a more sensitive side to his usually brash public persona when he was asked about what his two teenage sons, Maximilian and Vincent, thought of his international comeback.

"It's not a good question you're asking. I had Vincent here, who actually cried when left him. But it's OK, it's OK," he said with tears in his eyes.

Speaking to reporters days ahead of Sweden's 2022 World Cup qualifier against Georgia on Thursday, the often boastful 39-year-old acknowledged he was much more "patient both on and off the field" than when he announced the end of his international career after Euro 2016.

"Right now you're thinking: 'He's much too nice and much too humble'," Ibrahimovic joked.

Sweden's most successful player, the AC Milan forward retired from international football with 116 caps and 62 goals for his national team.

He announced his return to the squad in his usual style last week on Instagram with a picture of himself in the Swedish team kit with the caption "The return of the God".

But 'Ibra' said Monday he didn't want to be given a spot on the team for his past achievements but because he "deserved" it.

He is in good form this season for Milan, with 15 goals in as many Serie A games, including the opener in Sunday's 3-2 win at Fiorentina which kept the pressure on league leaders Inter Milan.

He also said he didn't mind no longer being team captain, a role now taken by Alexander Granqvist, who plays for Swedish club Helsingborgs.

In another sign of a "new

chapter," Ibrahimovic said he had asked to don the number 11 on his jersey rather than the 10 he used to sport.

"I asked nicely if I could have the 11," he said, adding that teammate and Real Sociedad forward Alexander Isak had graciously agreed to give up the number.

"Best in the world" - Ibrahimovic and Sweden's head coach Janne Andersson, who also attended the press conference, have had public arguments in the past but both of them insisted repeatedly those disagreements were now behind them.

Andersson travelled to meet Zlatan in Milan in November last year after the star attacker had said in an interview that he missed playing for Sweden.

"When we parted we had put everything that happened before behind us," Andersson said.

Glimpses of the old Ibrahimovic did however make an appearance.

"If you ask me I'm the best in the world," Zlatan said as he broke into laughter.

He also said he had promised Andersson he would "decide matches".

"I have my experience, I know what I'm good at."

The question of whether the top scorer would ever return to the national team has often divided the Scandinavian nation.

Some fans have pined to see him back on the pitch, while others argued he no longer had a place on a team that has managed to qualify for top international competitions without him.

Andersson, who took over the squad in 2016, has over the years worked to build a team with a collective ethos and little tolerance for diva antics.

Questions had therefore emerged about Ibrahimovic's place on the team.

Noa Bachner, football pundit for Swedish daily Expressen, told AFP that Ibrahimovic "knows he's entering into a much more flat hierarchy where he can't expect to be elevated in the same manner."

## Gerrard: England dropped their best right-back

LONDON

STEVEN Gerrard said he was surprised by England coach Gareth Southgate's decision to drop Trent Alexander-Arnold from the squad for their World Cup qualifiers and described the Liverpool defender as the "best English right-back in the country."

Alexander-Arnold was left out of Southgate's 26-man squad last week for this month's 2022 World Cup qualifying matches against San Marino, Albania and Poland.

The 22-year-old has been a regular in the England squad since breaking into the side ahead of the 2018 World Cup but Southgate said his form had cost him his spot.

Southgate has an abundance of options at right-back and named Manchester City's Kyle Walker, Atletico Madrid's Kieran Trippier and Chelsea's Reece James for the upcoming games.

Rangers manager Gerrard, who spent 17 seasons at Liverpool as a player, said the defender needed support to get him back on track.

"I think Trent is the best English right-back in the country," former England midfielder Gerrard told British media.

"One thing I've learnt from being a player is you can't always be 10 out of 10. When you do come off, you need that support, love and attention from your manager more than anyone else.

"So I was surprised by the decision but that's my opinion and my opinion is not important in this. Gareth Southgate makes the decisions there. I don't necessarily

agree with that decision, but I'm not the England manager."

On the other side of England's defence, Ben Chilwell has said he hopes his switch to a wing-back role at Chelsea could boost his chances of being included in the starting line-up for this month's qualifiers.

Chilwell has thrived under new Chelsea manager Thomas Tuchel, who has deployed a 3-5-2 formation with Chilwell playing as a left wing-back instead of his usual position on the left side of a back four.

"If you look at the formation England are playing, the formation we're playing here at the moment [at Chelsea] gives us the best possible chance to get used to playing in the positions that England want us to play in," Chilwell, who was named as part of Southgate's 26-man squad, told British media.

"Hopefully that gives us a good chance going into the summer -- that we can be used."

England host San Marino on Thursday before playing away against Albania on Sunday and at home against Poland on March 31 in the qualifiers.

The former Leicester City defender said he was also looking forward to competing against Manchester United's Luke Shaw for a spot in the team for the Euros in June.

"Going into the Euros, if me and Luke are battling it out and trying to prove who's having the best club form going into the tournament, that's only a positive," he said.

(Agencies)

## Germany seek redemption as Loew starts swansong

BERLIN

GERMANY will seek redemption for November's humiliating thrashing against Spain as Joachim Loew's squad look to get the fans back behind them by winning their first three World Cup qualifiers.

Germany host Iceland in Duisburg on Thursday before facing Romania away on Sunday, then play North Macedonia three days later back in Duisburg.

"We want to start the European championship year with an exclamation mark and please our fans again," Loew said after naming teenagers Jamal Musiala, 18, and Florian Wirtz, 17, in his squad. "Our ambition and goal is to get ourselves into a good starting position with three wins."

A fortnight ago, Loew announced he will step down, after 15 years in charge, following the European championships, due to take place from June 11-July 11. He badly needs convincing wins to restore their fans' faith in the Mannschaft following November's 6-0 rout by Spain which handed Germany their heaviest defeat since 1931.

In the aftermath, a survey of German fans by magazine Kicker showed 89 percent felt Loew had failed to rebuild the team since crashing out of the 2018 World Cup in the group stages.

As Germany team director Oliver Bierhoff acknowledged Monday, the Mannschaft must "set an example" after the disgrace of the thrashing in Seville. It is a far cry from July 2014, when Loew could seemingly do no wrong after masterminding Germany's World Cup triumph in Brazil.

The 61-year-old is desperate to end on a high at the Euros after three lean



Joachim Loew

years which have badly tarnished his glittering legacy.

The three World Cup qualifiers are his last chance to look at options before naming his squad for the European championships.

He has high hopes for Bayern Munich midfielder Musiala, who has dual nationality and has opted to play senior football for Germany despite two appearances for England Under-21 last November.

Likewise, Leverkusen's Wirtz, the youngest ever scorer in the Bundesliga, is considered a bright prospect and has also been called up by Loew for the first time.

The head coach wants to see his players working hard in training to win starting places for Germany.

"We want to see in the training sessions and matches which players are imposing themselves, who definitely wants to be there," said Loew.

He has been able to call up five Premier League players after Germany relaxed some of the Covid-19 travel restrictions at the weekend.

Nevertheless, Manchester City mid-

fielder Ilkay Gundogan, Chelsea trio Kai Havertz, Timo Werner and Antonio Ruediger plus Arsenal goalkeeper Bernd Leno will be placed in a 'working quarantine' within the Germany camp. The five will only be allowed contact with other players during training, team meetings and matches. Meals will be taken separately.

"The situation is aggravated, but we are not complaining," Bierhoff added.

There is also no room for Dortmund captain Marco Reus who has struggled for consistency after a lengthy injury lay off.

Loew is also refusing to reverse his 2019 decision to end the international careers of Thomas Mueller, Mats Hummels and Jerome Boateng.

Mueller is in arguably the form of his career with four assists in as many Bundesliga games.

Meanwhile, Scotland's players will stand against racism rather than take the knee ahead of their World Cup qualifier against Austria.

Several Scottish Premiership teams including champions Rangers and their Glasgow rivals Celtic opted not to

take the knee before their games last weekend.

Rangers, Celtic, Dundee United and Motherwell all stood before kick-off after deciding that was a more appropriate way to call for action and change.

Scotland will do the same in Thursday's opening World Cup qualifier at Hampden Park.

Celtic and Rangers players stood united in solidarity with Glen Kamara after the Rangers midfielder reported "vile racist abuse" during a Europa League clash.

UEFA is investigating the matter after Slavia Prague player Ondrej Kudela denied the accusation.

Crystal Palace forward Wilfried Zaha recently became the first English Premier League player to stand instead of kneeling.

The gesture was originally started last year to express support for the Black Lives Matter movement following the death of George Floyd at the hands of a white police officer in the United States.

"I think recent events and past events tell you that you have to keep changing people's mindsets and reminding them," Scotland manager Steve Clarke said on Monday. "The knee, when it was first taken, was a really powerful symbol. It has maybe become a little bit diluted."

"There have been some high-profile cases recently and the abuse is still there, and it's not acceptable. Maybe just taking a stand, as opposed to taking a knee, will just waken everyone up."

"If we go to sleep, it will never go away, we have to keep confronting it and pushing forward, and making sure in years to come racism of any form is not acceptable."

AFP

## Money talks, but Man United need trophies above all else

By Mark Ogden, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

IN May 2018, Manchester United executive vice-chairman Ed Woodward gave what he described as a "very simple and candid" response to a question about whether success on the pitch made a difference to the club's earning power off it: "Playing performance doesn't really have a meaningful impact on what we can do on the commercial side of the business."

Time will tell whether Woodward's assertion about United's commercial power, in the absence of success, holds true. United announced a new five-year shirt sponsorship deal with TeamViewer last week worth £47 million a year, according to club sources, but the agreement is £17m a year down on their expiring deal with Chevrolet, and according to a Bloomberg report at the weekend, TeamViewer appear to have accounted for a €35m (£30.02m) increase in marketing expenses for 2021, so only the eventual publication of the club accounts will reveal the exact figure paid to United.

Still, let's get back to the football. After all, that is what Manchester United are about. Two days after Woodward's comments in 2018, Jose Mourinho's United lost the FA Cup final against Chelsea, and the club hasn't come close to winning a trophy, or even reached a final, in the three years since, so we are certainly seeing the executive vice-chairman's claims being tested to the full.

With Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's team losing 3-1 against Leicester City in Sunday's FA Cup quarterfinal (stream the replay on ESPN+ in the U.S.), United's only remaining hope of silverware this season is the Europa League, in which they face Granada in the last eight next month before a potential semifinal against either Ajax or Roma. The Europa League -- the competition designed for those clubs not quite good enough to consider themselves as being among Europe's elite -- was the last trophy won by United, with Mourinho's team beating Ajax in Stockholm in 2017.

You have to go back to the 1980s for the last time United went so long without winning a trophy, when the club endured a barren period bookended by FA Cup wins in 1985 and 1990, but a failure to win the Europa League this season will ensure that five-year drought



Manchester United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer said winning cup is 'sometimes more of an ego thing from other managers.' (Agencies)

is equalled by Solskjaer's team, who would have to wait until 2022 to break the winless sequence.

But despite all of the above, Solskjaer claimed last week that winning cup competitions is not necessarily any sign of tangible progress.

"In the league position, you see if there's any progress. That's always the bread and butter of the season, that you see how capable you are of coping of ups and downs. Any cup competition can give you a trophy, but sometimes it's more of an ego thing from other managers and clubs to finally win something."

"But we need to see progress and if we perform well enough the trophies will end up at the club again. It's not like a trophy will say that we're back, no. Sometimes a cup competition can hide the fact you're still struggling a little bit."

In one respect, Solskjaer is correct. Arsenal won the FA Cup under Mikel Arteta last season, but the Gunners are now languishing in ninth position in the Premier

League and remain light years away from matching the club's iconic former teams, including the "Invincibles," who won the 2003-04 Premier League title without losing a match.

But major clubs, such as United and Arsenal, ultimately measure themselves in terms of trophies and Arsenal lifted their 14th FA Cup by beating Chelsea in the final. It was the club's fourth FA Cup triumph in seven years and extended their record haul in the competition, so even at a time when Arsenal have struggled to compete in the league, they at least did what big clubs do by winning something.

For Arsenal, those cup wins did not act as a catalyst for greater success. Equally, United's Europa League and Carabao Cup wins in 2017 failed to trigger a return to competing for the title or Champions League, but they at least kept United in the conversation in terms of major clubs actually winning trophies.

Success gives players, manag-

ers and clubs the taste of winning, however, and that is what United are desperately lacking right now. Their two decades of glory under Sir Alex Ferguson began with an FA Cup win in 1990, while Mourinho's Chelsea's launched their own period of dominance with the League Cup in 2005. As for Manchester City, they have barely stopped winning since lifting the FA Cup in 2011.

Success has to start somewhere, but with the comments of Woodward and Solskjaer, it is difficult to know precisely where that start line is at United. Is it now acceptable for United to finish in the top four, and qualify for the Champions League, and enjoy runs into the latter stages of the cups? Comparing league positions, year on year, is an undoubted measure of progress, but it isn't going to fill a trophy room.

But if both the manager and executive vice-chairman suggest that the basic premise of winning trophies isn't the primary yardstick of success at Old Trafford, it should be no surprise if the message seeps through to the players and they go on to fall short in quarterfinals and semifinals, as they have made a habit of doing under Solskjaer.

United's Norwegian manager was a favourite of Ferguson's during his 11-year playing career at Old Trafford and Solskjaer has rarely hidden the fact that many of his principles were shaped by his old boss. But Ferguson was always about winning. Every trophy mattered.

"Winning one trophy is good, I tell you," Ferguson once said. "No matter what trophy it might be, you've got to take it."

Other clubs have taken that message on board, but it seems to have been lost at Manchester United.

Gwiji by David Chikoko





# SPORT

**Germany seek redemption  
as Loew starts swansong**

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

SIMBA SC leadership has said the side plans to honour Tanzania's fifth phase President, the late John Pombe Magufuli, by posting good results in this season's CAF Champions League.

The Tanzania football big guns are lately positioned first in the showdown's Group A, with defending champions, Al Ahly of Egypt, placed second, AS Vita Club of DR Congo and Al Merreikh of Sudan are placed third and fourth respectively.

Salim Abdallah 'Try Again', Simba SC's Board of Directors' member, said there was a lot of inspiration they were getting from Magufuli during his lifetime whenever he met the side's officials.

The Simba SC official stated whenever Magufuli heard the

## Simba SC vows to honour Magufuli

squad had done well, he was urging them to prepare well so that they can scale great heights in the competition.

"Every time he heard that we have won a competition, he always left a message saying that we have done well, but he wanted to see us achieve more success in Africa," he disclosed.

He disclosed: "Do you remember what he told us when we lost the Premier League game against Kagera Sugar? That for us was a means for ensuring we are properly organized."

He stated: "He did not stop there, he continued to send us greetings asking us to do away with ad hoc preparations and build a strong outfit."

Abdallah stated through Magufuli's greetings Simba

were determined to see to it the side is organized in an effort to excel in the continental showpiece and now they are witnessing the benefits of his greetings to them.

"We are now performing well at home and even in Africa, all I can say is we are doing well thanks to his encouragement, we said we should put in enough energy to achieve the goals that the Head of State wants," he stated.

He moreover stated in an effort to honour Magufuli, Simba are seeking to make sure they either make it to the semi-final stage of the CAF Champions League or book a place in the final so that the achievement can be a gift to the brave leader, who was a big fan of the team.

"We want to do something to

honour his contribution, you know in these six years no club can surpass our achievements, we are in a better position to make it to the quarterfinals," he noted.

He stated: "But our board and the do not want to end up wanting to reach the semi-finals or possibly the final, if we get there we will see it as a great gift to our beloved President who has truly done great things for this nation."

Should Simba SC make it to the continental tournament's last four, the outfit has to beat North Africa sides, which have been dominating the competition.

Morocco's Wydad Casablanca, Tunisia's Esperance and Mamelodi Sundowns of South Africa are this season's CAF Champions League silverware favourites.

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

## Sauda flops in Paralympics' qualifiers

TANZANIA's Paralympic athlete, Sauda Njopeka, has performed dismally in the just ended World Para Grand Prix which was held in Tunisia.

The event was used as qualifying competition for Tokyo Paralympics.

Coach Bahati Mgunda, who accompanied the athlete to the qualifiers, stated she competed in 3kg discus throwing and she was placed 13th out of 19 athletes who competed at the event.

He said Sauda threw four meters, which is below the qualification mark, placed at seven meters and above.

"We arrived in the country on Monday, our athlete Sauda did her best but she could not qualify as she threw four meters, while the required qualification mark is seven meters and above, I'm happy that she has got some experience at the event," he said.

Mgunda said prior to the competition, Sauda attended classification, she is now in class S7.

The only remaining Tokyo Paralympics' qualification event will be held in May but Mgunda ruled out



A Tanzanian female wheelchair tennis player features in a recent competition, which took place in Kenya.

the possibility of the athlete to battle it out in the tournament.

The coach disclosed with the current COVID-19 lockdown imposed in many European countries and financial status of Tanzania Paralympic Committee (TPC) it is impossible for her to attend the tournament.

He, however, asked people, companies and corporates to help TPC in a bid to see to it the athlete and her compatriots attend the qualifying events.

The TPC Secretary General Ramadhan Namkoveka yesterday said he cannot comment much on Sauda's results as they are waiting for official report from

Mgunda.

Namkoveka, though, said the athlete may have failed to earn qualification due to her inexperience in international competitions.

"I cannot comment much on her results, we will comment after getting the report from the coach who was with the athlete in Tunisia, but suffice it to say this was her first international event, we are happy that she has gained experience which will help her in the future," he said. Sauda and her coach's trip to Tunisia was sponsored by the government of Japan through Nippon University while Tanzania's government through National Sports Council (NSC) had paid for the visa, COVID-19 test and uniform for the athlete and her coach.

Previously, TPC, through Namkoveka, told The Guardian that they have selected athletes who will attend qualification tournaments for Tokyo Paralympics.

The athletes are drawn from Paralympic athletics, Para Powerlifting and Para swimming.

The Tokyo Paralympics is slated for August 24 to September 5 this year.

Namkoveka said Ignatus Mtweve, who was accompanied by coach Saleh Hussein from Zanzibar, competed at the just ended Dubai 2021 World Para Athletics Grand Prix 12th Fazza International Athletic last month, but he failed to reach the qualifying time.

He also disclosed that there are other five events which will be used as Tokyo Paralympics' qualification competitions.

The events will be held in Colombia, England, Thailand, Georgia and United Arab Emirates.

However, TPC has opted for Dubai where the committee will send three power lifters and coach for the qualification event which is expected to take place from June 16-21.

According to Namkoveka, TPC is seeking sponsors to help the committee financially and materially in an effort to see to it the power lifters travel to Dubai.

He stated the sponsorship will cater for air fare to and from Dubai, accommodation and COVID-19 testing in Dubai.

Namkoveka said three Paralympic swimmers will attend classification and qualification competitions.

He disclosed there are two events in Sheffield, United Kingdom from April 8-11 and, four days later, there will be a two-day event in Lewisville, Dallas, Texas, United States of America.

He said TPC is waiting for confirmation from International Paralympic Committee (IPC) on the World Paralympic Swimming Championships, which has been slated to take place in Australia.

The TPC official, however, lamented lack of resources for enabling the Paralympic athletes to attend the qualifying and classification events.



### Request for Bids VARIOUS TENDERS – Long Term Agreement (LTA) Plan International Tanzania, Kigoma ER office

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- Plan International Tanzania is therefore issuing this request for bids to interested suppliers for provision of various tenders as indicated the below;

Lot No	Tender description	Tender number	Location
1	Provision of Hotel and conference service	PIT/ER/FY21/04	Plan International Tanzania, Kigoma Emergency Response office (Kibondo town)
2	Provision of Hotel and conference service	PIT/ER/FY21/04	Plan International Tanzania, Kigoma Emergency Response office (Kasulu town)
3	Provision of Hotel and conference service Kigoma.	PIT/ER/FY21/04	Plan International Tanzania, Kigoma Emergency Response office (Kigoma town)
4	Supply of stationeries	PIT/ER/FY21/05	Plan International Tanzania, Kigoma Emergency Response office (Kibondo main office)
5	Supply of cleaning materials	PIT/ER/FY21/06	Plan International Tanzania, Kigoma Emergency Response office (Kibondo main office)
6	Supply of fuel and lubricants	PIT/ER/FY21/07	Plan International Tanzania, Kigoma Emergency Response office (Kibondo town)

Bidders may quote for one, two or all Lots, but for each Lot, bidders must quote for all items. Bids not quoting for all items and quantities in a Lot will be considered non-responsive and rejected for that Lot.

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- Bidders are hereby requested to send their bid documents in plain sealed envelope by hand to Plan International Tanzania, Country Office P.O Box 3517 Dar es Salaam, Tanzania OR to Plan International Tanzania, Kibondo offices P.O Box 40 Kibondo, Kigoma. Deadline for submission is before 02PM, Wednesday 7th April 2021. Marked "Tender number; Tender description; Location and Indicating respective Lot number.
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### Invitation to Tender (ITT) PROVISION OF STAFF MEDICAL INSURANCE COVER Tender Ref. No. PIT/CO/51/FY21

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- The proposed scheme will be for a period of one-year effective 1 July 2021- 30 June 2022 and renewable annually subject to satisfactory performance, that the contract shall not exceed 3 three years, thereafter the tender will be advertised again
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- Tenderers are requested to submit Technical and Financial Proposals with each enclosed in a separate envelope and marked "Technical Proposal" and "Financial Proposal" respectively. The two envelopes shall then be enclosed in a single envelope.
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