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Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa greets Mwanza Catholic Archbishop Rhenatus Nkwande after an installation ceremony held in Mwanza yesterday. Photo: PMO

## Make Dr Mengi's death date day for tree planting

I appeal to the government to officially declare the day Dr Mengi passed away as a special day for tree-planting in the country," suggested Prof Msafiri in an interview with this paper

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

TANZANIANS have been called upon to plant trees and keep the wider environment clean as a way of emulating and keeping the memory of the late Executive Chairman of IPP, Dr Reginald Mengi.

Speaking to The Guardian in separate interviews at the weekend, the Managing Director of the Kilimanjaro Consortium for Development and Environment (KCDE) and the United Nations (UN) Climate Change Ambassador for Tanzania, Rev Prof Aidan Msafiri and the Kilimanjaro Regional Commissioner Dr Anna Mghwira said that it is the only way of honouring Dr Mengi, who was passionate about tree planting and environmental conservation as a whole.

"I appeal to the government to officially declare the day Dr Mengi passed away as a special day for tree-planting in the country," suggested Prof Msafiri in an interview with this paper.

RC Mghwira said that considering the late

Dr Mengi's contribution in environmental conservation whereby he sponsored planting of millions of trees in the country, there can be no other befitting way of remembering him than planting trees.

"We are proud of late Dr Mengi for his outstanding contribution towards greening Kilimanjaro region in particular and Tanzania in general. We must continue these efforts because our country has for the past 20 years been adversely affected by environmental degradation," she stated.

If granted, the Dr Reginald Mengi National Tree-Planting Day will help inculcate the culture of loving and protecting the environment among Tanzanians for generations to come, and make the country greener and cleaner, Prof Msafiri asserted.

He pointed out that it is important for Tanzanians to plant trees during individual and family special events such as birthdays and other ceremonies for the country to have a sustainable environment.

Commenting on his organisation and

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## Councillors aghast at hippos, jumbos threat

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

RESIDENTS of villages neighbouring the Mtera Dam and Ruaha National Park in Iringa Region have called on relevant authorities to control large numbers of hippopotamus and elephants that have reportedly killed seven people in one month.

Speaking at a council meeting over the weekend, councillors from various wards in the surrounding areas of the dam and the park said hippos and elephants have become a big concern because, apart from attacking and killing people, the animals destroy crops in the fields.

Migoli Ward Councillor Majaliwa Lyaki (Chadema) said that attacks in the Mtera dam by hippos have increased such that the government should reduce their number by harvesting them.

He said it has been a long time that these

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## PM awaits 10,000 East Asian visitors

By Guardian Reporter

LESS than a fortnight after a thousand visitors from the Middle East toured Tanzania, the country has just received the first batch of expected 10,000 tourists from the Far East.

Landing at the Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA) on Sunday evening, more than 350 tourists from China kicked off their itinerary by sampling Northern Zone attractions, including the Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti National Park.

They were received at the terminal by Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa, who described the entourage as yet another indication that Tanzania

is becoming a lucrative destination for visitors and investors from overseas.

The 10,000 visitors from China will be touring Tanzania through the "Tour Africa - New Horizon" program coordinated by Touch Road International Holding Group, which in addition to opening doors for tourists from the Far East, is hatching a new initiative where some visitors are going to identify potential areas of investments in Tanzania.

The arrival of tourists from China follows an agreement inked last year between the Tanzania Tourist Board (TTB) and Touch Road

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## Sumatra nabs bus tracking violators

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa, Morogoro

THE Surface and Marine Transport Regulatory Authority (SUMATRA) in Morogoro region has suspended seven upcountry buses plying the Dar es Salaam to eastern and western regions route for tempering with the Vehicle Tracking System (VTS) to enable them speed without being detected.

The vehicles have been caught violating road safety rules by driving beyond the permitted 80km per hour in an Eastern zone joint inspection which commenced on Monday last week.

SUMATRA in collaboration with Morogoro police authorities conducted the inspection by erecting two check points at Msamvu regional bus terminal and Mikese on the outskirts of the town, for trucks.

Speaking to The Guardian at the weekend about the operation, SUMATRA Director General Gilliard Ngewe named the suspended buses as BM with registration number T 591 DCL owned by Blaston Makundi, which routes Dar to Morogoro, along with two Classic Coach buses with registration number CGO 4624 AEI9 and CGO 5594EI9.

Another one is Complex Safari Ltd with registration number T 402 CRY, Kasire Luxury with registration number 443 DFJ owned by Kasire Trans Ltd and Frester Investment, registration number T 647 AWD.

"Only BM has short routes Dar to Morogoro the others route Dar es salaam to Western

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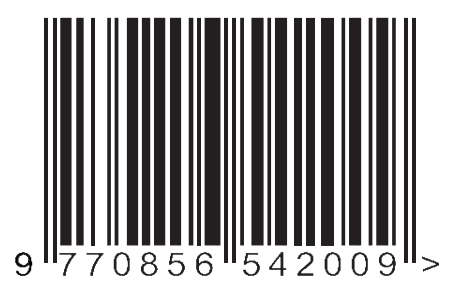
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regions. After inspection drivers were suspected with Vehicle Tracking System (VTS) trouble shooting as disconnecting communication then run over 80 kms speeds," he said.

Ngewe reminded drivers to run the business with care for profit yield, noting that maintaining normal driving of less than 80kmh speeds it is, easy to serve 100 diesel litres from Dar es Salaam to Kagera Region.

"Almost 30 per cent of fuel consumption is realized where it amounts to reducing go and return costs by 500,000/- before VTS according to a study SUMATRA conducted on bus owners," he elaborated.

Other buses whose drivers were sent at court due to driving over 80 kmh speed are Kisbo Safari Ltd with registration no T 324 DGC, Kisesa Express Ltd with registration no T 755 DLT, Dar Lux and Color Star.

For his part, regional SUMATRA official Andrew Mlacha said besides suspending buses since an operation commenced on May 6 up to May 10 more than 20m/- has been earmarked as notification to buses with minor road offenses like delayed paying fines, with normal charges of not over 250,000/- charged as penalty.

"it's better driver and owners pay it voluntary rather than involuntary which brings disturbances to passengers when inspection takes place and found with more than one

fault," the SUMATRA official intoned.

He pointed out a decrease of offenses from trucks, listing 84 trucks with no road license since that inspection started, but the number of trucks with road offenses decreased.

"As an operation was being conducted trucks' offenses minimized compared to the earlier period. Besides, more drivers show cooperation once arrested rather aggressive behavior as some did on day one," he remarked.

Regional Traffic Officer (RTO), Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Deleli Stephen declared intention to seize driving license of any driver found with the same mistakes.

He said the police force in Morogoro conduct capacity building to bus drivers and motorcycle riders, making a point of taking immediate measures on those who ignore those seminars.

"The RTO's office now cross-checks drivers' licenses and once one found with same repeated mistakes it proceeds to seize their licenses. This will be taken as a lesson to others as the target is to end or minimize road crashes," he elaborated.

The Eastern Zone joint inspection is a continuation of a similar exercise in the Central Zone conducted before during Easter festivals which involved Singida, Manyara and Shinyanga regions.

It succeeded to send to court three drivers repeating the same offences and notification of buses for fines of over 100m/-, he added.



Zanzibar residents get iftar organised by President Dr. Ali Mohamed Shein at his Kibele residence in Central Unguja over the weekend. Photo: State House

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International Group which organises the tours through chartered flights.

TTB made a good presentation in China such that the country felt the need to open doors for its people to tour Tanzania, making the country top of the list in African itineraries.

China, the most populous country in the world with about 1.4 billion people, usually has 120 million people visiting foreign countries each year. The agreement between TTB and the Chinese firm was signed during the 2018 China-Tanzania Roadshow.

The roadshow started in Shanghai, proceeding to Guangzhou, Hong Kong, Chengdu and Beijing, with over

200 participants taking part at the opening ceremony, where the Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, Dr Aloyce Nzuki attended.

Efforts by the Tanzanian Embassy in China in collaboration with TTB played a big role in attracting the large number of local participants in the Chinese roadshow event, including travel agents, tour operators, international airlines and media personnel.

Tanzania gets an average of 1.3 million visitors per year, but recent promotional efforts and the revival of the national carrier, Air Tanzania, is expected to far outstrip the figure by next year's end, officials noted.

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

MEAT and milk processors have commended the government for controlling importation of dairy products saying the move protects local investors and ensures market for locally made goods.

They said reduced imports of dairy products will also boost livestock keepers as they will be selling their cattle to the factories.

They made the remarks when speaking shortly after the Livestock and Fisheries Minister, Luhaga Mpinga visited construction of a new meat processing factory—Eliya Foods Over Seas Limited at Longido and milk processing factory—Kilimanjaro Fresh located in Arusha city.

Director, Eliya Foods Over Seas Limited, Shabbir Virjee said they resolved to establish the factories after being impressed with measures the government is taking to protect local manufacturers in various sectors including dairy.

## Meat, milk processors commend govt for controlling dairy products

According to Virjee, the factory will have the capacity to slaughter 500 cows and 2,000 goats per day. He said they are expected to offer 200 direct and indirect employments to Tanzanians as well as buying cattle from livestock keepers in Longido and other places across the country.

"We commend the government for controlling importation of dairy products. We are sure of the markets for our dairy products," he said.

General Manager, Galaxy Food & Beverage Ltd which produces Kilimanjaro Fresh branded milk, Irhan Virjee thanked the government for imposing new charges on imported milk, the thing that creates fair playing field.

He said local milk processors were hardly competing with imported milk

thus affecting their expansion plans. He said they are constructing the factory because they are sure of the market.

He noted that they are currently processing 5,000 liters of milk per day but the factory has a capacity to process 75,000 liters of milk every day. The factory gets raw milk from dairy farmers in Longido, he added.

Livestock and Fisheries Minister, Luhaga Mpinga assured meat and milk processors of a readymade market across the country since the government are determined to protect local manufacturers.

"The initiatives we are taking are not meant to harass anyone, but to protect local manufacturers as well as create friendly business and investment environment", said

Mpinga

Mpinga said the ministry is taking various initiatives to improve cattle genetics to ensure quality breeds that will be sold to the industry.

Tanzania has a total of 30.5 cows, 18.8 goats and 5.3 sheep. It is the second country in Africa with the largest number of cattle. At least 1.4 percent of all the cattle in the globe are in Tanzania.

Registrar of the Tanzania Meat Board (TMB), Imani Sichwalwe said they will continue attracting investors in the meat processing sub-sector as well as search for international markets such as China and Europe.

Longido District Commissioner, Frank Mwaisumbe said the government in Longido will continue to protect investors and their resources.



Bunge primary school Standard Six pupils who are Puma Energy Tanzania road safety ambassadors deliver road safety education to one of the drivers at Puma Ocean Road petrol station in Dar es Salaam yesterday as part to commemorate the United Nations Global Road Safety Week. Looking on (L) is the firm's managing director Dominic Dhanah. Photo: John Badi

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projects they have implemented so far, Prof Msafiri explained that KCDE, which is a non-governmental organization (NGO) in January this year has undertaken several development and environmental awareness projects through training, capacity building and community services.

"We have planted more than 200 trees in Hedaru area in Same district and we are set to plant more than 3500 trees in Moshi by next week in our efforts to conserve the country's environment," he said.

The organization is continuing with dissemination of its environmental and development awareness to public schools,

mosques and churches in a programme which started in January.

"We involve members of the community particularly those who live around conservation areas in the protection of conserved natural forests and wildlife. This is vital for sustainable environmental protection and conservation," the clergyman underlined.

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animals were harvested and thus become a threat to the lives of fishermen who are afraid to go to the dam, as the large animals can strike at any moment.

Lyaki said that people near Mtera dam make their lives from it but now they do not conduct fishing activities, implying that Iringa district authorities stand to lose significant amounts of revenue.

For six years the government has not conducted a species census at Mtera dam, thus failing to notice a problem preoccupying the area's inhabitants, he said, noting that the residents are key economic stakeholders as they pay income tax to the council.

If the hippos are not going to be harvested to reduce their number it will affect lives and revenue collection, he emphasized.

Special Seats Councillor for Isimani division, Yuster Kinyaga (CCM) said that hippos have been attacking fishermen.

So the government needs to come to their help and harvest massive mammals which have killed seven people in the past month, she said.

Other wild animals causing havoc in Migoli Ward include elephants from the Ruaha National Park, invading the villages in big groups. "There are too many of them around Mtera dam," the councillor underlined.

She reminded the district authorities that President Dr John Magufuli directed the authorities to assure those hippos are harvested to reduce deaths of fishermen working in the dam.

"When he came to Iringa I told the president about the hippos and he ordered authorities to deal with the issue. But since the president left so far seven people have been killed, because the authorities have done nothing on the president's directive," the councillor noted.

Authorities need to ensure they harvest hippos to reduce the deaths of fishermen

that cause many women to become widows.

"Those who work for fishing are men who are usually married, so these dangerous mammals cause families to disrupt and women to live as widows," she further noted.

Iloilo Mpya councillor Fundi Mihayo said that elephants have done damage to the ward population as a large group of elephants routinely damage crops of nearby residents.

"This year the large group of elephants we do not know where they are coming from but they destroyed crops..." said Mihayo

Elephants also make it hard for pupils to go to school for fear of meeting the huge beasts lurking in the vicinity, he said.

Footpaths that are used by pupils are frequented by elephants as well, he pointed out.

Since the start of the year elephants have damaged crops in Iloilo Mpya, Nzihi and Kiwere wards, the councillor said, elaborating that people need to know that elephants are found around the area.

Responding to the complaints the District Land and Natural Resources Officer for Iringa, Evidence Machenje said the department was working on the matter, while advising residents to take precautions as regards the dangerous animals.

"We are indeed aware of the impact of the hippos but the council does not have the authority to harvest those animals. So we must contact the relevant authorities to come and harvest them," he said.

In addition, Machenje reminded the meeting that despite the damage that elephants and hippos have caused, everything has to be done in accordance with laws and regulations of the country, so people have to be patient.

Iringa District Council chairperson Stephen Mhapa directed the District Executive Director, Robert Masunya to ensure that those animals don't cause problems, to save the lives of the surrounding residents.



Former Prime Minister, Mizengo Pinda, (R) exchanges views with board member and deputy secretary and member of the party committee at Moutai Group, Wang Yan during high-level business talks at China Kweichow Moutai belt and road branding initiative in Tanzania held at Mlimani City in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Police holding 2 people for allegedly killing child Rose

By Guardian Reporter

POLICE in Mbeya Region are holding two people for allegedly killing a six-year-old Rose Japhet in an event linked to superstitious beliefs.

Mbeya Regional Police Commander, Ulrich Matei told reporters here that those who were arrested include Andrew Mwambuluma, a resident of Mbalizi on the outskirts of Mbeya city and Japhet Nguku (37) the father of the deceased, who is a resident of Msewe village in Mbarali District.

He said that the suspects allegedly killed the child on May 3, this year and went away with her body parts, so that they can 'get rich.'

RPC Matei said that after that the remains of the baby girl were found at

Chimara Forest Reserve and "the body was found decapitated and with the right foot amputated. And the foot was found buried nearby."

The regional police chief said: "The motive of this murder was monetary. The father of the deceased took his daughter to a businessman for five million shillings for her to be killed and her right foot amputated."

The businessman, who was also arrested, was meant to "give the foot to a healer so that he would make a product which would make him (the father) prosperous," Matei said.

The businessman admitted his involvement and police are still hunting for the healer.

The incident happens barely three months, when ten children aged between three and six years

were brutally killed and some had their organs chopped off in different occasions in Njombe Region

Reports have it that the killers were also chopping off the children's reproductive and respiratory organs in the killings that are linked to superstitious beliefs.

Njombe Regional Commissioner, Christopher Ole Sendeka, had ordered the immediate arrest of all witchdoctors who are linked to the brutal deaths of innocent children.

The United Nations condemned the killings at the time.

Such killings are not unusual in Tanzania, where albinos are often kidnapped and their body parts hacked off for use as charms and magical potions in the belief that they bring wealth and good luck.

## Violators of plastic bags ban to face 20m/- fine

By Guardian Reporter

AS the nation races towards the June 1 plastic bags ban deadline, the National Environment Management Council (NEMC) announced in Dar es Salaam yesterday that during the interim period district officials will demarcate dumping zones and it further warned that violators of the ban risk a fine of up to 20m/-.

In an interview in the city, the NEMC director general, Dr Samuel Gwamaka, said districts will allocate dumping zones of plastic bags and the public will be well informed on the move.

He explained that regulations made under the Environment Act of 2004, award a 20m/- fine to a convicted importer and exporter of banned bags; production, storage and distribution of the bags will attract a 10m/- fine and selling of the bags will earn the seller a 10,000/- fine and person caught using the bags will be fined 30,000/-.

The DG said the public should not worry about alternative carrier bags because, he said, production of alternative bags was progressing well. "At the moment we have 25 local industries producing paper bags and other industries producing other types of alternative bags. Production of such bags is expected to increase in the very near future," he assured.

He clarified that the ban excludes plastic wrap ups of medicines, wrap ups of edibles such as milk or cashew nuts or wrap ups of industrial, farm and construction products. But, he emphasized, all such wrap ups must meet quality standards of the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS).

He said prospective investors should contact the Tanzania Investment Centre, NEMC, TBS, the Small Scale Industries Organisation (SIDO), and financial institutions.

He also said a national task force has been formed working under the Vice-President's Office.

## Tour guides appeal for insurance cover

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

THOUSANDS of tour guides in the country have no insurance cover despite working in risky environments, their umbrella body has said, calling for intervention from stakeholders.

Speaking during the Tanzania Tour Guides Association (TTGA) annual general meeting at the weekend, the TTGA Chairperson, Halifa Msangi revealed here that the number of Tour, Safari and Mountain Guides in the country has reached 6000 so far, but only 730 of them have been enrolled into the National Health Insurance Scheme, leaving 5270 others without the crucial cover.

According to Msangi even when it comes to the affiliation of the Tanzania Tour Guides Association, most Safari Guides continue to stay out of the enrollment because the association has just 1360 members. "Through TTGA we have started special arrangements to provide members with NHIF cards under joint scheme but it seems many will still be left out," of them have been enrolled in industry oriented association, thus missing out on plenty of associated benefits.

It was explained during the meeting that the reason why most Tour and Safari Guides in the country have been operating without the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) cover or any of the related schemes was because majority of these people happen to be freelancers, working outside formal employment arrangements.

The TTGA Board Chairman Ally Ramadhan said at the moment the association members are covered under 'flying doctor services,' as per recently hatched contract which is an important step on that many guides work far away in the field or remote places thus needing rescue. Safari Guides take tourists to visit National Parks, Game reserves and other attractions in the country, being exposed to various risky situations such as road accidents, beasts' attacks, sudden sickness occurrences and natural disasters but it seems a few of them find health insurance to be important thing.

Hosiana Siao is a lady tour and driver guide in-charge of disciplinary department at the Tanzania Tour Guides Association (TTGA); "The position I have endowed with is simply meant to encourage other ladies to join the male dominated industry," she said.

According to Siao, staying far away from families and working in remote and dangerous plains are factors that make most women to stay far away from the tour and safari guide profession.

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# Dodoma targets to register 50,000 people for the improved community health fund

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

DODOMA region targets to register at least 50,000 people in the improved Community Health Fund (CHF) system by the end of this year, thanks to the support from the Health Promotion and Systems Strengthening Project (HPSS) in the region.

The main focus of health system strengthening is to improve the health financing system which includes strengthening of the public financial management, supporting Community Health Funds through re-organizing them into viable social health insurance schemes, and improving the flows of funding from the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) to the health services in Dodoma region.

HPSS is a project funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) in collaboration with the government of Tanzania and it has been implemented by Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute in Dodoma, Morogoro and Shinyanga.

Speaking here recently after receiving equipment worth 19 million from the HPSS, the Regional CHF Coordinator, Francis Lutulala said the support will help upscale improved CHF coverage.

He noted that since the improved system was launched in November, 2018, some 13,730 households have been registered by early this month.

Lutulala thanked HPSS for the support that included ICT equipment and office furniture, saying it will help accelerate coverage of households in the improved CHF programme.

"Our target is to register at least 50,000 households into the programme

by the end of this year and the materials we receive today will help realize that goal" he said.

The coordinator noted that health facilities have received substantial amount of money through improved system, being Sh 10 million in January, Sh 12 million in February, Sh 19 in March and about Sh 25 million yet to be paid for April this year.

Speaking while officiating the event Dodoma Regional Administrative Secretary (RAS), Maduka Kessy also thanked HPSS for the and sponsorship, saying it will help regional CHF office to work more efficiently.

He urged those involved in using the equipment to ensure they are used accordingly and take good care of them, noting that without such ICT equipment, the regional office will find work very difficult.

"We thank HPSS for the support that will increase our performance but I urge the responsible officers to take good care of the equipment aimed at improving services" he said.



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Tigo Tanzania Customer care officer Regani Emmanuel registers Chwaka Member of Parliament Bhagwa Measure (R) through biometric sim card registration system at Parliament grounds in Dodoma over the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Premier urges clerics to preach unity, tolerance

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has urged religious leaders in the country to preach unity and tolerance among Tanzanians to promote co-existence which is a catalyst for peace.

The PM was speaking in Mwanza at a ceremony to install Bishop Renatus Nkwande of the Roman Catholic Church as the Arch Bishop for Mwanza diocese at a ceremony held at Kawekamo grounds in the city.

PM Majaliwa who was speaking on

behalf of President John Magufuli, told congregators who gathered at the ceremony that leading people spiritually and socially was a difficult thing saying the appointment to lead the diocese was a sign that he was doing a great job.

"We leaders and worshipers have confidence in what you are doing, therefore accept this task with hope because you are not alone," he said.

The PM used the opportunity to sensitize religious leaders to preach peace and forgiveness.

In his remarks, Bishop Nkwande expressed his sadness over the growing beliefs in the country saying this was a sign of deteriorating values among the society.

"Our people have various beliefs that had engulfed them for a long time and it is the role of the church to create public awareness that God was the answer," he said.

Bisho Nkwande hailed president Magufuli for the commendable job that he is doing, saying the church believed it was for the benefit of all

Tanzanians.

Earlier, when giving remarks from the Tanzania Episcopal Conference (TEC) president Bishop Gervas Nyaisonga called upon catholic worshipers in the Lake zone to offer support to the new bishop.

Bishop Nyaisonga thanked the government for offering support to the church in various sectors such as education and health.

The PM left Mwanza yesterday for Arusha where he was expected to receive about 200 tourists from China.



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REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF ZANZIBAR  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND PLANNING  
INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT PROJECT FOR DOMESTIC RESOURCE  
MOBILIZATION AND NATURAL RESOURCE GOVERNANCE (ISP-DRM-NRG)

**SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE (SPN)  
OPEN COMPETITIVE BIDDING - NATIONAL (OCB-NATIONAL)**

**SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, COMMISSIONING AND TRAINING OF  
CENTRALIZED CONTACT CENTER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (CCMS)  
FOR ZANZIBAR REVENUE BOARD**

**ISPG/DRMNRG/ZNZ/AfDB/G10/NCB/2019**

1. This Specific procurement notice follows the General Procurement Notice for this project which was published in the UN Development Business (UNDB online) and the African Development Bank's Internet Website ([www.afdb.org](http://www.afdb.org)) on 30th November, 2017.

2. The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar has received Financing from the African Development Bank in various currencies towards the cost of Institutional Support Project for Domestic Resource Mobilization and Natural Resource Governance (ISP-DRM-NRG). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for Supply, Installation, Commissioning and user training of centralized contact center management system (CCMS) for Zanzibar Revenue Board (ZRB).

3. The Ministry of Finance and Planning now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply, installation, configuration and commissioning of a computerized and web-enabled ZRB Contact Center Management Solution and Customer Relationship Management (CRMS) software that covers a broad set of applications designed to help managing businesses process and not limited from the customer data, customer interaction and access business information in ZRB (Unguja and Pemba).

#### LIST OF REQUIREMENTS

The main objective of the assignment is to supply, setup and installation of Centralized Call Center with Customer Relationship Management (CRM) System and Hardware Deployment & Managed back-office Services with Mobile CRM Application for Zanzibar Revenue Board, which is cost effective, user friendly and functionality based that responds to the ZRB needs and fit for purpose.

The supplied CCMS AND CRMS must be able to accept calls from all networks and routed to available or next available Contact Center agent, the CCMS AND CRMS must have at minimum the following functionalities:

- Support 10 Contact Center Agents
- Inbound and Outbound Campaigns
- Automatic Call Distribution
- Interactive Voice Response
- Distributed Teams
- Comprehensive Reports
- Online Realtime Call and Agent Status Monitoring
- Ability to Connect with SIP Gateway
- Ability to Connect with ISDN PRI E1 Lines
- Workforce Management
- Comprehensive Customer Relationship

Management Tool with SLA Tracking and Escalations

4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents at the office of;  
**Project Coordinator ISP-DRMNRG,  
Ministry of Finance and Planning,  
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5. A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders from the above address and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Tanzanian Shillings One Hundred Thousand Only (TZS: 100,000.00)** or equivalent in a convertible currency. Payable in Cash, Banker's Draft, or Banker's Cheque to the Bank Name: The People's Bank of Zanzibar Ltd, Name of Account: Ministry of Finance Revenue Account, Branch: Forodhani, Account Number: 021101000176.

6. The provisions in the Instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions of Contract are the provisions of the African Development Bank Standard Bidding Document: Procurement of Goods.

7. All bids in one original plus three copies, properly filled in and enclosed in a plain envelope must be delivered to the above office on or before 10:00am on 29th May 2019 and must be accompanied by a security of **Tanzanian Shillings Five Million Only (TZS 5,000,000.00)** or equivalent in an easily convertible currency.

8. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 10:00am on 29th May 2019 at the offices of **Ministry of Finance and Planning, Conference Room, Ground Floor, P.O. Box 1154, 12Keneth Kaunda Road, 71402 Urban West, Vuga, Zanzibar.**

9. Late bids, portion of bids, electronic bids, bids not received, and not opened and not read out in a public at the bid opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND PLANNING - ZANZIBAR

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Deputy Minister in the President's Office Public Service and Good Governance Dr Mary Mwanjelwa (3rdR) celebrates together with Tanzania Public Service College choir of Mtwara branch at the 30th graduation held in Mtwara over the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Govt urges institutions to send employees to Service College

By Guardian Correspondent, Mtwara

THE government has urged its institutions to send their new employees to the Tanzania Public Service College (TPSC) for training on values after identifying some few shortages with the newly employed public workers.

Speaking during the 30th graduation ceremony for TPSC Mtwara campus, the Deputy Minister the Deputy Minister of State in the President's Office responsible for Public Service and Good Governance Mary Mwanjelwa, said a plan was underway to let all employers in the public sector to take their new employees to the college for specialized training on public service.

The challenges include, the disclosing of government information saying this can be overcome if the workers can be trained on public service.

"Let me call upon all employers to take their new employees here, and this should be mandatory and not a request," said the deputy minister.

She advised the college to offer training that is in line with the government's agenda to build an industrialized economy adding that the college should also conduct research that is in line with the current government's agenda.

The minister also advised the college's workers

to work hard so that the government can serve Wananchi as required.

Earlier, the acting Principal for the college Dr Emanuel Shindika told the deputy Minister that out of the 2686 graduates, 787 have been awarded certificates (NTA 4), 711 Diplomas, 1185 advanced diplomas while three have been awarded postgraduate diplomas. He said the college is working on improving its services including expanding laboratories, libraries, and communication systems in its various campuses.

Among the courses being offered by the college includes library services, record keeping and sensitive information keeping among others.

Tanzania Public Service was established to support public service department on Training, Consultancy and Research in order to meet customers' satisfaction. Tanzania Public Service is running some projects on various disciplines in order to improve the quality of Service.



**Let me call upon all employers to take their new employees here, and this should be mandatory and not a request**

By Guardian Correspondent, Monduli

## Tandia conducts training to 200 health practitioners and doctors in Monduli

A non-governmental organisation with its headquarters in German-Tandia has conducted training to 200 health practitioners and doctors in Monduli district on how to protect themselves from infectious diseases following recent outbreaks of cholera and anthrax.

Speaking at a closing ceremony of the nine days training which were conducted at Mto wa Mbu, the district coordinator for epidemics, Dr Joel Nkika said they aim at imparting the doctors with skills and techniques to handle patients without being infected.

He said they have chosen health

practitioners from Monduli district since it is among the places that have been frequently reported to have cholera and anthrax outbreaks.

"Monduli has been frequently attacked with anthrax and cholera outbreaks which have resulted into deaths of people and animals. The training will also help us in the prevention against the epidemics", he said.

Tandia Director, Regina Meissner said the organization has been supporting health projects in the district since 2015. He said they have successfully managed to reduce a number of health challenges that villagers were facing.

She noted that Tandia has been supporting construction of dispensaries, maternity units, labour wards and construction of water tanks

at Mbuyuni area.

"We have invested much in Monduli district after realizing the area is vulnerable to various epidemics. The district also faces shortage of delivery suites at its health centers", said Meissner adding they are planning to provide similar support to other districts.

A participant, Dr Emma Msofe, Senior Medical Officer at Mto wa Mbu health

center said: "The skills we acquired will help us to protect our people against the epidemic. We have been educated on proper use of equipment and medicine administration".

Medical Officer from Engaruka health center, Elisha Kilanga said they have learned how to care of anthrax patients without being infected.

According to Kilanga, Moduli district has been frequently attacked with

anthrax outbreak since most of the residents are livestock keepers. He said the outbreak of the disease have been causing several deaths of animals and human beings.

Training coordinator, Joyce Shanghai said the organization has been conducting training to various groups such as health practitioners, doctors, laboratory technicians and security guards.

In February this year, anthrax killed two people in Kilimanjaro region.

In January, the disease killed four people in south-western Tanzania's district of Momba, Songwe Region.

In September 2017, an outbreak of the disease killed at least 42 hippos in Ruaha National Park.

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# Graphite mining firm donates 7.6 tonnes of food to schools in Ulanga

By Guardian Correspondent, Ulanga

MAHENGE Resources through its school feeding programme has dished out 6.5 tonnes of maize and 1.1 tonnes of beans to primary and secondary schools in Ulanga District t. Morogoro Region.

Speaking over the weekend soon after receiving the support, Ulanga District Commissioner, Ng'olalo Malenya lauded the graphite mining company for its consistently contribution to the growth of natural resource rich district. "We appreciate for your support our district, which has a lot to the development if this area," the DC said.

Malenya suggested the need for sustainable relationship between the mining firm and the entire community of Ulanga and the country at large.

She stated: "I believe that the unity existing between our district and the company will lead to a brighter and beneficial future for all the parties involved." "It is impressive when sound investors see the importance and need to contribute to the community surrounding them and the nation by action," the DC said.

For his part, Mahenge Resources Vice President Corporate, Hekima Raymond said: "Investing in the future of our nation is what Mahenge Resources does. Positive investments in the future of people who are part of our community are absolutely consistent with our values, and our social and community responsibility programme".

He added: "We do understand that the children have meal challenges, especially the before harvesting period. So, our support is meant to ensure nothing comes between them and instead they can focus on their studies."

According to him, the total amount of food provided this year amounts to 7.4 tonnes worth 8m/-.

This is a fourth consecutive year for Mahenge Resources has been providing meals for Primary and Secondary schools in the district and the impact is now noticeable in terms of improved student performance in both attendance and national examinations.

We have this year increased both the amount of food provided and number of schools benefiting from this programme. This year we've included Makanga—a primary school that accommodates with children with special needs."

In addition to the school food program, he said: "Having gone through the mine permitting and licensing process, while establishing funding ar-

rangements to build the mine, we will fully deploy our full community development and Resettlement Action Plan to further benefit the community in our way to advance the project and continuing support our community is the sort of win-win outcome we try to embrace."

"The volume of funds advanced accounts for some 18 per cent of the total funding of the school buildings upgrade programme. This is a significant contribution for the company before we have commenced building the mine, and before we have established commercial production. As we work through the mine permitting and licensing process, and establish funding arrangements to build the mine, we will fully deploy our full community development and resettlement action plan to further benefit the community."

"Working with the government to secure permitting and operating licenses, so we can advance the project and further support our community is the sort of win-win outcome we are trying to embrace," he said.

The official added: "Mahenge Resources takes our corporate social responsibility programme seriously and actively contributes to our community through the following programmes—providing food for primary school pupils in some rural schools in order to overcome the absenteeism problem that had been facing the schools.

"We also provide food for some secondary school students whose homes are far away from school, in order to overcome the absenteeism and teenage pregnancy problems and gave 100 per cent scholarship to 100 needy secondary school students to ensure their dreams are not stuck.

"The company supports availability of clean water to some disadvantaged schools to ensure students and teachers live healthy, as well as funding construction of teachers residential houses especially where there is scarcity of teachers due to lack of residency."

He also said that Mahenge Resources provides funding for the construction of classrooms, donates students' chairs (desks) to reduce insufficiency, providing food to orphaned students to improve their comfort ability in studies, funding renovation of school laboratories in terms of building and equipping, supporting sportswear to village teams and donation of tracksuits for primary school pupils to support art, culture and patriotism.



Uhuru torch race leader Mzee Mkongea Ali inaugurates fish pond project which is under Mwananchi youth garage in Shinyanga urban yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Marco Maduhu

# The secret behind China's economic miracle

By Guardian Reporter

CHINA'S economic miracle is a combination of several factors, including globalization, openness and cooperation, a prominent Chinese national has said.

Speaking during a high-level business talk in Dar es Salaam, board member, deputy secretary and member of the party committee at Moutai Group, Wang Yan, said 40 years ago, China was poorer than most African countries at present.

The business talk, which was graced by former Prime Minister, Mizengo Pinda held in Dar es Salaam, was part of the "Cultural Moutai, Colorful Guizhou" - China Kweichow Moutai Belt and Road Branding Initiative in Tanzania".

The business talks also coincided with the launch of Moutai liquor in Tanzania.

"Africa is still developing. China's development miracle from being the poorest country in the world to today has showcased the pro-

found power globalization, openness and cooperation have over people's lives...I remember vividly that over 40 years ago, the income of Chinese families was extremely low and televisions were not yet popular," he said.

He said national brands such as Hitachi, Panasonic, Coca-Cola, and Renmao began to advertise and promote their business cultures in mainland China.

To-date, the companies have not only changed Chinese people's way of life, but they have also gained great commercial success by contributing to China's development.

"As Maotai, we choose Africa for both the beautiful past between China and Africa and the bright future lies ahead," he said.

On the Maotai liquor, he said as China's most influential brand comes top in various international lists such as WPP and Kantar Millward Brown, Forbes and Financial Times.

"Just like in China, people here love good liquor or wine because they bring happiness."

We also hope that the arrival of Moutai would bring more joy and happiness to the people in Tanzania," he said.

In 2018, the revenue of Maotai Group hit 12.6 billion US dollars, net profit reached 5.8 billion US dollars and tax revenue 5.6 billion US dollars. The total assets exceeded 30 billion US dollars.

The event comes at a time when China is marking the 6th anniversary of its "Belt and Road" Initiative.

With the growing number of model projects of China-Africa cooperation, as an active participant and supporter, Africa has rapidly become a demonstration zone for the "Belt and Road" Initiative.

The Belt and Road Initiative is a development strategy adopted by the Chinese government involving infrastructure development and investments in 152 countries and international organizations in Europe, Asia, Middle East, Latin America and Africa.



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RTI has patterned with USAID on a 5-year cooperative agreement project, Ukooa Maisha Dhibiti Malaria Activity (OMDM) in Tanzania. The purpose of this project is to support the Government of Tanzania to reduce the burden of malaria and to move towards the long-term goal of malaria elimination. Under a cooperative agreement, USAID funds malaria surveillance, entomological monitoring, drug efficacy monitoring and monitoring of other vector control interventions.

RTI is currently seeking to fill a vacancy for the OMDM project. In this regard we are currently seeking applications for the Senior Technical Advisor position.

### SENIOR TECHNICAL ADVISOR – Dar es Salaam based (1 Position)

The Senior Technical Advisor will provide technical assistance to the project, particularly focused on Results 2 and 3 around entomological and drug efficacy monitoring.

#### Key Responsibilities:

- Serves as a member of OMDM's Senior Leadership team, providing vision and strategic technical leadership for the project.
- Leads implementation of activities under Results 2 and 3 – entomological and drug efficacy surveillance, managing relationships with key collaborators and beneficiaries, including the National Malaria Control Program (NMCP), Zanzibar Malaria Elimination Program (ZAMEP), National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR), CDC and USAID.
- Supports capacity strengthening of government counterparts in entomological and drug efficacy monitoring and surveillance.
- Provides input to the development and implementation of annual work and performance milestone plans.
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- Supports implementation of OMDM's MEL plan to ensure project indicators are being met.
- Represents the project on behalf of RTI in regional or key global meetings, consultative sessions and conferences.

#### Qualifications:

- Master's degree in public health, social sciences, international development, or a related field.
- At least 7 years' experience managing and leading entomological surveillance activities for health projects in Tanzania.
- Excellent knowledge of data collection protocols for quality data collection and verification. Exceptional ability to analyze multiple sources of data to identify data trends and provide recommendations on project implementation.
- Excellent knowledge of Tanzania national issues impacting malaria, including demonstrated success collaborating with NMCP, ZAMEP, and local government institutions.
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- Knowledge of U.S. government health initiatives and related reporting requirements and funding parameters.
- Strong knowledge of USAID reporting procedures.
- Fluency in Swahili; exceptional English written and oral communication skills.
- Strong proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite applications.
- Willingness and ability to travel frequently within Tanzania.

To apply, please email your CV/Resume and Cover Letter only to [omdmhr@gmail.com](mailto:omdmhr@gmail.com) by May 31, 2019.

Please indicate name of the position that you are applying for in the Subject Line of your Application. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

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## USAID/Tanzania Water Resources Integration Development Initiative (USAID/WARIDI)

### Request for Quotations

For Supply of Pipes and Fittings  
WARIDI-0023-2019

Winrock International is a sub-contractor to Tetra Tech the prime implementing partner for the USAID/Tanzania Water Resources Integration Development Initiative (USAID/WARIDI) pursuant to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, and in accordance with USAID Contract No AID-OAA-I-14-00068/AID-621-TO-16-00003.

WARIDI is a USAID funded five-year activity which seeks to achieve improvements in health, water resources management, agriculture, climate change adaptation and the environment in Tanzania. WARIDI promotes state-of-the-art approaches in cross-sectoral, integrated management of water-related resources and services

Through this RFQs, USAID/WARIDI requests quotations from qualified locally registered Vendors to Supply pipes and fittings as summarized in the table below and detailed in Attachment 7 of bidding documents.

#### WARIDI-0023-2019: IRUWASA-IRINGA

Type of pipes	Size	Class
GS Pipes	1 inch - 6 inch	Medium to Heavy Duty
HDPE Pipes	50mm - 75mm	PN10
uPVC Pipes	90mm - 160mm	PN10 – PN16

A complete set of the Bidding Documents may be obtained via email from **Procurement Officer, Winrock International, JR House, Old Dar es Salaam Road, P.O Box 768, Morogoro, Tanzania**, email: [waridi.procurement@winrock.org](mailto:waridi.procurement@winrock.org) no later than **Monday May 20, 2019**. Any questions should be sent by **Monday May 20, 2019 at 5.00pm East Africa Time**; and will be responded to in one all-inclusive written document provided to all bidders via email on **Monday May 20, 2019**.

Quotations must be received no later than 12:00 Noon East African Time on Monday, May 27, 2019. Late submissions will not be accepted. All quotations are to be submitted following the guidelines listed in the bidding documents. Telephone requests will not be honored.

Bids shall be opened in public, in the presence of the bidder's representatives who choose to attend, at **Winrock International offices, JR House, Old Dar es Salaam Road, P.O Box 768, Morogoro, Tanzania, at 2.00 pm, on Monday, May 27, 2019**.

Winrock International

## Puma Energy Tanzania conducts road safety education to drivers

By Felister Peter

AS part of commemorations to mark the United Nations global road safety week, Puma Energy Tanzania Limited has conducted road safety education to drivers through its ambassadors from Dar es Salaam's Bunge primary school.

The company has decided to use children as its road safety ambassadors since they are among the vulnerable groups that are exposed to road risks when going and coming back from school.

The UN global road safety week was internationally held from May 6 -12, 2019 with a theme—'Speak Up to Save Life'. It is celebrated after every two years.

Speaking during the event, Puma Energy Tanzania, Managing Director, Dominic Dhanah said: "we do business but we are also committed to create awareness for safe use of the roads by educating children, our customers and the general public".

He said that through the

ambassadors, Puma gave out various educational materials and gifts carrying road safety messages to children and parents passing at Puma stations for fuel services. The materials include exercise books and reflector bags for children.

He said the oil company will continue to collaborate with other organization which will be engaging in road safety programs to ensure the safety of road users.

World Health Organization (WHO) statistics indicates that young people aged between 5 and 29 years are the mostly killed by road crashes as 1.35 million people die on the world's roads each year.

Dhanah called upon drivers and other road users to be careful when on the road and to always adhere to traffic rules and road signs.

Rosenice Senyandumi, a Standard Six pupil at Bunge primary school said: "I have been the safety ambassador for three years; we have been educating road users, drivers and our fellow students on safe use

of the roads to avoid accidents. We insist on drivers to respect traffic regulations and make sure they drive slowly to allow people to cross the roads".

Manager, Puma Road Safety Programme, Neema Swai said: "It was high time the government comes up with plans to protect school children from road crashes".

Swai added that distribution of educational materials and gifts to road users will partly help reduce the accidents as road safety messages reaches many people at once.

Ambokege Minga is the Health Safety Environmental Manager, said the company will continue providing road safety education to Tanzanians by using children ambassadors.

"We care for people's lives because they are our customers. We have been conducting road safety programs since 2012", he noted.

Puma Energy started the program in 2012 which has already covered 33 schools and trained a total of 39,000 children in the country.



Wellworth Group of Companies administrative officer, Saimon Nguka (C) talks at a press conference on closing of Kunduchi Beach Hotel for major renovation in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

## Kiwoce open school vows to empower youth with better working skills

By Guardian Reporter, Moshi

THE Kilimanjaro-based Kilimahewa Women's and Orphan's Centre for Education (Kiwoce) is determined to empower youth with better skills that will make them realize their dreams.

Kiwoce is a full-service, community-based educational center. EdPowerment's three key concentrations - core academics, employability skills and personal development - all have a place at this officially registered "Open School."

Director and the founder of the centre, Graceanna Lyimo made the

pledge when speaking at the official opening of girls' hostel building at the school premises located at Msasani village in Moshi Rural District. The hostel has the capacity of accommodating 80 students at once and the school hosts 120 students.

Lyimo said that despite of the successes recorded in the country's education sector, there are still some challenges that thwart youth from poor families to get formal education.

"My dream is to ensure that all those who can't read and write realize their dreams, by empowering them with practical skills," she said, citing

"There are some girls, who they can do all family chores such as cooking. But, they cannot be employed only because of they are uneducated. We're empowering them with practical skills so that they can be employable."

According to Graceanna, her dream started in 2007 when she decided to build the center as platform for women to meet and learn various economic empowerment issues such as agriculture and petty business.

Using diverse teaching strategies, hands-on and on-line educational tools, and individual attention, the Center works to compensate for the deficits

that most students have coming from poor areas with marginalized schools and encourage mindsets that are open and able to learn.

Resident rector from Institute of Adult Education, Amina Mbughi commended the center for providing support to youth who failed to get education in formal system, saying non-formal education is key in addressing inequality in any country.

Mbughi unveiled that there are more than 30 centers offering non-formal education in Kilimanjaro region.

KIWOCE began as a group of mamas from a subsistence farming community

who came together to find a way for their children - unable to attend formal schools - to keep learning. These women and their children gathered each day under a tree on the property of their leader, Grace Lyimo.

From under the tree, instruction moved into a small two-room turquoise building on the property where volunteers (local and foreign) taught the children English and math. In 2010, KIWOCE's future changed radically when three of these volunteers joined forces to make it a focal point of their newly-created 501-c3 non-profit, EdPowerment.

In 2011-2012, EdPowerment refurbished the original building, upgraded the outdoor patio to serve as additional classroom space, and funded a more sanitary toilet space. More importantly, EdPowerment financed a successful Water Well, critical for the Center's growth.

From 2012 - 2015, funding from another US based non-profit, Go Campaign, for two classroom buildings, and a \$53,000 Rotary Global Grant catapulted KIWOCE's capacity. EdPowerment remained the engine behind its operations, staffing and educational schemes.



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- Coordinate with the technical team for costing inputs for preparation of quotes
- Close sales with clients, in line with company pricing policy
- Follow up with all clients to ensure client satisfaction on products and service quality
- Lead and drive sales team in order to achieve sales target
- Diploma in Sales/Marketing or similar field is required
- 5 - 7 years of experience in commercial printing and packaging
- Must speak English & Swahili

All interested candidates should email their CV to [hr@tps.co.tz](mailto:hr@tps.co.tz)

Deadline of Submission: May 30, 2019

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### CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (CEoI)

#### Implementation of 2020 UNHCR Refugee Protection and Assistance Projects in Tanzania CEoI - Ref. No: UNHCR/2019/001 - Tanzania; May 2019

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) was established on December 14, 1950 by the United Nations General Assembly. The agency is mandated to lead and co-ordinate international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems worldwide. Its primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees. It strives to ensure that everyone can exercise the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge in another State, with the option to return home voluntarily, integrate locally or to resettle in a third country. It also has a mandate to help stateless people.

In delivering its mandate, UNHCR also collaborates with more than 900 governmental, non-governmental, UN agencies and other partners, and this partnership is solid and expanding.

While host Governments have the primary responsibility for assuring protection and provision of basic services to refugees and asylum-seekers, UNHCR supports the Governments in discharging this responsibility in line with international protection standards.

UNHCR is physically present in Tanzania and supports the Government of Tanzania in the provision of assistance to refugees and asylum seekers also known as Persons of Concern (PoCs) through close collaboration with the UN-system in Tanzania and through partnership(s) with international / local organization(s) and other stakeholders based in Tanzania.

The purpose of this Call for Expression of Interest (UNHCR/2019/001 - Tanzania) is to solicit interest from existing or prospective partners that wish to participate in the UNHCR operation in Tanzania and contribute complementary resources (human resources, knowledge, funds, in-kind contribution, supplies and/or equipment) to achieving common objectives as agreed in a Project Partnership Agreement.

The partners to be selected through this CEoI are expected to manage the daily operational programme activities under UNHCR's overall guidance in line with the UNHCR global and operational strategic priorities, policies, procedures and guidelines.

Organizations that have the required technical and complementary attributes to UNHCR's capacities and resources for undertaking any of the below-mentioned Programme areas are invited to respond to this CEoI (Ref. No: UNHCR 2019/001 - Tanzania) by submitting a Concept Note/s on <https://www.unpartnerportal.org> latest by 9th June 2019. Registration on the Portal is pre-requisite for submission of concept notes. The Concept Note (one per programme area) must be clear and concise, not exceeding 3 pages and only written in English language. The programme areas are:

1. Health, Nutrition, Reproductive Health and HIV services
2. Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH); Shelter and Infrastructure
3. Resilience, Livelihoods and Self-reliance, Energy and Environment
4. Camp Management including non-food items distributions

5. Education and Youth Empowerment
6. Protection of children, persons of specific needs (PSN), SGBV including Psychosocial and Legal support/assistance
7. Warehousing, Mechanical workshop, Fleet and Fuel maintenance and management
8. Various assistance to refugees and asylum seekers in Dar es Salaam

Concept note template with brief description and background of each programme area and selection criteria can be found on <https://www.unpartnerportal.org>. Upon receipt of the Concept Notes, a UNHCR multi-functional Committee will review the concept notes in accordance with the pre-defined criteria. The applicant organizations will receive written notification of the outcome of the assessment before end of July. Instructions for any follow-up that might be required by the applicants will be provided in this response.

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Please also consult UNHCR's website [www.unhcr.org](http://www.unhcr.org) for more information on UNHCR and its global policy priorities.

National NGOs are strongly encouraged to participate and submit their concept note/s for this important call.

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## We can end shame: Fistula is curable

ACCORDING to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) as many as 3,000 Tanzanian women develop obstetric fistula each year, a condition that leaves them incontinent, leaking urine or faeces uncontrollably. As a result, they are often excluded from their families and communities. Obstetric fistula is a childbirth injury caused by prolonged, obstructed labour. It occurs when pressure from the baby's head compresses the mother's soft tissue in the birth canal, which obstructs blood flow. Without blood, the tissues die and a hole forms between the bladder and the vagina or the rectum and the vagina.

Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania (CCBRT) is a Tanzanian health care organisation which works to prevent disability, provide affordable medical and rehabilitative services, and aid empowerment of people with disabilities and their families. It also seeks to prevent disability through early identification by strengthening the maternal and newborn health system throughout Dar es Salaam.

To help remove barriers to treatment, CCBRT covers the cost of all obstetric fistula patients' treatment, accommodation, and meals throughout their course of care. CCBRT also supports six partner hospitals in Tanzania to provide treatment, making fistula care more accessible for all Tanzanian women. CCBRT and its partner facilities performed more than 1,012 fistula surgeries.

In the same vein, the government has said plans are underway to ensure specialised clinical services aimed at curbing the increasing number of deaths caused by the pregnancy-related obstetric fistula disease are available right across the country.

The comprehensive emergency obstetric and newborn care services

will be installed in all public health centres. The services will target pregnant women experiencing fatal complications, including severe bleeding, infection, prolonged or obstructed labour, and eclampsia, as well as newborns with asphyxia.

They will be provided with safe blood transfusions, provision of oxytocin and antibiotics, caesarean section surgery, manual removal of the placenta, assisted vaginal delivery, controlled abortions, and resuscitation of newborns.

Although official figures show that roughly 3,000 women suffer from obstetric fistula in the country each year, the number is much lower than the real situation on the ground where most cases go unreported for fear of stigmatisation for patients. Only 113 of the country's 484 public health centres are providing the treatment services in a comprehensive manner so far.

The target is to ensure the remaining centres also do the same, he said.

The government first launched its National Fistula Programme in 2005.

At least 400,000 expectant mothers die every year in the country due to complications arising from being unable to afford the necessary delivery kits. We are told that the government will distribute baby delivery packs to 500,000 women in the country. This is a commendable move to bail out the victims.

The national health policy of 2007 is aimed at improving the health status of all people in the country, including the elderly and expectant mothers.

Indeed, such services are the only proven approach to saving the lives of women who die while pregnant, giving birth, or right after birth. Available data shows that hundreds of thousands of women die each year worldwide due to fistula, a disease caused by a hole in the birth canal leading to delayed or obstructed labour.

## We ought to see value of having medical health insurance

HEALTH care in Tanzania is available depending on one's income and accessibility. People in urban areas have better access to private and public medical facilities. Insurance has only in recent years been introduced where as pension schemes have been around longer but the limitations of either are vast and not attending to the needs of majority of Tanzanians.

Health care financing is among the key component of a functional health system. Financing involves three aspects, namely revenue collection, risk pooling, and purchasing. In recent years, there has been a growing demand for access to high-quality and affordable care for all, thus the government is committed to respond with a process of developing health financing strategy was underway since early 2013. An inter-ministerial steering committee has been developed, composed of key ministries and department to ensure that the proposed reforms meet the needs of the population. Improving the prepayment mechanisms are the main agenda in the development of the strategy, which is assumed to be a potential facilitator in the progress towards UHC.

The Arusha Declaration in 1967 initiated by the founding father of the nation Mwalimu Julius Nyerere, outlined the principles of Ujamaa (Nyerere vision of social and economic policies) to develop the national economy.

It marked the start of a series of health sector reforms with the intention of increasing universal access to social services to the poor and those living in marginalized rural areas.

However, by the early 1990s, the strain of providing free health care for all became evident in the face of

rising health care costs and a struggling economy. Early 1990s the government adopted health sector reforms that changed the financing system from free services to mixed financing mechanisms including cost sharing policies.

In the same vein, a Local health organisation-Nordic Foundation Tanzania (NOFOTA) recently launched a three-month special campaign on medical insurance for all titled "Afyabando" which is designed to encourage ordinary citizens to have medical insurance for their wellbeing.

According to the lead consultant of special campaign on medical insurance the initiative is aimed at reaching the underserved communities in urban and rural areas such as the elderly, children and women.

Indeed health insurance coverage in Tanzania is still very low and as of June 2013 National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) had covered about 6.6 per cent of the population while Community Health Fund (CHF) covers about 7.3 per cent of the population based on 2012 Census. Beneficiaries of NHIF include the contributing members, spouse and up to four dependants.

It is our hope that the campaign should to scale up the health insurance coverage in Tanzania to at least 75 per cent of the country's population.

This shows that the majority of Tanzanians lack completely medical insurance and some end up dying of preventable deaths.

We are also told that the fund, which will be obtained from the lottery will partly be used to purchase medical equipment and hospital consumables for few selected health centres, namely the Community Centre for Preventive Medicine (CCP) in Kinyerezi and a new medical facility called Tanzania Nordic Medical Centre in Kinyerezi.

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By Special Correspondent

## The crisis in Venezuela

**M**Y mission to Venezuela in November/December 2017 was the first by a UN rapporteur in 21 years. It was intended to open the door to the visit of other rapporteurs and to explore ways how to help the Venezuelan people overcome the protracted economic and institutional crisis.

In preparation of the mission I studied all pertinent reports by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, UN High Commissioner, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, Provea, Fundalatin, Grupo Sures, Red Nacional de Derechos Humanos, etc.

During the mission, thanks to the professionalism of UNDP, I was able to meet with members of the opposition, National Assembly, chamber of commerce, churches, professors, students, representatives of OAS, Carter Center, victims of violence, and civil society. Since my mother tongue is Spanish, it was easy to inter-relate with Venezuelans, walk the streets, visit the supermarkets. I learned about the scarcity of foods and medicines, black markets, smuggling of subsidized petrol, foods and medicines into neighbouring countries. The situation did not reach and still does not reach the threshold of a "humanitarian crisis" as we know from Gaza, Yemen, Syria, Sudan, Haiti, etc.

A major obstacle to solving the problems was the polarization of the population and the dearth of confidence-building measures. I recognized that the government needed advisory services and technical assistance from UN agencies in order to carry out needed economic and institutional reforms.

I convened a meeting with UN agencies in order to explore concrete

strategies. In a 6-page confidential memorandum to the government and in my report to the UN Human Rights Council I formulated constructive recommendations, some of which were quickly put into effect. I had requested the release of 23 detainees, 80 were released on 23 December 2017, more in the course of 2018. UN agencies noticeably intensified their assistance, in particular FAO and UNIDO, especially to manage the impacts of the sanctions.

Following my visit I continued to follow developments and study documentation, statistics and arguments from all sides. My diagnosis: The crisis is not caused by the ideological "failure of socialism as an economic model" (socialism has not failed in Norway, Sweden, China), but by concrete and palpable causes, the dramatic fall in the price of crude oil, the over-dependence on exports, the failure to diversify the economy, an excess of ideologues and relative scarcity of technocrats in government.

Most importantly, the crisis is the result of the cumulative impacts of 20 years of internal and external economic war, financial blockade, and sanctions. The mainstream narrative attributes the crisis to incompetence and corruption, but these also plague most Latin American countries. Besides, the level of corruption in Venezuela in the 1980's and 1990's was higher and Chavez won the 1998 elections on a wave of disgust at the corruption of the neo-liberal governments. I spent two hours with the current Attorney General in Caracas, from whom I received ample documentation on the government's vigorous anti-corruption campaign, investigations and on-going prosecutions.

US efforts to topple Chavez started

early, and the CIA cooperated with the Venezuelan oligarchy in the failed coup against Chavez on 11/12 April 2002. The 48-hour President Pedro Carmona had promptly issued a decree doing away with 49 pieces of social legislation, suspending the Supreme Court, the Chavez National Assembly, dismissing governors, etc. Although there is nothing more undemocratic than a coup - Carmona and the US media spoke of "restoring democracy" in Venezuela.

Back in 1970, when Allende was democratically elected President of Chile, Nixon called in Kissinger and told him that the US would not tolerate an alternative socio-economic system in Latin America and that the US would make the Chilean economy "scream". When in spite of sanctions the Allende government proved resilient, it was necessary to use more muscle and General Pinochet carried out the coup that ushered 17 years of "democracy" - and torture - in Chile. As we know from the studies of Stephen Kinzer and William Blum, US Military and CIA interventions in Cuba, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Panama, Nicaragua, Paraguay etc. have cost tens of thousands of lives and brought untold misery to millions of Latin Americans.

"Human Rights" has nothing to do with the US Venezuela policy. As it was in Iraq 2003 and Libya 2011, it is OIL. The US covets the largest oil reserves in the world, as well as the third largest reserves in gold and coltan. If Maduro is toppled, it will be a bonanza for US investors and transnational corporations.

What is sad is that some countries ostensibly committed to democracy, the rule of law and human rights, are supporting the sanctions and the Guaidó

coup. We observe a Machiavellian, cynical instrumentalization of human rights and humanitarian aid for purely geopolitical reasons.

A solution of the crisis depends on direct dialogue between the opposition and the government. Such dialogue already took place in 2016-2018. Former Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero hosted these talks and arrived at a reasonable accord. On the day of signature, 6 February 2018, Julio Borges, the leader of the opposition refused to sign. This augurs badly for any kind of international mediation by the UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, by the High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet or by Mexico and Uruguay in the context of the Montevideo mechanism.

History shows us that sanctions kill, and when the level of killing reaches a certain threshold, sanctions become a crime against humanity. This is a worthy challenge for the International Criminal Court. What Venezuela needs is an end to sanctions and interference in its internal affairs, an end to the violations of Articles 1-2 of the UN Charter and of articles 3, 19 and 20 of the OAS Charter by the US and its "coalition". Venezuela needs international solidarity and respect of its sovereignty.

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By Emily Mkamanga

## Malawi needs transformational leadership: Let power of the ballot speak on May 21

**A**S it were, all the attention in this month's elections is on who is likely to be Malawi's next President. From left to right: Chakwera, Chilima and Muluzi the three of the six presidential candidates. So far, the presidential candidates have said enough in their campaigns for people to make up their minds on who to vote for.

The competition among the candidates is very stiff. Even being in government, as the case is with President Peter Mutharika, does not seem to be an added advantage. The problem here is that his five-year rule has been full of misery due to allowing corruption, stealing of public resources and general abuse of power. Therefore, all the presidential candidates are starting from the same level.

Naturally, Mutharika would want to be a step ahead because of what he has done for the people of Malawi. He has recently promoted teachers

and police officers. These promotions were long overdue and, maybe it is done now for the sake of buying more votes. Obviously, no one can vote for a government which tortures its own workers by not promoting them on time. The government should always remember that it has a responsibility to the people. President Mahama of Ghana once said: "If you vote for someone because of schools, hospitals, roads etc you have a weak mind because it is government's responsibility."

This is a reminder to voters. In Malawi, there is a tendency of the Head of State and his/her government to make people believe that all the development done is a favour and due to ignorance some people even think the presidents use their personal money. Because of that wrong notion, they think presidents deserve a special

thank you by people, forcing them to reduce themselves to sycophants and perpetual hand clappers for anything and everything.

Presidents must be reminded that any development they do is funded by taxpayers' money and is not a catalyst to hang on to power. In any case, it is surprising that leaders are not bothered to tell the people that bringing development into the country is, actually, part of their responsibility.

What is stated above is what has been the case for the past five years in Malawi. Hence very little development is worth talking about in the country. The change that most Malawians see is that the poor of 2014 have become poorer, the hungry people of 2014 are more hungry now, the jobless of 2014 are now twenty-fold or more and the list of negative changes goes on.

President John Magufuli knows best about transforming a country and he is a star in the region. The stories of his transforming Tanzania have really gone far and wide. Most people would wish the incoming President, after the elections this month, could emulate Magufuli, who has proved that to be a selfless President one has to have the welfare of his people at heart.

It is expected that the elections this month will be about which candidate do people feel can genuinely transform this country. Therefore, it is up to Malawian voters to make sure that they vote into office a person who will meet their aspirations. It is time the country is saved from being completely run down by leaders who think corruption, stealing taxpayers' money and abuse of power is the way to go. Let the power of the ballot speak.



Start the week with Cynthia Stacey

# The gaming industry...should it be promoted...or restricted?

**G**REETINGS for the coming week, and how do you readers intend to spend your leisure time during it...and might that include a little gambling?

Well, Tanzania is battling the drugs blight, but another equalling damaging addiction has yet to be fully quantified.

It is some time now, since the British government allowed betting and gambling on the nations high street, but this took off in such a big way, that the character of many town centres are now altered, and not for the better, with the domination of the betting establishments outnumbering the small shopping outlets, and angering the public.

This seems like revenue raising at any cost, as do the taxes gained from this business, really justify the damage it can cause for those who increasingly frequent them, and become hooked.

...and just as the constant access to alcohol, keeps the well known Alcoholics Anonymous organisation busy weaning addicts off their "booze", similar counselling bodies have started up to deal with the misery gambling can cause to those in search of quick riches, but who often get painful empty pocket poverty instead!

Not surprisingly, alcoholics, drug addicts and gamblers have similar sad tales to recount, as all three addictions, can result in a loss of jobs, getting into debt with borrowing, and with gamblers especially, who play on till they've nothing left, the loss of their homes, and ultimately families also.

So apart from the massive tax benefits for governments of countries who actively foster the gaming industry, what are those for the people...and the answer could well be...none at all, when offset against the negatives.

...and if that question is asked from the background of a developing country with a struggling economy like Tanzania, the negatives could be tenfold.

A local press article reported how gambling has become a huge and growing industry in the country, worth billions of shillings a year, but is resulting in concerns about youth becoming addicted to sports betting particularly.



As in other parts of Africa, gambling and sports betting in Tanzania, has proved to be very popular, contributing billions of shillings to state coffers in tax revenue. But in the greater public interest, critics have said since gambling is highly addictive, the Gaming Board of Tanzania, should re-locate, or close down any betting centres operating in residential areas, and particularly near schools or universities. (File photo)

An M.P. last year warned the government that gambling is becoming a national crisis, and asked what was being done to curb its rapid growth.

Surprisingly, a complacent sounding Deputy Minister for Finance and Planning, responded by supporting the betting shops, saying they were licensed to operate by the Gaming Board of Tanzania. But unless she was misquoted, this was obviously no answer at all.

However, with 80% or more of the nations population aged 35 or below, there's certainly a fertile market for the gaming sector, or as the newspaper put it "these favourable demographics, have

enticed dozens of international and local companies to open all manner of gambling businesses in the country, to tempt the youth, and middle class Tanzanians."

One young gambler speaking to the media, said "I've lost a lot of money, but will carry on betting, because I know that one day I'll win even more, just like my friend did". For sure, hope springs eternal in the human heart, and how fortunate for the betting industry that the customers convince themselves that they'll get lucky, and don't need to be persuaded by ex-

pensive advertising.

Despite complaints that it could ruin many lives, two years ago, sports betting was said to be contributing about 1.6 billion shillings each month to government tax coffers, and presumably this has since greatly increased.

Acting Director General of the Gaming Board of Tanzania James Mbalwe, said at the time, that previously 80% of total gaming revenue came from casinos, but this had been overtaken by sports betting, and that there were 231 shops across the country, of which 178


were in Dar es Salaam, making it the gaming capital of the country, and he urged operators to open up more centres in rural areas.

Well, what a thought...let's add possible debt, worry and mental misery to the already anxious lives of the ragged rural peasants in the hinterland. But does Mr. Mbalwe really not know that betting can be as addictive and harmful as drugs, and cause as much devastation to those trapped by it.

...and that figure of 178 betting shops in Dar es Salaam, which has no doubt increased by now,


is it really to be applauded... how much better if they had been rural libraries, or something beneficial, instead of possibly damaging.

To me, the gambling industry, is about as appropriate or meaningful for this nation as shopping malls on mount Kilimanjaro, or state run brothels. But more mentally unsettling, is the knowledge that if anything can be mislabelled as 'progress' and result in large tax revenue rewards, ...it can be officially sanctioned...so who knows what's possibly to come in future ...should we bet on it?!



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SEAF is seeking a qualified consultant to conduct a third-party midterm evaluation for a U.S. Department of Agriculture (Food for Progress) funded project based in Tanzania. Please see full in the Request for Proposal (<https://www.seaf.com/contact/career-opportunities/tanzania-program-evaluator-request-for-proposal/>) and Terms of Reference (<https://www.seaf.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Midterm-Evaluation-TOR.pdf>) for more detailed information.

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**PROFILE OF EVALUATION TEAM**  
The lead evaluator should have the following skills and qualifications:

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- Experience working in multi-cultural settings, including both rural and urban areas;
- Fluency in English and Swahili language;
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**ABOUT THE IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATION**

**Project Description**  
KASI Agriventures is a five-year program, which commenced on 1 October 2014 and is expected to end on 31 December 2020. The program is implemented in Tanzania by the Small Enterprise Assistance Funds (SEAF), with financial support from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The program invests in agribusinesses in three key sectors including (i) poultry feed production, (ii) horticulture processing, and (iii) SME (Small and Medium-Size Enterprise) Lending. The program has established a Center for Entrepreneurship and Executive Development (CEED), through which SEAF provides technical assistance and training to agribusiness SMEs, including investees, and communities where the program operates. Currently, the program covers Dar es Salaam, Arusha, Mbeya, Rukwa and Coastal regions of Tanzania.

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# The unsafe abortion will continue to wreak havoc on women and girls

By Correspondent Kenneth Simbaya

UNLESS societies change their attitude towards access to safe abortion, unsafe abortion will continue to wreak havoc on women and girls' precious lives, and continue to be one of the greatest human right and public health crisis in East African countries.

These are some of the responses given by some of the reproductive health, human rights and public health experts in Dar es Salaam and Nairobi.

The Guardian sought for people's opinions following billboards posted across Nairobi County in Kenya along Oloitoktok Road, Ngong road, Dennis Pritt road, University Way and other roads, conveying anti abortion messages including 'Abortion is Murder' and 'Shut down abortion clinics.'

Human rights, and public health experts unanimously say that the billboards are fuelling stigma and endangering women and girls lives, but apostle Kathy Kageni-Oganga from a Kenyan based Sozo Church of God which is behind the billboards claim that they are doing so, so as to save women with pregnancy crisis.

"The messages on the billboards fuel stigma and misinformation on abortion creating an environment that adversely affects reproductive health providers and women seeking these services. The messages also contradict provisions of the Constitution, which is the supreme law of the land and one we all have a duty to defend," Evelyn Opondo, Senior Regional Director for the Centre for Reproductive Rights is quoted as saying in press release issued by 14 Kenyan CSOs following the posting of the billboards in Nairobi streets.

"It is not politically or morally acceptable for people to use arguments of culture and religion to deny women and girls their right to life, healthcare and health protection, or doing anything that will curtail women and girls access to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health and hence render them to needless death resulting from unsafe abortion," said Dotto Mnyandi.

"The messages on the billboards apart from fuelling stigma and misinformation on abortion creates an environment that adversely affects reproductive health providers and women seeking these services. The messages also contradict provisions of the



Secondary school education officer Moshi municipality JumaTukosa claps hands moments after cutting a ribbon to inaugurate dormitories at Kiwoceopen school which will accommodate 80 girls. Photo: Correspondent Godfrey Mushi

Constitution of Kenya, which is the supreme law of the land and one (supreme law of the land) we all have a duty to defend," Opondo underscored.

Following posting of the billboards, The Guardian has noted that, Center for Reproductive Rights, FIDA Kenya, Ipas Africa Alliance, KELIN, Network for Adolescent and Youth Africa, Red Tape, Reproductive Health Network Kenya, Right Here Right Now, Trust for Indigenous Culture and Health, Women's Link Worldwide, Xhale Africa and Bunge la Wamama Mashinani have petitioned the Nairobi County Governor, Mike Mbuvi, demanding the immediate removal of billboards and advertisements.

"We the undersigned women and girls, human rights defenders, human rights organizations and friends of the sexual and reproductive health sector under the umbrella Team Life, write to call on your support on securing the right of women and girls to access sexual and reproductive health services and information,

including on safe and legal abortion, in line with the Constitution of Kenya, 2010...The messages on these billboards, besides being unlawful continue to fuel stigma on legal abortion, creating an environment that adversely affects health providers and women seeking these services," reads part of the Petition, a copy of it made available to The Guardian.

Jedidah Maina, executive director, Trust for Indigenous Culture and Health is quoted by a press release saying,

"The government has a responsibility to protect its citizens from inaccurate information particularly on a matter of public health of such magnitude.

Such blatant misinformation should not be licensed by a government that has prioritized health as part of its Big four agenda. We demand that the Nairobi County pulls down the billboards with immediate effect."

"Pregnancy can be avoided, I can understand where medics are coming from (in case of rape),

but still as priest in the house of God, I still say basing on the words of God you still don't have the permission to kills that baby," Apostle Kageni-Oganga told The Guardian over the phone on April 29th, adding that the billboards have been there since the beginning of the year.

In Kenya according to the press release seven women die every day from unsafe abortions; these deaths are preventable.

An estimated 464,690 women underwent an abortion in Kenya in 2012 and nearly 120,000 women were admitted to public health facilities that year for severe complications, according to a study conducted by African Population and Health Research Center and the Ministry of Health.

Further, the report found that unsafe abortion accounts for a quarter of maternal deaths in Kenya. In Tanzania, an estimated 405,000 abortion were performed in 2013, according to a study conducted by National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR), Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) and Guttmacher Institute.

## DC marks UN road safety week by issuing directives

By Guardian Correspondent

ILALA District Commissioner, Sophia Mjema has graced commemoration of the 5th Global UN Road Safety Week which is annually held between May 6 and 12th.

The short but very important commemoration in relation to road safety was held at centrally located Kisutu Primary School and organised by Automobile Association of Tanzania in collaboration with Federation of International Automobiles (FIA) Road Safety grant.

Before Mjema took to the podium to deliver her speech, Dar es Salaam regional sports officer Adolf Halli thanked AAT for organising collection of the petitions and FIA Road Safety Foundation for its strong support in safety measures improvement. Halli hailed AAT that paid the cost of printing 20 zebra crossings across Ilala District last year besides free training of over 5,000 bodaboda drivers.

The petitions contained what children want in relation to road safety improvement across the Dar

es Salaam City which is congested by heavy traffic and several erratic drivers.

DC Mjema received 4800 petitions from various pupils across Dar es Salaam Region who have detailed what they actually need to improve road safety.

The UN theme is for children to say why they feel unsafe going to schools and have stated in their petitions which were handed over to DC Mjema before she signed declaration in support of this safety enhancement project.

In her brief though pow-

erful speech madam Mjema directed Ilala Regional Police Commander to ensure scrutinising of school busses is effectively and expertly done to enhance road safety particularly for school children.

She underscored the need to protect school children when they are going or returning from schools.

"It's very painful, sad, sad and highly grieving to look at or hear a teenager is losing life or injured at the expense of safety negligence", she said.

Besides safety scrutiny

of the school buses, she also directed Ilala Municipal Director to ensure that for every school that is close to main road must be painted with zebra crossing and protected by bumps to improve safety.

Mjema also said negligent or careless drivers must be heavily fined and punished so as to improve road safety in saving lives of innocent children who are vulnerable to injuries and unnecessary deaths.

In Mjema's free-flowing audience friendly speech, parents were not spared as she urged them to become tolerant whenever school buses are arrested in connection to road safety measures.

She received a total of 14 road

sign poles from Automobile Association of Tanzania to be used in places where they lack across Ilala District.

The special function was also attended by Agnieszka Krasnolucka the Programmes Manager from FIA Foundation responsible for the safety campaign.

FIA Foundation has its own campaign "This is my Street" - "Huu ni Mtaa wangu" which has also been launched. Lastly, Mjema thanked AAT for the safety initiatives and urged them to work with hand-in-glove cooperation with FIA for more safety deliberations.

Earlier, AAT CEO Yusuf Ghor thanked and appreciated Dar es Salaam Regional and District Com-

missioner's Offices for extending full support and especially Mr. Adolf Halli, Tanzania Traffic Police Education Unit SP Abel Swai, DEO'S - Student for filling Petitions - AAT Staff and FIA for supporting the event.

Ghor added that AAT/FIA had undertaken last year's training on "Safer School Road Signs Education for School Children Phase II". A total of 446 teachers were trained in 62 schools in collaboration with Tanzania Traffic Police Education Unit led by SP Abel Swai on Road Safety signs so the teachers can train children in the respective schools.

AAT president Nizar Jivani thanked the guest of honour DC Mjema for attending the function though at a short notice.



Arusha residents disembark after the bridge connecting Oljoro ward and other areas was washed away by flooding in Arusha over the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Allan Isack

## Dar hotel to undergo major facelift to woo more tourists

By Guardian Reporter

IN a bid to complement government's efforts to boost the number of tourist to two million by 2020, a Dar es Salaam-based Kunduchi Beach Hotel is set to undergo an extensive expansion and refurbishment program.

The idea is to make the facility to offer exceptional quality, efficiency, service and get five-star status.

Addressing journalists in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, Saimon Nguka, administrative officer of the Wellworth Group of companies, said that the facility will be closed down between six and ten months for the expansion of the project.

"Before closing down the facility we're supposed to inform the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)," he said, adding that the renovation cost is estimated be between US\$9million and US\$11million.

The hotel was privatized in 1997 and was renovated and the numbers of rooms were added to 138 from 84 rooms, with the capacity of serving between 276 and 414 guests at once, according to Simon.

"After refurbishing, the hotel will be handed over to one of the giant interna-

tional company, which are experienced in running hotel business," he said, without divulging the name of the international firm that will be given the hotel, which is being owned by Tanzanians by 100 percent.

"This will also provide a room for us to increase the number of local and foreign tourists and our staff will also give a platform for them to exchange views and skills on running international hotels."

The official insisted that the hotel ownership and management won't be changed and the idea is that after five years, the facility will be a public entity and its shares will be sold to Tanzanians. Currently, the hotel has employed 202 people, who are mostly Tanzanians.

Located on the coastline of the Indian Ocean, the facility was re-opened in 2005 by the former Vice President Dr Ali Mohamed Shein, who is the Zanzibar President.

Apart from Kunduchi Beach hotel, the company also runs Oldeani Ngorongoro Mountain Lodge, Olesera Lodge (Serengeti), Zanzibar Beach and Kilimajoro Lodge.

By Salisu Dambatta

NOWADAYS almost every commentator on social and mainstream media outlets, especially on early morning radio and television talk shows, is an expert on security matters.

Even among road-side gatherings of friends, every contributor to discussions on the security situation in the country will speak in ways that shows he believes he knows how to manage it better than those in charge. This is a big fallacy.

The pervasive false assumptions on security management mechanics and the pseudo solutions mouthed or discussed loudly in the type of fora listed in the opening paragraphs of this item, cannot in any way help in resolving the problem that has made certain parts of the country dangerous.

Those discussions, uninformed as they might be, on such a sensitive matter, are an expression of opinions and the exercise of constitutional freedom of speech, which every citizen is entitled to.

The snag is that those discussions do not in any way recall and reflect on the security situation in Nigeria after the civil war to date. They concentrate on the current situation of kidnappings for ransom, abductions for human sacrifice by ritualists, banditry, highway robbery and cattle rustling. Farmer-herders conflicts and those between Jukuns and Kuteb and Tiv people, are also listed.

This item will only refresh our memories of the security challenges faced by the country from the restoration of democracy in 1999 to date.

Many Nigerians may recall that in the period served by Chief Olusegun Obasanjo between 1999 and 2008, for most of the eight years under his watch, the country recorded so much violent communal conflicts and killings across the country that some people thought that Nigeria was on the brink of going the way of failed nations. It did not go that way.

It is on record that kidnapping for ransom started in the Niger Delta in 2006. By the time Chief Obasanjo's second term in office was ending, more than 500 expatriates oil workers and uncountable number of Nigerians



## Security: A case of everyone knows better than those in charge?

ians working in the oil industry were abducted and ransom paid for their release. It was so bad that several oil companies suspended their operations there. One of his answers to the Niger Delta crisis was the establishment of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) and the rigorous payment of 13 per cent of oil revenue to each of the nine oil-bearing states based on the quantity of crude oil extracted from its territory. It was introduced by the Military Administration

of General Sani Abacha.

His administration also contended with the violent and killer wings of the Odu'a Peoples Congress (OPC) that unleashed their venom to the extent that some international institutions described them as terrorists. They nearly caused a civil war by marching toward Kwara State with the aim of forcefully annexing that state and Kogi to the South West. Both states are in

Northern Nigeria.

They at will clashed with and killed Nigerians from other parts of the country living in Lagos and other cities in the South West. They destroyed their property, burning them to ashes.

President Obasanjo's era equally contended with conflicts and bloodshed which were, even if wrongly, linked to religious differences in different cities of the North, culminating

in the nurturing of the insurgent group of Boko Haram at the tail end of his rule.

It was months into the administration of President Umaru Musa Yaraduwa that the biggest military onslaught on the Boko Haram was launched by land forces and the police. They deployed tanks, armoured personnel carriers and pieces of artillery with the aim of routing the "rag tag" Boko Haram fight-

ers. The situation worsened and Boko Haram extended its murderous operations to areas far away from their Borno state primary base and theatre of conflict.

The Nigerian armed forces and military contingents from our immediate neighbours and military advisors and trainers from friendly nations in other parts of the world joined forces to truly exterminate Boko Haram, which seems to spring back into life whenever it was pushed out of reckoning.

This implies the existence of foreign support and interests in sustaining the insurgency, which is one of the insecurity situations that President Muhammadu Buhari recently truthfully said, are draining our national resources.

The Niger Delta militants too were active as President Yar'adua ruled and parts of the North Central were on fire too. But he took up the Niger Delta challenge by engaging in three-track activities simultaneously to achieve peace there: military operations in the creeks to end sabotaging oil industry installations, negotiation for solutions with the youth and their elders that led to the declaration of amnesty for those who renounce violence and the establishment of the Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs to work alongside the Niger Delta Development Commission in accelerating the implementation of development projects in the nine oil-bearing states of the country.

The Boko Haram crisis ballooned, with frequent violent attacks on the capital city of Nigeria and most of the Northern states by its agents, some of whom were detected and apprehended before they unleash their terror in the South West, but they succeeded in inflicting minor attacks on Edo State.

It was so bad that Nigerians feared and avoided public gatherings, including markets, places of worship, schools, sporting arenas, entertainment locations and motor parks.

## Stateless people living in Kenya vow to reclaim shattered dreams

NAIROBI

WHEN she was born 24 years ago in a farming village on the outskirts of the Kenyan capital Nairobi, Happiness Kapota, in her aptly comprehensible toddler innocence, knew that her home is the only domicile she could proudly identify with.

Her late paternal grandparents, Kephas Kapota and Gloria Nyati Kapota, entered Kenya from Zimbabwe during the colonial era and sought employment from the British settlers' lands in central Kenyan county of Kiambu as well as running errands for the Christian missionaries.

Kapota's grandparents died in the early 1950s, leaving behind children who were unidentified since they had not registered them as Kenyans.

Back then, the custom laws were lenient and would from time to time permit individuals to pass through the porous borders with negligence of armed guards.

In this state of affairs, the Kapotas were rendered stateless, and three generations down the line have no recognition of the Kapota names in the registrar of persons.

The Kapota lineage is among thousands of stateless people living in Kenya who live in fear and deprivation since they can't access basic services like education and healthcare.

"Being stateless means we lack recognition of nationality and that has got very devastating effect on respect for our rights as human beings," said Kapota who currently lives with maternal grandparents Dickson Ncube and Lagina Sibindi.

She narrated the harrowing story of how her mother died while giving birth through the help of a mid-wife.

"My mother died when I was 16 years old, she could not have gone to the hospital for lack of identity documents, so she gave birth in a nearby house with help of village midwives," Kapota recalled.

She reckoned that without a proof

that a person is a national of the country where they live - or of any other country - a person finds it very difficult to live in that society.

"Such a person is unable to work, to access healthcare and education, to hold secure rights to land and other property, or to enforce any of these claims in court, and we go through that each day," said Kapota.

She said that stateless people live a life of great deprivation and hardship and remain marginalized economically, socially, politically and culturally.

Just like any other child, Kapota was bouncing on her mother's hands until the day she got old enough to have the reality dawn on her that together with her four siblings they were treated as stateless persons.

"The moment my mother revealed to me that my siblings and I were stateless persons, I could not understand what that meant," said Kapota. She recalled that whenever she got into a tiff with the other young playmates in the village, she was in trouble.

"I was made to understand that as a stateless person, that meant that I was not supposed to for example talk freely, shout, play with other children and go outside our compound at will, whenever another child did injustice to me, it was not a big deal but when we were on the wrong, it was treated as a heinous crime," said Kapota.

However, Kapota's resolve to become a human rights defender could not allow her to keep quiet and suffer in silence, instead she would shout, but the more she shouted, the more trouble she attracted, at the end of the day her voices remained unheard; she was literally muzzled.

"All my other siblings lived in fear since we were told that if they talked openly, they would be chased away and so they had nothing to be proud of," said Kapota.

"As I grew up, I admired strong-willed women in Kenya and dreamt to join their league," said Kapota. At 24, she is now married and a mother of three but could not attain her dream



since the highest level of education she got was elementary, and being the first born, she had to drop out of school to work and fend for her younger siblings after the mother died.

"I was employed as a domestic worker for a Zimbabwean immigrant who worked for an NGO on a contract, then I would earn 6,000 shillings (60 U.S. dollars) per month, money that went to buying food for the family, my father too worked for a prominent farmer in Kiambu and his proceeds would pay for our house rent," said Kapota.

Currently, she weaves multi-colored baskets and jewelries from plastics which she sells to brokers at a throw away price. She gets her raw materials from

Nairobi's industrial area.

"With fear to be exposed, I usually sell the baskets to middlemen at one dollar but they make a kill by selling them at between nine dollars to 10 dollars making almost a hundred percent profit," said Kapota. "The baskets have however enabled me to put food on the table for my family", she added.

Lisa Wanja Munaita, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) assistant protection officer, said there is need to recognize the stateless individuals to enable them realize their potential.

"Given an opportunity, there are great talents among the stateless persons, they are equally talented if not better,"

said Munaita.

She said that stateless people are a discriminated lot while their efforts to seek employment or to join saving groups remained an exercise in futility.

"As a stateless person, one can't achieve the aspiration of living as true citizens enjoying all the rights and freedoms, citizenship is therefore a crucial element in enjoyment of the rights of individuals and communities and therefore all those that qualify for it should be granted," said Munaita.

Participants at a recent ministerial conference on the eradication of statelessness in the African Great Lakes region which took place in Nairobi urged governments to enhance protection

of this vulnerable group.

On its part, Kenya reaffirmed its commitment towards devising interventions to assist the stateless people. Such interventions include the oncoming national census which will help classify the stateless people as a special category, making it easier to identify their needs.

"The Kenya government has resolved to factor in the number of stateless during the oncoming census as a step to take stock of the persons so as to profile and register their security and social concerns," said Patrick Ole Ntutu, chief administrative secretary of Kenya's Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government.

Xinhua

## WARNING

## Kenyan MPs warn farmers: Release maize or it will be imported

NAIROBI

The government will be forced to import maize if farmers continue to hoard their produce and demand high prices, the National Assembly Committee on Agriculture has warned.

Committee chairman Adan Ali said growers have refused to part with maize in the hope of making more money. "If farmers continue to hoard their produce with prospects of making more money, then importation of maize under the current situation is inevitable," Mr Ali told the Sunday Nation in an interview.

He said the local market is offering better prices than the government, thus farmers are avoiding the National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB). But farmers have vowed to oppose any bid to import maize.

Producers under the Cereal Growers Association said importation of duty-free maize will jeopardise food security as well as increase the cost of farming. "Our government seems to show more preference to foreign farmers than its own. We still have maize in our stores which we would like it to buy instead of importing," said the association's chairman, Mr Farnie Kruger.

The farmers also accused the government of hatching a plot to import maize from Mexico through some listed traders. But the Agriculture committee said the government, through the Strategic Food Reserve (SFR), has only managed to purchase 417,000, 90kg bags of maize from farmers vis-à-vis a target of two million bags.

The two million bags target was

set by President Kenyatta in January when he ordered NCPB to buy maize from farmers at a cost of Sh2,500 per 90kg bag. Although long queues were witnessed at NCPB depots immediately the President made the announcement, they later diminished after the long rains failed.

According to Agriculture CS Mwangi Kiunjuri, they have tried to convince farmers to deliver maize to NCPB depots in vain. "I personally asked those with more than 400 bags to sell to NCPB but the situation at the depots has not improved," added Mr Kiunjuri.

The CS said NCPB failed to meet its target of buying two million bags owing to better prices offered by the market and the worsening drought in the country.

The CS also refuted claims that the government has already listed some traders to import maize from Mexico. However, the CS reiterated that he has a responsibility to ensure that Kenyans are protected from escalating flour prices, whether caused by hoarding or by maize shortage.

He stated further that the country is safe because there is little maize trickling in from Tanzania and Ethiopia. The chairman of the Strategic Food Reserve Fund, Mr Noah Wekesa, said they would only import when it is necessary.

"We must make sure we don't repeat the same blunder we made last year. We will only import when the right time comes and also avoid interfering with this year's harvest," he told the Sunday Nation in a telephone interview.



Villagers and mentor farmers who benefitted from SNAP reciting a poem to thank US-based McKnight Foundation for financially supporting the project which has helped to change their livelihood by practicing agro-ecological farming during the closing ceremony held in Singida last week. Photo: Beatrice Philemon.

## CONSERVATION

## US life sciences professor urges govt to have policy on agro-ecology

By Beatrice Philemon

THE government has urged to come up with a policy that supports agro-ecological farming which is good for the environment and guarantees smallholder farmers of food security.

An associate Professor at Cornell University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences in the US, Rachel Kerr said in Singida last week during the closing ceremony of Singida Nutrition and Agro-ecology Project (SNAP) that agro-ecological farming needs policy backing so that it can be implemented by farmers effectively.

Prof Kerr pointed out that agro-ecological farming is good for smallholder farmers because it improves soil fertility, conserve environment, protects water sources while encouraging use of indigenous seeds.

"Agro-ecological farming represents the future of farming especially for smallholder farmers who use tradition farming methods," Prof Kerr noted while commending SNAP managers for training Singida region's farmers on the practice.

She advised the beneficiaries to practice what they learnt but also impart the knowledge acquired to their peers so that many of them should engage in agro-ecological farming which involves intercropping.

Under the SNAP, the smallholder farmers were trained by experts from ActionAid Tanzania, Cornell University, Nelson Mandela University and Ilonga Agricultural Research Institute with funding from US-based McKnight Foundation.

SNAP was a three year which started in 2016 in Singida region and involved 20 villages and more than 1,200 households with main goals being to promote agro-

ecology farming and gender equality among farming communities but also assure farmers of food security.

"As researcher from Cornell university I am very glad to see what is you have accomplished in Singida because as smallholder farmers you have made big changes as far as food availability at home and healthy children are concerned," she added.

Speaking at the same ceremony, Singida District Executive Director, Rashid Mandoa expressed his appreciation to McKnight Foundation for the financial support accorded to SNAP which has benefited thousands in Singida.

"As the project comes to an end, we have vowed to disseminate this knowledge to other villages across the region so that many farmers should know about benefits of agro-ecological farming, nutrition and gender issues," Mandoa said.

He further noted that Singida district council has 84 villages, 21 wards and 334 sub locations but has only 16 extension officers which means that peer mentoring among themselves is important to propagate the environmental friendly farming practice. "We will disseminate this knowledge effectively to our farmers because 80 percent of Singida residents are farmers" he underlined.

Speaking on behalf of mentor farmers who benefitted from the project, Pili Shaban called upon district and regional authorities to allocate funds to assist farmers practice agro-ecological farming.

"In order for us to disseminate and practice skills that we learnt from SNAP, we need funding," Shaban said while paying tribute to the experts who taught them during the three year project tenure.

## TROUBLE

## Falling confidence hits African airlines' international business

GENEVA

The upward trend in African airlines' international passenger travel demand has softened since mid-2018, in line with falling business confidence in some of the continent's key economies.

This is according to global passenger data for March 2019 released by the International Air Transport Association (IATA). The report shows that African airlines' demand for international passenger travel increased by 2.1% compared to March 2018. At the same time capacity increased by 1.1%, and the load factor strengthened by 0.7 of a percentage point to 71.4%.

IATA points out that more than 12.5 million passengers board flights globally each day. Global passenger traffic results for March 2019 showed that demand rose 3.1%, compared to March 2018. This was the slowest pace for any month in nine years. According to IATA, this was largely due to the timing of the Easter holiday period this year.

"While (global) traffic growth slowed considerably in March, we do not see the month as a bellwether for the rest of 2019," Alexandre de Juniac, IATA's director general and CEO, said in a statement.

"Nevertheless, the economic backdrop has become somewhat less favourable, with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) having recently revised its gross domestic product (GDP) outlook downward for a fourth time in the past year."

In de Juniac's view, despite March's slowdown, the outlook for air travel remains solid.

"Global connectivity has never been better. Consumers can choose from more than 21 000 city pair combinations on more than 125 000 daily flights. And air fares continue to decline in real terms," he said.

March international passenger demand rose just 2.5% compared to March 2018, which was down from 4.5% year-over-year growth recorded in February and almost 5 percentage points below its five-year average pace.

All regions showed growth with the exception of the Middle East. Total capacity climbed 4.0%, and the load factor fell 1.2 percentage points to 80.8%. European carriers saw March demand increase 4.7% over March 2018, down from 7.5% annual growth in February. The result partly reflects falling business confidence in the Eurozone and ongoing uncertainty about Brexit.

Middle East carriers' passenger demand fell 3.0% in March, marking a second consecutive month of declining traffic. According to IATA, this reflects the broader structural changes in the industry which have been taking place in the region.

Globally domestic demand rose 4.1% in March, which was a deceleration from 6.2% growth recorded in February that was driven largely by developments in China and India. Domestic capacity climbed 4.5%, and load factor dipped 0.3 percentage point to 83.4%. In June, leaders in the aviation industry will gather in Seoul, South Korea, for the 75th IATA Annual General Meeting and World Air Transport Summit.



Alexandre de Juniac, IATA's director general and CEO.

## NOTICE

## MultiChoice explains DStv streaming crash: Systems upgrade failed

CAPE TOWN

MultiChoice says the latest hours-long crash of its DStv Now streaming service was the result of a systems upgrade that failed when it was made live.

Thursday's DStv Now blackout was the second in four weeks since many DStv subscribers in South Africa and across sub-Saharan Africa couldn't watch the 8th season premiere episode of HBO's Game of Thrones live on MultiChoice's video streaming service when it crashed on Monday 15 April after they stayed up and woke up wanting to watch it at 03:00.

On Thursday night DStv subscribers who wanted to watch the first season finale of The Bachelor South Africa on M-Net (DStv 101) and soccer on SuperSport couldn't do so, getting a black screen saying "Error 500 - There is a problem with the page you requested."

It was eventually fixed later on Thursday night after several hours but after MultiChoice's non-service outraged many M-Net and sports viewers who complained not just about the technical breakdown and bad customer experience but also the lack of DStv customer communication.

Richard Boorman, MultiChoice Connected Video head of communications responded to a media enquiry on Friday afternoon and told Channel24 that "we're currently busy with a full post-mortem to determine the exact cause, but broadly the cause was a systems update which we'd tested ahead of deployment without any issues arising, but unfortunately in the live environment it failed".

Asked if it was the same problem or connected to the DStv Now outage that messed up the Game of Thrones live viewing on 15 April he said that it "isn't related to the incident four weeks ago".

"We're acutely aware of how our customers rely on DStv Now, and we're working flat out to ensure these type of incidents don't happen. We apologise to everyone affected. Clearly, we will incorporate the lessons learned from these incidents when developing new services to avoid any kind of recurrence," said Boorman.

## MOTHER'S DAY

# Women counselled to build careers while taking care of families

By Guardian Reporter

Mothers across the country have been encouraged to endlessly pursue their careers without giving up while taking care of their families.

Speaking during a panel discussion organised by NMB Bank Plc to mark Mother's Day celebrations on Friday in Dar es Salaam, the bank's Head, Customer Experience Abella Tarimo said that for women to achieve anything in life they need clarity on what they want to do and how to do it.

"As long as one has a clear vision and support system juggling between a career and family is manageable. Most women believe that caring for their families and developing their careers is an impossible task for them to achieve," said Tarimo.

She noted that the discussion which was themed 'Glass ceiling and motherhood,' was a perfect subject to debate during the day when women's roles are recognised globally stressing

that no one can accomplish anything alone.

"Working mothers should establish support systems no matter what they want to accomplish at home or work," she argued.

On the other hand, Senior Relationship Manager Business Liability, Business Banking, Beatrice Mwambije said that working mothers who are overwhelmed and think of quitting their careers and resort to taking care of their children, need to evaluate the situation first before doing so.

"The rigorous daily schedule of caring for an infant may tempt mothers to stay at home and care for their children while abandoning their careers," Mwambije said.

"However, if you are a career woman, there are ways you can strike a balance and achieve both successfully by simply putting in place plans to balance both roles," she argued while pointing out that mothers should think of the future in terms of financial security and their relevance as human beings after the children are grown up.



Pauline Mohele, NMB's Manager Recovery, Special Asset Management, Pauline Mohele speaking during a panel discussion to commemorate this year's Mother's Day celebrations held in Dar es Salaam. Right is Beatrice Mwambije, Senior Relationship Manager for Business Liability, Business Banking and NMB's Head, Customer Experience, Abella Tarimo (L).

## CONTROVERSY

## South African lions are advertised to UK hunters, for up to R780,000 each

LONDON

Wealthy foreign hunters are sent WhatsApp messages with detailed images of captive lions available for them to hunt in South Africa - for prices of up to R780,000 each.

Up to 200 farms in South Africa breed lions for such "canned" high-priced trophy hunts, according to an investigation published on the front page of the UK's Mail on Sunday this week.

The investigation was funded by Lord Ashcroft, a prominent British politician and philanthropist,

who dubbed it "Project Simba". It stretched over the course of a year and involved "former Special Forces and security operatives" who infiltrated lion breeding in South Africa, Ashcroft said.

His team found a thriving business of captive lions, Ashcroft said, including "green hunts" where lions are darted with a sedative before for a trophy photo. Another aspect of the business, he says, is the creation of lion and tiger cross-breeds, ligers and tigons, in order to speed up growth and so have heavier bones

to sell in the thriving market for traditional medicines in mostly China and South East Asia.

A tiger cross-breed, he says, can achieve the bone mass of a 9-year-old lion in just three years, maximising profits at the expense of birth defects. Posing as potential clients, the team was offered various lions to hunt, with prices ranging from R1850,000 to R780,000 depending largely on the quality of the mane. In one instance, the price included three nights of accommodation.

Ashcroft hopes South African

authorities will be "shocked and embarrassed into action" on canned lion hunting. "By allowing such a barbaric practice, the South African Government is harming the reputation of a country that treasures its position on the international stage in the aftermath of apartheid," he said in a statement.

He has also called on the government of the United Kingdom to ban the import of captive-lion trophies, urging his home country to not be complicit in the trade.

In one instance Ashcroft's team documented how the UK representative of a South African safari operator advised a similar American ban on trophies could be bypassed: export the lion skin to Britain, package it inside the skin of a deer, then export that to the USA.

Citing only "well-informed sources," Ashcroft says there are now an estimated 12,000 captive-bred lions in South Africa, far more than the total number in the wild.

## RECOGNITION

## Ecobank's rapid transfer application named best remittance product

By Guardian Reporter

Ecobank's Rapid Transfer Application has been named Best Remittance Product and Service of the Year by the Asian Banker Awards for West Africa.

In a statement last Friday, the Lagos based continental bank said its application was selected following a rigorous and transparent process that saw the Asian Banker accessing banks and non-bank retail financial services players in several countries in West Africa.

Currently The Asian Banker Awards covers the Asia Pacific, the Middle East and West Africa where more than 300 banks and non-bank retail financial services players in more than 42 countries are evaluated. Presenting the awards to winners in Lagos, Chairman of Asian Banker, Emmanuel Daniel, said the excellence in retail financial services programme is probably the most rigorous, prestigious and transparent awards programme for consumer financial services in the world.

Daniel congratulated Ecobank for winning the award and explained that the programme also assesses all new players such as payments companies, marketplace platforms and alternative financial services platforms made possible by financial technology (fintech) who are greatly contributing to the transformation of the retail financial services industry.

He pointed out that through the awards the Asian Banker aims to capture the evolving competitive landscape and recognise the outstanding players and initiatives, from which the industry can learn from to better provide consumer products, services and experience.

Receiving the award on behalf of the Ecobank Group, Executive Director, Commer-

cial Banking, Carol Oyediji, thanked the organizer for engaging in rigorous exercise to arrive at winners of the various awards, stressing that Ecobank retail business has witnessed substantial transformation, innovation and growth in all its segments and dimensions - customers, products and channels in recent years.

Oyediji disclosed that Ecobank is now being commonly regarded as digital payment solution bank because of its offerings such as Rapid Transfer, EcobankPay, OMNI and Xpress account, among others.

Seconding Oyediji's observation, Ecobank Group Head, Remittances and Mobile Money, Linus Adaba described the awards as a worthy recognition of its Rapid Transfer App which is one of Ecobank's landmark initiatives targeted at easing the process and enabling Africans in Diaspora send money to their loved ones back home on the continent.

"Many Africans work elsewhere in Africa, or further afield in Europe, America and Asia and financially support their relatives back home. Rapid transfer is a safe and secure low-cost remittance solution, which ultimately will put more money into the hands of the recipient," Adaba said.

"This will have a multiplier effect on the African economy by boosting demand and driving business growth. Rapid transfer removes all of bottle necks and high cost of sending money back home. Its standout affordability is a game changer in the way that Africans send money to their loved ones," he added.

"I use this opportunity to dedicate these awards to all hard working staff of the Ecobank Group, who have tirelessly worked to see the success of the bank," the Ecobank Group Head, Remittances and Mobile Money stressed.

## MARKETING

## Tigo, Tecno lure 'netizens' with new smartphones

By Francis Kajubi

TECH savvy youth who spend hours online can now enjoy the fastest internet access with Tecno Spark 3 and Tecno Spark 3 Pro smartphone that has been introduced in the market by Tigo Tanzania Limited with the Chinese manufacturer last week.

Tigo's Mobile Device Manager, Mkumbo Myonga said in Dar es Salaam on Friday that the new handset is a result of joint venture with Tecno Mobile aimed meeting growing demand by 'netizens' to have fast and cheap internet access.

Myonga said the Tecno Spark 3 smartphone is a 3G enabled gadget and comes with 96 gigabytes of internet access lasting a whole year. Tecno Spark 3 Pro is 4G enabled.

"We started this journey of turning the country to a digital champion in the past eight years and we are forging ahead with our partners to achieve this mission with great success," he pointed out.

According to Tanzania Telecommunication Regulatory Authority (TCRA), as of last December, Tigo had the second largest number of subscribers in the market with over 12.44 million.

Tecno Mobile's Public Relations Manager, Eric Mkomoya said the two handsets also have bright cameras which take quality video and still photos. "Our partnership with Tigo has had a transformational impact in the country's digital landscape. Together, we have managed to increase penetration of mobile phones in the country by providing affordable and latest smartphones," Mkomoya said.



A lion is darted by a British hunter.

CRISIS

# Carlos Ghosn's successor under fire as Nissan profit sinks

TOKYO

Carlos Ghosn's arrest threw Nissan Motor into a corporate tailspin with allegations of self-dealing, profligate spending and filing false statements. Now the car maker's profits are falling off a cliff, and successor Hiroto Saikawa may go down with them.

Troubled by slumping US sales, aging models and a product cycle that is out of sync, the Yokohama-based company will announce on Tuesday its lowest annual operating profit in a decade, raising the possibility of a dividend cut. The outlook for the current fiscal year to March 2020 probably will not be any more promising.

Chief executive Mr Saikawa has yet to announce a turnaround plan since the arrest of former chairman Mr Ghosn in November, and sources say there is internal strife over whether he is the

right executive to fix Nissan. Alliance partner Renault may not look too favourably on Mr Saikawa's reappointment if he continues to oppose a merger said to be backed by its own chairman Jean-Dominique Senard, who is also a Nissan director.

In addition, alliance partner said it would block Mr Saikawa's reappointment if he did not agree to a merger - a request made by Renault's new chairman that Mr Saikawa batted away, the Yomiuri newspaper reported last month.

"A new management team and strategy may be the answer," said Michael Dean, a Bloomberg Intelligence analyst. "We do not comment on rumours or speculation," said Nicholas Maxfield, a Nissan spokesman. "The company's focus is on stabilising operations and strengthening its management structure, while addressing the weaknesses in governance that enabled this miscon-

duct."

The surprise jailing of Mr Ghosn, who led both car companies for two decades, exposed rifts over control and decision-making. Since then, Mr Ghosn was released and detained once again. Currently out on bail, he has denied all charges against him, saying his arrest was due to a "dirty game" played by some Nissan executives. He is now preparing for his trial, which may start later this year or next year.

A pending litmus test for Mr Saikawa's job security will come next month, when Nissan's directors are set to formally adopt new corporate governance rules that include creating a more independent board. In an extraordinary shareholders' meeting held last month to remove Mr Ghosn from the board, Mr Saikawa was peppered with questions as to why he was not stepping down to take responsibility for Nissan's poor govern-



Nissan's chief executive Hiroto Saikawa.

ance.

Mr Saikawa said there are many ways to take responsibility and he believed the right thing for him to do now is to help Nissan rebuild, signaling his intention to stay on. Even so, Mr Saikawa

needs Renault's vote from its 43 per cent stake to back his reappointment, especially given that roughly half of minority shareholders have voted against his appointment since 2017.

While the French car man-

ufacturer agreed in 2015 not to interfere in the appointment of top Nissan managers, Nissan's financial weakness could give Renault an opening to push harder for a merger.

The list of potential replacements include chief operating officer Yasuhiro Yamauchi, who sits on the board of Renault. His recent promotion preserves management ties between the automakers, who along with Mitsubishi Motors form the world's biggest car alliance.

A recent management shuffle also put the spotlight on executives who may also be in a position to lead the company. Hideyuki Sakamoto, in charge of manufacturing and supply-chain management, joined Nissan in 1980 as an engineer and has worked around the world, including the Nissan Technical Centre in North America, Nissan's largest affiliate supplier in Japan and Renault in Brazil. Jun Seki, formerly

Nissan's China chief, is now senior vice president overseeing "performance recovery."

"Nissan clearly had very bad corporate governance and an atmosphere where few felt they could question Mr Ghosn," said Janet Lewis, an analyst at Macquarie Capital Securities (Japan) Ltd. "His departure will enable them to reboot, but it will take time to put a strong management team in place."

Nissan in April warned investors of bad times ahead as it cut preliminary profit for the year ended March to 318 billion yen (Dh10.62bn), a 30 per cent decline from the previous guidance, which itself had been lowered. That would mark the first time the Japanese car maker earned less than Renault in a decade. An out-of-sync product cycle, aging lineup and poor consumer reviews "will take years, not months to fix," Ms Lewis said.

Nissan also may announce

that it's paring the targets in its plan for the six years through fiscal 2022, the Asahi reported, citing people it didn't identify. Nissan will lower its fiscal 2022 revenue target to about 14 trillion yen from the existing target of 16.5 trillion yen and cut operating margin target to about 6 per cent from 8 per cent, according to the newspaper. Nissan declined to comment on the Asahi report.

Even lower mid-term forecasts would fall short of analysts' projections. Operating profits likely won't recover to levels seen under Mr Ghosn until 2023, meaning there will probably be no growth in the current six-year plan, according to estimates compiled by Bloomberg.

"The impact may persist this fiscal year," said Koji Endo, an auto analyst with SBI. "The downward revision it made in the past year wasn't enough to push the all the bad things out of its door."

CURRENCY BOOST

## Turkish state banks sell dollars to support falling lira

ISTANBUL

Turkish state banks sold more than \$1 billion on Thursday and overnight, sources said, helping the lira to firm more than 2 per cent at one stage and stem declines triggered by a decision this week to re-run Istanbul's mayoral election.

Ziraat Bank, Turkey's largest lender by asset size, was one of the banks that sold dollars to support the lira, according to the sources familiar with the matter. Ziraat Bank was not immediately available for comment. The lira has lost as much as 15 per cent against the dollar this year, with the latest weakness driven by investor concerns over Monday's decision to re-run a mayoral election in Istanbul that was narrowly won by the main opposition party.

Electoral authorities cancelled the result of the March 31 vote in Turkey's largest city and commercial hub after weeks of appeals from President Tayyip Erdogan's defeated AK Party.

On Thursday, Turkey's central bank effectively tightened policy by funding the market through a higher rate and took additional liquidity steps to bolster the lira.

"The steady trend of lira depreciation could potentially push inflation significantly

higher than expected even beyond 2019. The central bank move has had markedly limited positive impact on the currency this time around," Yatirim Finansman, the Istanbul-based brokerage house, said in a note to clients.

"If CBRT (Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey) wants to stop (lira) volatility effectively, it might have to introduce monetary tightening." Investors fear that the decision to repeat the Istanbul election on June 23 will add nearly two months of uncertainty over Turkey's plans to rebalance and stabilise the economy.

Turkish banks have also told foreign investors they were in no rush to sell problem loans on their books, and were focused on restructuring them, three people present at a meeting discussing bad debt on Thursday in Istanbul told Reuters.

Deutsche Bank, Cerberus, Goldman Sachs, Bain Capital and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development attended the meeting to discuss the possible sale of problem loans, the attendees said.

Economists have expressed concerns about the transparency of non-performing loans held by Turkish banks, which surged after last year's lira crisis.



A merchant counts Turkish Lira banknotes at the Grand Bazaar in Istanbul.

PESSIMISM

## Tata Steel's European plans thrown back into doubt as venture collapses

NEW DELHI

The future of Tata Steel's two giant European plants has been thrown into doubt after a long-proposed venture with German rival Thyssenkrupp looked at risk of collapsing.

Tata, which operates the iconic blast furnace at Port Talbot in the UK and another big plant in the Netherlands, has been trying to find a solution for its European business since being hit by the 2016 commodity crisis, though many of its troubles stem before then. With a European joint venture now likely to be rejected, it will have to find a plan B.

Thyssenkrupp said on Friday that it's abandoning plans to split itself in two

and that it didn't expect regulators to approve the joint venture with Tata. The reaction from shareholders was telling: Thyssenkrupp surged the most on record while Tata slumped as much as 7.7 per cent in Mumbai. The Indian company said it will keep focusing on improving its European business, while looking for new options that can clear regulatory hurdles.

"The proposed joint venture was an important strategic initiative for Tata Steel to create a sustainable portfolio in Europe" that would have benefited its balance sheet, Tata said in a statement. "Tata Steel remains committed to the above strategy and would explore all options to achieve similar outcomes in the future."



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## WORLD

## Democrat Warren confronts 2020 electability question head-on in Ohio

CHILlicothe, OHIO

AT a veterans hall in the mostly white, working-class town of Chillicothe, Ohio, U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren spoke to about 200 people on Friday about her plans to fight the opioid epidemic, Washington corruption and economic inequality.

Warren's decision to campaign in Ohio - a state President Donald Trump won by eight percentage points in 2016 - so soon in the Democratic presidential nominating battle is telling.

Ohio does not host one of next year's early nominating contests. Yet there is growing consensus among Democrats that a nominee's ability to beat Trump in November 2020 is the number one priority - and Warren aims to convince voters there and elsewhere that she has broad enough appeal to do it.

"I believe that if you're running for president of the United States you ought to be running for president of all the people and not just spend your time in a handful of so-called battleground states," Warren told reporters at an earlier stop on Friday in Kermitt, West Virginia, a solidly Republican state.

Party strategists and voters are divided over what type of candidate is best positioned to take on the president.

Some believe it is critical to have a nominee who can win back the working-class, white voters who supported Barack Obama but then handed Trump victories in formerly blue states in the

Midwest like Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. Others say a candidate who can drive turnout by appealing to young, minority and first-time voters is the best path to the White House.

Ed Rendell, a former Democratic governor of Pennsylvania, thinks moderate candidates like former Vice President Joe Biden or U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar would be best at wooing back working-class voters in the non-urban areas of his state.

Warren's progressive policies - she backs free college tuition, a wealth tax and Medicare-for-all healthcare - make her an "easy target" for Trump to accuse her of being a socialist, Rendell said.

But he agrees with other Democrats who say where candidates stand on the issues may not be the deciding factor for voters.

"I've never seen voters more single-minded than on the issue of beating Donald Trump," Rendell said, adding he would work to win Pennsylvania for whoever emerges as the nominee.

HIGH STAKES

Recent opinion surveys show electability topping issues for many Democrats.

In a Monmouth University poll of 987 likely Democratic primary voters conducted May 2-7 in New Hampshire, which hosts the second nominating contest, 68 percent said they would choose a candidate they did not agree with on most issues if the individual



U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren

were a stronger candidate against Trump. Just 25 percent said they would pick the candidate they agreed with on most issues but who would have a hard time beating Trump.

Forty-nine percent of Democrats in an Ipsos online poll of 960 adults taken April 29-30 said the ability to beat Trump in the general election is the most important factor in choosing a primary candidate, ahead of policies on healthcare, jobs and the environment.

"Democrats view this not as a regular election but as an existential election for the country. The stakes are high. Each candidate is trying to show how they will take on Trump," said Ben LaBolt, a former spokesman for Obama's re-election campaign.

Ideally, a candidate will emerge like Obama who can appeal to a wide swath of Democratic voters, he said.

With just 3 percent of Democrats in the Ipsos poll picking Warren as the candidate most likely to beat Trump, the Massachusetts senator has work to do. Forty-six percent chose Biden as the strongest Trump opponent, and 25 percent said they did not know who was best positioned from the field of 22 Democrats running.

Ohio Democratic Party Chairman David Pepper rejected the idea that only a moderate Democrat can make inroads there. As a roadmap, he pointed to Senator Sherrod Brown's re-election in 2018, when he won by a higher margin than in 2012 when Obama was on the ballot.

Brown, like Warren, focuses on themes of income inequality and creating an economy that protects and benefits middle- and working-class households. Pepper said that economic message resonates in rural and suburban areas, even if other parts of a candidate's platform are more liberal than voters would typically support.

"These are the places that responded to Donald Trump saying 'let's make America great again,'" Pepper said of Chillicothe. "A ticket that includes that kind of candidate like Sherrod Brown's did and can hold down losses in rural parts of the state and suburbs and energize our urban core - that combination is the ticket that will win Ohio."

In largely rural Ross County, where Warren met with voters on Friday, Trump got roughly two-thirds of the vote in 2016.

But Chillicothe Mayor Luke Feeney, a Democrat, said the party should not count it out.

"I told her Ross County is definitely in play in 2020 and Chillicothe is definitely in play in 2020 and the state of Ohio is a swing state in 2020, not a red state," Feeney said as he introduced Warren at her event.

Retired teacher Kathleen Burgess, 70, was in the crowd. She said Warren's early call to impeach Trump pleased her as a progressive voter, but she thought Warren's economic policies also would appeal to swing voters in the state.

"By advocating for free public college and healthcare, those are kitchen table issues for working-class people," Burgess said. **Agencies**

## Serbia one of Russia's key partners, says senator

BELGRADE

SERBIA is one of Russia's key partners in Europe and in the world. Chairman of the Russian Federation Council's (upper house of parliament) Foreign Affairs Committee Konstantin Kosachev stated on Saturday in an interview with Serbia's RTS channel.

"We have a great deal of common interests. We both have the same stance on the necessity of maintaining the UN's role and respecting international law. We have huge projects in the sphere of gas, nuclear energy, healthcare, education, agriculture. We are very interesting partners for each other. That is why Serbia is one of our key, most interesting partners in Europe and in a more global context," Kosachev said.

The Russian senator also noted the particular relevance of Victory Day in Serbia. On May 9, Kosachev took part in the Immortal Regiment demonstrations in Belgrade, attended by over 10,000 people.

The 'Immortal Regiment' march is an annual event held throughout Russia and in other countries. The event is dedicated to the victory in Great Patriotic War (or WWII) that claimed lives of about 28 million Soviet people, both soldiers and civilians.

During the march, people carry portraits of their relatives who fought or died during the war.

The idea was born in the Russian Siberian city of Tyumen in 2007 and the march was called the Victors' Parade. In 2012, another Siberian city of Tomsk picked up the torch renaming the rally as 'Immortal Regiment.'

The next year, about 120 cities joined in. A year later, people carried portraits of their relatives, who fought during WWII, in 500 cities in seven countries. Since 2015, the 'Immortal Regiment' march has become a nationwide event. **Agencies**

## Premier Li underlines tax cuts to benefit enterprises, boost market vitality

BEIJING

CHINESE Premier Li Keqiang on Friday called for more efforts to implement tax and fee cuts in a bid to let enterprises enjoy concrete benefits and further boost the vitality of market entities.

Li, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, made the remarks at a symposium on the implementation of reducing taxes and fees.

Larger-scale tax and fee reductions are a key measure to improve the business environment and boost the vitality of market entities, which not only contribute to steady economic growth and stable employment but also encourage enterprises to increase investment on innovation and enhance competitiveness, Li said.

As a key task for this year, tax and fee cuts have been carried out and are proceeding as expected, Li said, demanding more efforts to ensure the complete implementation of related policies.

At the meeting, several entrepreneurs shared their opinions and made suggestions on tax and fee reductions. The tax burden for the manufacturing sector should be lowered significantly and industries which create many jobs such as construction should also see tax reductions.

Li urged efforts to ensure the tax burden for all industries is lowered and micro and small enterprises should see a substantive reduction of their tax burden. Measures, including stricter market supervision, will be taken to guarantee the effects of tax and fee cuts.

Besides tax and fee-reduction policies, China plans to unveil more measures to deepen reform and opening-up, encourage entrepreneurship and innovation as well as foster fair competition to withstand economic hardship amid downward pressure, he said.

Vice Premier Han Zheng, also a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, attended the symposium. **Xinhua**



Chinese Premier Li Keqiang

## ANC keeps power in South Africa but scandals cost it votes

PRETORIA

SOUTH Africa's ruling African National Congress (ANC) on Saturday marked its weakest victory in national elections in a quarter-century, while President Cyril Ramaphosa declared that the vote had given him and others "a firm mandate to build a better South Africa for all."

With all votes counted, the ANC had 57.5 percent, the electoral commission said.

It was the worst-ever showing at the polls for the party of the late Nelson Mandela that has ruled since the end of the apartheid system of racial discrimination 25 years ago. The party won 62 percent of the vote in 2014.

Voter turnout was another low at 65 percent, reflecting the frustration of many South Africans after corruption scandals around the ANC that led former president Jacob Zuma to resign last year under party pressure. Turnout was 74 percent in 2014.

Ramaphosa, a Mandela protégé, has vowed to clean up the rot and apologized to South Africans. But his new five-year term is threat-

ened by Zuma allies within the ANC's leadership, who could pressure the party to oust him from power.

Observers have said South Africa's economy, the most developed in sub-Saharan Africa, would be further weakened if Ramaphosa is removed by his own party. He narrowly won the party leadership in late 2017, weeks before Zuma was pushed out.

Ramaphosa's image as a leader willing to rid the government of graft helped the ANC's election showing, political analyst Karima Brown said. "It's a departure from a president who faced continuous allegations of corruption," she said.

But ANC secretary-general Ace Magashule, seen as leading the party faction opposed to Ramaphosa, has said the victory could not be attributed to the president alone.

Widespread disillusionment over the ANC and long-standing issues of high unemployment and poor delivery of basic services had been expected to give top opposition parties a boost in Wednesday's election. A record 48



South Africa President Cyril Ramaphosa addresses the nation after the Independent Electoral Commission announced the final results in South Africa's general election in Pretoria on Saturday. (AP)

parties were on the ballot.

Top opposition party the liberal Democratic Alliance slipped in its share of votes, however, winning 20.7 percent, down from 22.2 percent in 2014. The populist Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) in just their second showing in parliamentary and presidential elections did gain ground, winning 10.7 percent of the vote, up from 6.3 percent five years ago.

The EFF won support notably

among younger voters with its outspoken demands for a bigger share of South Africa's wealth from the country's white minority. It struck a chord in a country where unemployment is 27 percent and many in the black majority struggle to get by. The party also had promised to expropriate white-owned land without compensation and nationalize mines and banks.

With an eye on the country's

growing youth population, the "Born Free" generation that never knew apartheid, Ramaphosa noted that "many young people are still outside the fold of voting activity." Some 6 million eligible young voters did not register to vote in this election.

The ANC barely retained control of the country's economic hub of Gauteng province, which includes Johannesburg and the capital, Pretoria, with just over 50 percent of the vote.

In South Africa, the president and parliament are not elected directly. The number of votes won by each party determines how many representatives are sent to the national 400-seat legislature. The president of the party that gets the most votes. The ANC won 230 seats, the DA 84 and the EFF 44.

With the election over, some South Africans looked forward to moving on.

"I knew that the ANC would win the elections so my vote for them did not go waste," said Karabo Kgole, a gas station attendant in Pretoria. **Agencies**

## UN commences renovation works to modernise iconic Africa Hall

ADDIS ABABA

THE UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) has revealed the signing of contract agreement with three international companies to renovate the historic Africa Hall in Ethiopia's capital Addis Ababa.

The latest agreement among the UN-ECA and the three construction companies marks the commencement of renovation works of the Africa Hall inside the premises of the ECA headquarters in Addis Ababa at a cost of 28.2 million U.S. dollars, the ECA said in a statement issued on Saturday.

The overall Africa Hall Renovation and Modernization Project, which was approved by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015 with a budget of about 57 million, mainly envisioned a complete renovation of Africa Hall main building.

"The signing with contractors, Africa Hall Projects FZE, marks a paramount milestone of this iconic project," an ECA statement read. "The contract for the renovation and refurbishment of Africa Hall is the biggest ever signed by the ECA with a supplier."

Africa Hall, which was inaugurated prior to the establishment of the Or-

ganization of the African Unity (OAU) in 1963, is considered as a historic venue mainly for hosting the formation of the OAU - predecessor of the 55-member African Union (AU).

According to ECA's Director of Administration Carlos Haddad, "the renovation will be completed on time and delivered in 2021 as budgeted for." "We are excited by the signing of the main renovation works contract which paves way to upgrade the safety standards and restore the state-of-the-art technology while preserving the historic and heritage values to Africa Hall. We are confident," an ECA statement

quoted Haddad as saying. The iconic hall was built between 1959 and 1961 and inaugurated on February 26, 1961 by Ethiopia's former Emperor Haile Selassie, who is considered as one of the founding fathers of the African Union, the former OAU.

The complete renovation of Africa Hall main building embraces various works that include surrounding landscape works, a new Visitor Entry Building, upgrading the ECA compound perimeter's wall, a new visitor car park and road-works external to the ECA compound, it was noted.

Alem Kiros, Director and Legal Rep-

resentative for Africa Hall Projects FZE, said that the restoration work is a "great opportunity" that followed two and a half years of negotiations.

"The project will be delivered up to expectation and even beyond with the expertise of the contractors who have special skills with such levels of renovation," Kiros said.

The ECA had previously indicated that the renovation project, when completed, aims to transform Africa Hall into a rejuvenated facility, complying with the highest international standards for conference facilities.

As part of preserving and restoring

the historical and cultural values embedded in its architecture, the project also include a permanent exhibition to turn historic hall into one of the leading tourist destinations in Addis Ababa and highlight its significant role in the UN and in modern African history, according to the ECA.

George Ogboro, Chief of Supply Chain Management Section at the ECA, said that the project "is a major milestone not only for the contractor but also for Africa as a whole. African countries will be proud of the hall even more when the modernization project is completed." **Xinhua**







My World Pre-School chess team's players (in yellow T-shirts) Asha Kondo, Sunday Manara and Candidate Master Nurdin Hassuji, take on Kamal Steel team's players (L-R) Hussein Ibrahim, Taheer Hassuji and Mussa Mangula, during one of the Chess League's matches held in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA CHESS ASSOCIATION

## Warriors move to conference finals despite missing Durant

HOUSTON

The Golden State Warriors still have plenty of work to do if they hope to win their third straight championship.

But after fending off the Houston Rockets on Friday night without leading playoff scorer Kevin Durant to advance to the Western Conference finals, they did take a moment to celebrate the accomplishment.

"It shows you how much respect we have for Houston," coach Steve Kerr said. "We just finished the conference semifinals series. We're only halfway home to where we want to be. And yet the celebration in there felt like a much bigger occasion and that's because of the challenge that this team put before us."

Stephen Curry scored all of his 33 points in the second half to lead the Warriors to a 118-113 win.

Klay Thompson added 27 points to help two-time defending champion Golden State reach the conference finals for a franchise-record fifth straight year and eliminate Houston for the fourth time in five seasons. The Warriors did it with Durant sidelined by a calf injury sustained in the second half of their Game 5 victory.

"We're all very happy, but now we've got to get home and get some rest and prepare for the next round," Kerr said.

There won't be a lot of time to recuperate with the conference finals starting on Tuesday night in Oakland against the winner of the Denver-Portland series. Kerr said he'd give his team the weekend off after most of his key players logged heavy minutes in this series in which each game was decided by six points or fewer.

Though this team has had plenty of big victories as it won the NBA title in three of the last four seasons, Kerr and many of his players acknowledged that this win was pretty special.

"It's one of the most satisfying victories we've had during this run," Kerr said.

Draymond Green said that downing the Rockets again also meant a bit more since Houston

has said since losing to the Warriors in last year's conference finals that its main focus was beating them this season.

"This one feels good ... just because it was a team that said for years: 'We're built to beat them,'" Green said. "Then Kevin goes down and no one gives us a chance. You take all those things into account, this one feels amazing. If I said otherwise, I'd be sitting here lying to you."

Curry struggled early, failing to score in the first half for the first time in 102 career playoff games, and had just 10 points through three periods. But he got going in the fourth, scoring 23 points.

There were questions entering the game about how the Warriors would weather the loss of Durant – and his more than 34 points a game. But they didn't seem to miss a beat, getting 21 from Thompson in the first half before Curry closed it in the fourth.

The team said on Thursday that Durant would be re-evaluated next week and Kerr said after the game that it was too early to know if he could return at some point in the next series.

Though the Warriors were able to get past the Rockets behind big nights from Curry and Thompson, they know that their chances for defending the title are much better with Durant on the floor.

"I'm happy we won so we can get some rest and get him healthy," Thompson said. "Because if we want to get this three-peat, we desperately need him back. He's our best player, so we dearly miss him. We'll hold it down while he's out but it's not the same."

Curry finished out the series strong, but faced criticism for most of it as he struggled with his shot. He discussed the "noise" surrounding him lately and how he never let it get to him.

"I know what I'm capable of and it's bigger than me," he said. "I don't get caught up in that. I don't need any extra motivation. I don't need to hear who I am as a player. I know that. My confidence never wavers."

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## Coca-Cola introduces 'Recycle and Win' campaign in Copa UMISSETA Games

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

Coca-Cola Company, last weekend, announced the launch of a campaign, dubbed 'Recycle & Win', which is designed to ensure plastic collection in respective schools participating in the Copa Coca-Cola UMISSETA games.

The behavioural change campaign aims at encouraging all students, not just amongst the participating schools, to be involved in the communities in which they live and, in turn, influence the nation to be more conscious of how they dispose plastic waste.

Launching the campaign in Dodoma, Minister in the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government (TAMISEMI), Suleiman Jaffo, commended Coca-Cola for coming up with the campaign and said that it will enable students become responsible members of the community by taking good care of the environment.

"I have been informed that through this initiative, Coca-Cola seeks to empower secondary schools to be part of protecting our environment by collecting plastic bottles," he disclosed.

"I was also told that the firm would reward schools which will collect the highest number of plastic bottles per respective region as well as refurbish a football pitch for one school that will emerge the overall winner of the campaign."

The minister pledged support for the initiative and challenged stakeholders, including secondary school officials, to support the initiative



Minister in the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government (TAMISEMI), Suleiman Jaffo, shows his football skills during the launch of Copa Coca-Cola UMISSETA games in Dodoma last weekend. The minister also launched the national Recycle and Win campaign designed to ensure plastic collection in schools that are participating in the Copa Coca-Cola UMISSETA games. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

to ensure cleanliness within their working environment. He also challenged Coca-Cola to continue coming up with such solution-driven ideas in order to promote a litter free environment in all Tanzanian schools.

"The Recycle and Win' campaign is much more than simply winning prizes for schools," Haji Mzee, Coca-Cola Kwanza Director of Public Affairs and Communications, disclosed.

"Through the campaign, we're providing students, teachers and administrators across the country with an opportunity to learn more about environmental

benefits of recycling, and inspire others to take similar actions both at home and in their communities."

He said: "We look forward to seeing our schools not just participate but benefit from this initiative. In the spirit, we are open to work or partner with interested parties on this important initiative to ensure that we keep our Tanzanian schools clean".

"As part of the campaign, the secondary schools students will be educated and trained to create awareness in society on the importance of conserving our environment through recycling.

In order to motivate participants of this campaign, Coca-Cola is set to give away various prizes, including the refurbishment of a football pitch for a school that will emerge the overall winner of this initiative," Mzee noted.

He added that other prizes include one photocopy machine, two projectors, 108 laptops, 11 desktop computers, 108 tablets, 12 watches, 1176 jerseys and 360 balls to winners of different categories in the campaign.

The campaign, which seeks to bring about permanent behaviour change, started on May 11 and will reach climax in July.

## TASWA FC set to face Rangers in Ndondo Cup 2019 opener

BY CORRESPONDENT RENATHA MSUNGU

TANZANIA Sports Writers Association (TASWA) Football Club, will start its campaign in this year's Ndondo Cup by locking horns with Rangers at the

Mwalimu Nyerere Primary School ground in Dar es Salaam tomorrow.

TASWA FC, which attends training once a week, will be participating in the tournament for the first time. The side has been put in Group D of the tournament with

Rangers, Ukwamani and Goba Combine.

Majuto Omary, TASWA FC chairman, noted they have had better preparations for the duel under coaches, Ibrahim Masoud 'Maestro' and Saidi Seif.

He pointed out they are aware

they will encounter stiff opposition from Rangers but the situation will hardly prevent the former from coming out with victory.

He promised his squad would excel in all games in Group D, much as competitiveness is a normal aspect in every game.

"We are all in this tournament, we are in great shape and we want to prove sports reporters can also take part in soccer," he noted.

He further disclosed the Ndondo Cup 2019 reached a right decision in giving TASWA FC opportunity to participate in the event, which plays a crucial part in the sport's development in the country.

"I congratulate the competition's organizers for setting up such an exciting tournament that also motivates the sport's development," he added.

"The competition has groomed plenty of talented youths that are lately performing well in top competitions domestically."

"Other players that have as well come from the event have landed opportunity to go for trials in various clubs in Europe, this is truly pleasing."

He said they believe TASWA FC will prove their worth in the competition and some of the side's players will impress top clubs in the country.



TASWA Football Club

## North and South Korean musicians perform together in China

SHANGHAI

A SOUTH Korean violinist and a North Korean singer yesterday held a rare joint performance they hope would help bring the divided Koreas closer together via music – especially at a time of emerging tensions amid deadlocked nuclear diplomacy.

Violinist Won Hyung Joon and his North Korean soprano partner, Kim Song Mi, performed together at Shanghai Oriental Arts Center with a Chinese orchestra. Their concert came three days after South Korea said North Korea fired two suspected short-range missiles toward the sea in the second such weapons test in five days.

For both, it was their first concert with a musician from the other side of the Korean border, the world's most heavily fortified. They met several times last year in Beijing and agreed on a joint performance to help promote peace on the Korean Peninsula.

As a duet, Kim sang Antonin Dvorak's "Songs My Mother Taught Me" while



South Korean Violinist Won Hyung Joon and his North Korean soprano partner, Kim Song Mi perform at the Shanghai Oriental Arts Center in Shanghai on Sunday, May 12, 2019. Won, a South Korean, performed together with Kim, a North Korean, in a rare joint performance they hope would help bring the divided Koreas closer together via music. Their performance comes three days after North Korea fired two suspected short-range missiles in the second such weapons test in five days. (AP Photo)

Won played the violin. Kim later sang "Arirang," a Korean traditional folk tune beloved in both countries, while the Shanghai City Symphony Orchestra

played the music.

"When I met her (Kim) for the first time, I felt like I was reuniting with an old friend who's been on the same

wavelength with me," Won said before Sunday's concert. "This performance shouldn't be the end ... and what's important now is what other dreams we can have together."

In a pre-concert written interview, Kim also said she "heartily wishes" that her songs would help bring back reconciliation mood. "I'm nervous and anxious about what inspiration the audience would have and what reaction North and South Korean compatriots would show to our joint performance," she said.

North and South Korean musicians performing together is extremely rare as their governments don't even allow their citizens to exchange phone calls, letter and emails without special approvals. Last year saw an unusual wave of cross-border exchanges after North Korean leader Kim Jong Un abruptly entered talks on the fate of his advancing nuclear arsenal. A group of North Korean dancers and singers performed in South Korea during the Pyeongchang Winter

Olympics, before South Korean K-pop stars flew to Pyongyang and sang in the presence of Kim and his young wife Ri Sol Ju. Both events were the first of their kind in more than 10 years.

But such exchange programs are now becoming a rarity again as North Korea is resuming provocative weapons tests in an apparent protest against the lack of progress in nuclear negotiations with the United States. Kim returned home empty handed from his second summit with President Donald Trump in Vietnam in February after Trump rebuffed his calls for major sanctions relief in return for his promise to conduct partial disarmament measures. No publicly known high-level meetings between Pyongyang and Washington have since been reported.

Sunday's concert won't likely work as a breakthrough in the stalled nuclear diplomacy. But it could still "establish an environment" that could make it easier to improve ties between the Koreas, said analyst Cho Han Bum at Seoul's Korea

Institute for National Unification.

Inspired by the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra founded in 1999 to bring together Arab and Israeli musicians together to promote mutual understanding, Won, 42, has been pushing for the establishment of an inter-Korean orchestra for nearly a decade. He's contacted both governments on numerous occasions, and sometimes partnered with renowned foreign maestros such as Charles Dutoit and Christoph Poppen.

But his push for a Korean orchestra performance has never been realized and was often scrapped at the last minute due to the delicate nature of ties between the Koreas, which are still technically at war because an armistice that ended the 1950-53 has yet to be replaced with a peace treaty. Incidents that helped spike his past plans included the 2015 mine blasts that maimed two South Korean soldiers, and the 2011 tensions touched off by annual South Korean-U.S. military drills that North Korea sees as an invasion rehearsal.



