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President Samia Suluhu Hassan holds talks at Chamwino State House in Dodoma yesterday with some ministers, including Dr Mwigulu Nchemba (Finance and Planning), Prof Makame Mbarawa (Works and Transport), Umyy Mwalimu (President's Office - Regional Administration and Local Governments), Prof Kitila Mkumbo (Industry and Trade) and January Makamba (Energy), as well as senior officers from various government institutions. Photo: State House

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has instructed a reduction of levies charged by various institutions on petroleum products totaling 102bn/- per year, to check oil price rises.

Jaffer Haniu, the director of presidential communications, said in a statement in the capital that the president issued the instructions upon receiving a report from Energy minister January Makamba on the pace of implementation of directives issued to the ministry in relation to oil importation and rising prices.

Implementing those directives is being done in tandem with readying amendments to various regulations on levies for the October 5 2021 issue of the Government Gazette, the statement indicated.

President Samia has taken the steps to relieve consumers of the price rise burden as world market prices have been rapidly raising and impacted on the country's petroleum

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Maintain WCF status, minister tells trustees

By Guardian Reporter, Morogoro

THE government has challenged the board of trustees of the Workers' Compensation Fund (WCF) to ensure all achievements recorded during the earlier board's period in office are maintained.

Minister Mhagama, the Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliamentary Affairs, Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability) issued this appeal here yesterday, officiating at the launch of the new WCF board of trustees, chaired by Emmanuel Humba, a former director general of the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF).

The fund has recorded a number of successes in the six years of its operations and the board is responsible to protect this track record and ensure further achievements, she stated, asserting that the past board has played a big role in the many achievements of the fund.

The total value of the fund increased to over 445bn/- from 113bn/- in the 2016/2017 financial year, while

WCF improved payment of compensations to workers who got injured or incapacitated in the course of employment.

It paid a total of 12.43bn/- in the 2020/2021

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Treasury receives 195.6bn/- Swedish grant for education

By Henry Mwangonde

TANZANIA and Sweden yesterday signed a Swedish krona 750m (195.9bn/-) grant agreement to finance the second phase of the Education Programme for Results (EPforR II).

Treasury permanent secretary Emmanuel Tutuba said at the signing ceremony yesterday that the grant will help to address the challenge of high levels of illiteracy, greatly enabling a breath of



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the population to be more involved in various economic activities.

EPforR is a multi-donor project, funded by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) of the United Kingdom, the World Bank, the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and the Global Partnership for Education (GPE), a multi-donor agency housed at the World

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Upgrading of weigh bridges billed 2.4bn/-

By Guardian Reporter, Lindi

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has said the government has disbursed 2.469bn/- for the upgrading of 42 weigh bridges countrywide, including the Mingoyo one at Mnazi Mmoja area along Mtwara-Mingoyo-Masasi road in

Lindi Region.

In addition, the premier has given the Lindi municipal council until November 30 to allocate an area to build a bus station and a yard for parking trucks.

He issued this on the spot directive at a public meeting after inspecting the Mingoyo weigh bridge as part of his working visit to inspect development projects in the region.

He said the Ministry of Works and Transport, in fiscal 2021/22 has set aside a sum of money for the installation of electronic load cells at 42 weigh bridges across the country.

He also instructed the regional Tanroads manager Efatha Mlavi to revamp the Mingoyo Weigh Bridge to improve its performance.

Regarding the construction of the Mnazi Mmoja bus station, the premier said the area was fast developing and therefore needs to

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IPP director Abdjel Mengi (L) gets a Covid-19 jab at EATV grounds at Mikocheni in Dar es Salaam yesterday under a special arrangement that benefited scores of staff from IPP media outlets. All had volunteered for the purpose. Photo: EATV



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Arab Bank commits to support Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

THE Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) has expressed its commitment to continue supporting Tanzania's efforts to bring development to its people.

BADEA executive director Dr Sidi Ould Tah made the remarks after holding talks with President Samia Suluhu Hassan at State House in Dodoma yesterday.

During the meeting the bank's official introduced a strategic plan for 2030 which lists a number of opportunities as well as an increase in capital to shareholders to increase issuance of loans yearly.

Dr Ould Tah said the strategy dwells on infrastructure, youth and entrepreneurs to increase value chain in agriculture and private sector as well as capacity building for those involved.

For her part, President Samia hailed the bank for its continued support to Tanzania on development initiatives for over 40 years.

She also thanked the bank for highlighting to Tanzania the opportunities available on its development strategy which is line with the National Five Year Development Plan (FYDP III) which entails to strengthen infrastructure, trade and the private sector as well as empowering the youth.



Finance and Planning ministry permanent secretary Emmanuel Tutuba (L) and Sweden's Ambassador to Tanzania, Anders Sjöberg, pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday exchanging documents on an MoU under which Sweden will extend 195.9bn/- in support of Tanzania's Education PforR (Programme for Results). Photo courtesy of Finance ministry

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Bank headquarters in Washington, DC.

"The programme is helpful as it uses a 'programming for results' modality to bring about meaningful change in the basic education sector in Tanzania," he stated, noting that the programme will be implemented for five years, from July 2021 to June 2026.

With its focus on improving the quality of basic education, notable EP4R performance results from 2014 to 2021 include construction of 10,409 classrooms, 20,507 toilets, 646 dormitories, 91 teachers' houses, 37 administration buildings, 49 libraries, 29 laboratories, construction of three school fences and drilling of water wells in 16 schools, he elaborated.

Others results include the construction of 155 school quality assurance offices and equipping the facilities to improve the working environment and bring closer 'customer service' in primary and secondary schools, he further noted.

Construction of 44 new schools to reduce student overcrowding, rehabilitation of 86 old government secondary schools; rehabilitation of 31 school quality assurance offices and purchasing 184 motor vehicles

for education supervision in respective district councils, among others.

For his part, resident Swedish ambassador Anders Sjöberg said the programme will potentially increase the quality of education for 16m students, facilitating sustainable changes in the national educational sector to support children to stay in school and learn.

"The overall goal of Swedish development cooperation globally is to create opportunities for people living in poverty and under oppression to improve their living conditions. In Tanzania, education is one of the key objectives in the strategy," he declared.

An inclusive and equitable national education system is without doubt a cornerstone and bridge enabling people living in poverty to improve their living conditions and to make sustainable life choices, he emphasised.

The fact that Tanzania has made various achievements in the education sector since the adoption of free education policy, including supporting the strong political commitment with necessary financial resources was key to the new round of assistance, the envoy added.

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trade.

Institutions touched by the order on levies include the Energy and Water Regulatory Authority (EWURA for control levy); the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA for infrastructure levy), the Tanzania Revenue Agency (TRA for reports processing levy) and the Weight and Measurement Agency (WMA for quality control and fuel marking levy).

Other institutions touched in the exercise include Tanzania Shipping Agency (port charges) and levies charged by four local government authorities with warehouses to store bulk oil cargo, namely

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Temeke and Kigamboni municipal councils in Dar es Salaam, plus Mtwara and Tanga district councils, the statement indicated.

President Samia also directed speedy tabling of amendments in the National Assembly in case there are laws impeding changes in the levy structure, for instance those relating to the functions of these agencies.

Speedy amending of the laws will be necessary to deal with rising fuel prices so as to protect the public against a far reaching impact on the cost of living if fuel prices keep rising

Apart from the Energy minister, others present in the meeting the Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba, Industry and Trade minister Prof Kitila Mkumbo and the President's Office

(Regional Administration and Local Governments) minister, Umy Mwalimu.

Others were Works and Transport minister Prof Makame Mbarawa, deputy Energy minister Stephen Byabato, Attorney General Dr Eliezer Feleshi, Energy permanent secretary Leonard Masanja and top officials from various concerned agencies.

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have a fully-fledged bus station, plus a parking lot for trucks to reduce current congestion.

Residents of the area thanked the premier for caring for them, vowing to continue supporting the work of the government.

PM Majaliwa also inspected

progress on the 14.1-km Hingawali-Navanga and the 8-km Navanga-Pangabuh road projects being done at gravel level, the work now standing at 40 per cent to completion.

The road project, costing 199.9m/- will be a saviour to the people of the areas for good and passenger transport, he asserted.

Govt urges UN to consider constitutions of members on issues of human rights

By Alima Nkwong, HMC

UNITED Nations (UN) has been called to consider its member states' constitution when raising recommendations for the promotion and implementation of human rights in the respective countries.

The Deputy Permanent Secretary, in Minister of Constitutional and Legal Affairs, Amon Mpanju, made the call in Dar es Salaam when speaking during the in-country pre-session on the Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

Mpanju said 131 out of the 227 recommendations addressed during the second cycle in September 2016 by UN member states through the human rights council have been accepted and two in part because they are in contradiction to the constitution of the nation.

He underscored that those that were accepted were disseminated to different stakeholders and urged them to monitor the implementation for a period of 4 years. And from that they have submitted a report to the human right council which will be due for consideration on the 5th of next month.

Mpanju also appreciated Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and the Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance (CHRGG) for coming together with diplomats to discuss and agree on issues that have to be raised.

"We encourage them to give actual information to the member states so that they can raise recommendations that are in conformity with the country's existing legal systems, beliefs and customs paving the way for them to be effectively implemented," he cautioned.

He also advised CSOs and the diplomatic corps to cooperate with the government in the implementation of the 4th cycle after the adoption of the 3rd cycle report which has been submitted.

Meanwhile the National

Coordinator of the Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC) Onesmo Olungurumwa thanked the government for increasing the number of recommendations from 107 to 133 hoping that they will also accept those that have been rejected.

"We urge them to accept the recommendations and we are going to implement them together as co-partners," he cautioned adding that though the situation has improved, there are areas where human rights violation has been so high including the rights of human rights defenders and civic space which for 5 years now has been violated.

The country Director for Save the Children Bester Mulaazi recommended that once the review process is done and recommendations adopted they should also be implemented.

"We want to increase the capacity of civil society to enable them to work and contribute towards the UPR process," he mentioned, highlighting that civil society are in the different regions and are the ones in touch with the citizens therefore equipping them with the required skills will improve findings leading to more concrete recommendations.



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Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has an audience with Nigeria's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Hamisu Umar Takamawa (L), at Zanzibar State House yesterday. Photo: Zanzibar State House

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financial year compared to 1.55bn/- paid in 2016/2017, with payments conducted under the Workers' Compensation Act of 2008, which applies to employees in the public sector as well as private firms.

The minister challenged board members to focus on the objectives of the fund, making sure that all injured employees are compensated accordingly. The board's responsibilities are properly outlined in Section 13, 14, 15 and 16 of the Act, she stated.

Praising the new board chairman for his re-appointment to chair the board of trustees, along with other members, she said their

appointment arises from the good job they have been doing.

Trustees include Onorius John Njole, Perfect Raphael Kilenza, Ibrahim Barnabas Mahumi, Abdulaziz Alladin Shamba, Rifai A. Mkumba, Raymond Kaseko, Juliana C.N. Mpanduji, Rehema Rashid Ludanga and Felix Kagisa Rugarabamu.

In his remarks, Humba promised to work on the minister's directive, underlining their readiness to execute their responsibilities in accordance with the law, to ensure that the fund performs to the expectations of the government.

"One of our core responsibilities is to protect the fund. We have been

trusted to oversee the management of the fund and ensure its growth," he said, expressing gratitude to President Samia Suluhu Hassan for appreciating his work as chairman of the board of trustees.

Earlier, WCF Director General, Dr John Mduma had commended the board chairman and members for a job well done, saying newly appointed members would help to further improve the fund's performance.

Suzana Ndomba, executive director of the Association of Tanzania Employers (ATE), said that WCF is an important fund for employees and employers as they all depend on it.

Official surveys indicate that WCF will still be the key operator in that sphere in the coming three decades, so employers should work closely with the fund to ensure its sustainability, she stated.

Tumaini Nyamhokya, president of the Trades Union Congress of Tanzania (TUCTA), expressed satisfaction with amounts of compensation paid to injured or incapacitated workers especially after the review of the 2008 Act.

Previously, the amount of compensation to injured workers did not exceed 108,000/- but following concerns raised by stakeholders the review was conducted and now workers are paid properly, he added.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa pictured in Dodoma city yesterday presenting to DCB Commercial Bank managing director Godfrey Ndalaha (L) a certificate of appreciation for the bank's sponsorship to the annual conference of the National Economic Empowerment Council held in the national capital. Under the theme: "Investment for Inclusive Economic Growth". Witnessing the event are Dodoma regional commissioner Anthony Mtaka (2nd-L) and the Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Investment), Geoffrey Mwachamwe. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt, development partners discuss rollout of Universal Health Coverage

By Correspondent James Kandoya

TOP government officials and development partners yesterday met in Dar es Salaam to celebrate 22nd years of Health Basket Fund (HBF) and among others, discussed how to cushion the needy in health financing.

This comes ahead of the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) whose Bill is set for tabling in the National Assembly next month.

Speaking at the official launch of the high level meeting, the Minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children Dr Dorothy Gwajima said the government will have a dialogue with development partners on the best way to support health insurance.

She said after recording tremendous achievements recorded in the 22 years of collaborating, the government plans to involve them in the universal health coverage strategy.

Dr Gwajima said that the move aims at reducing the treatment burden most hospitals and health centres encounter across the country.

"The government takes the UHC agenda and will discuss with them to see how they can be involved to support the initiative," she said.

She said to make it realistic, the government had already set over 149bn/- adding that upon completion, UHC will be a must.

"As a matter of fact, there will be people who cannot completely pay for the set package. Therefore, the role will be to great extent cushion the needy in health financing," she said.

Commenting on the HBF achievements, Dr Gwajima said in the past five years, the fund has provided over 60 per cent of local government operating expenses for health services.

The minister said the mid-term review of the health HBF conducted in the year 2019/2020 revealed tremendous achievements in primary health care success.

She said funding for health facilities increased from 76.4 per cent in 2016 to 83.9 per cent in 2020.

Furthermore, the HBF supported rehabilitation and expansion of 304 health facilities to enable provision of comprehensive emergency obstetric and neonatal care services.

As a result, it led to an increase in deliveries in health facilities from 55 per cent in 2015 to 83 per cent in 2020.

"We thank and congratulate all health basket partners past and present for this healthy

partnership. We therefore need to consolidate the gains by sustaining the strong HBF partnership for koRe than 100 years to come," she said.

For his part, the Deputy Minister, President Office-Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) Festo Ndugange said that the government had allocated over 180bn/- to construct new health facilities.

He said the drive involves the construction of over 170 health centers in wards and divisions across the country.

The World Health Organization (WHO) country representative Dr Tigesti Mengistu highlighted the need to strengthen the HBF as a way to improve health services.

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Country representative Shalin Bahuguna said one of the successes achieved was that over 80 per cent of women deliver at health facilities.

By Guardian Reporter

2 facilities awarded for competency in nursing and midwifery training

THE government through the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children has recognised two health institutions namely the Military College of Health and Allied Sciences (Lugalo) and Mwanza College for Health and Allied Sciences (MWACHAS) over notable achievements under the Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) programme.

Under the programme, the health training institutions will work to improve nurses skills to reduce the country's maternal mortality rate.

The institutions will work in partnership with the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government, United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and MOMENTUM Country and Global Leadership (MCGL) which is implemented by Jhpigo.

The one year programme also supports 46 public health training institutions.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam recently during a recognition event, the ministry's assistant

director for training, Fadhili Lyimo said the government has taken significant measures to reduce maternal mortality rate including introduction of good policies, guidelines, and protocols that support strengthening of the midwifer

The recognition ceremony was attended by government officials, partners, legislators, community members as well as regional and district health leaders.

Lyimo added that having quality and competent midwives is crucial for the well-being of women and children in the country. He said the government was thankful and supportive of the implementation of the CQI process.

He said the health training institutes were awarded certificates and trophies for grooming and training more competent nurse-midwives, who are capable of providing services by meeting standards set by the Ministry of Health, Community Development,

Gender, Elderly, and Children.

MOMENTUM Country and Global Leadership (MCGL) deputy project director Dr Maryrose Giattas extended her appreciation to health training institutions for their commitment and work done to improve nurses skills to reduce maternal mortality rate.

"You have worked hard to achieve high performance standards for continuous quality improvement, this is a huge milestone. You have demonstrated a high level of leadership, management, teamwork, and commitment. The greatest challenge you have is to sustain the gains and ensure that academic performance correlates with outstanding recognition performance," said Dr Giattas.

In a bid to support the government's initiatives in reducing maternal and infant mortality, USAID has been partnering with stakeholders to support technical and capacity development

assistance to the ministry of health and country partners to improve outcomes.

USAID health director Anathy Thambinayagam said: "USAID through Jhpigo led the MCGL program and is pleased to have worked with health training institutions in implementing the CQI process that has made a significant contribution in improving quality of training. We are looking forward to strengthening our partnership so that no woman dies while giving life to another and no child dies from preventable causes through the production of an adequate health workforce in quantity and quality."

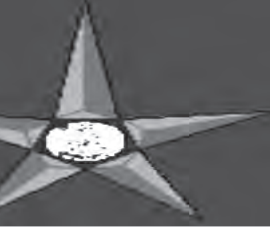
The MCGL program supports governments, local partners, and initiatives at national and international levels to advance technical leadership and achieve goals around maternal, newborn, and child health, voluntary family planning, and reproductive health services.

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MINIMUM DISCLOSURE OF CHARGES AND FEES (GHARAMA ZA HUDUMA ZETU)

NO.	ITEM/TRANSACTION	CHARGE/FEE	
		USD	TSHS
1.0	Current Accounts		
a)	Required minimum opening balance	500	500,000
b)	Monthly service fee (breakdown per customer)		
	Folio Charge	4	6,000
c)	Cheque withdrawal over the counter		
	Up to Tshs 25,000,000 a day	-	free
	Over Tshs 25,000,000 a day	-	0.15% of withdrawn amount
	Up to 5000 USD a day	free	-
	Over 5000 USD withdrawal	0.6% of withdrawn amount	-
d)	Fees per ATM withdrawal	-	-
e)	ATM mini statement	-	-
f)	Interim/additional statement per page	1.50	1,500
g)	Periodic scheduled statement	free	free
h)	Cheque book (50 leaves)	27	42,000
i)	Dishonoured Cheque	55	70,000
j)	Special clearance		
	Within walking distance 1km	45	70,000
	More than 1km	65	95,000
k)	Counter cheque	-	-
l)	Inward/Outward cheque collection-USD	0.60% Min comm. 18 postages USD 90	-
m)	Cancellation of bankers cheque/DD	15	20,000
n)	Stop payment	28	35,000
o)	Standing order	-	-
p)	Balance enquiry	free	Free
q)	Issue of Balance certificate	7	9,000
r)	New ATM card issuance	-	-
s)	ATM card renewal or replacement	-	-
t)	Overdrawn account interest charge		
	• Overdrawn in current account	2% over the TOD rate	2% over the TOD rate
	• Overdrawn in loan account	2% over regular rate	2% over regular rate
	• Unarranged overdraft	2% over the TOD rate	2% over the TOD rate
v)	Interbank transfer		
w)	Bill payments through ATM	-	-
x)	Deposit fee	-	-
	Savings Accounts		
	(Up to USD 5000)	Free	-
	(Over USD 5000)	0.6% of deposited amount	-
	Cash deposit charges for small currency USD notes ranging from USD 1 to USD 20, irrespective of amount deposited (i.e. both below and above USD 5000)	12% (Min USD 1) of the aggregate of small currency amount	-
	Current account.		
	(Up to USD 10000)	Free	-
	(Over USD 10000)	0.6% of deposited amount	-
	Cash deposit charges for small currency USD notes ranging from USD 1 to USD 20, irrespective of amount deposited (i.e. both below and above USD 5000)	12% (Min USD 1) of the aggregate of small currency amount	-
2.0	Savings Accounts		
a)	Saving bank customer ID Card-one time	7	10,000
b)	Cash withdrawal per day-Free of charge up to amount	2,000	25,000,000
c)	Cash withdrawal charges over USD 2,000 to 5,000 per day	0.25% of withdrawal amount	-
d)	Cash withdrawal charges over USD 5,000 per day	0.60% of withdrawal amount	-
e)	Cash withdrawal charges over TZS 25,000,000 per day	-	0.10% of withdrawal amount
f)	Required minimum opening balance		
	Without Cheque book	50	50,000
	With Cheque book	200	200,000
g)	Monthly service fee	-	-
h)	Interim statement	1.5 per page	1500per page
i)	Cheque book charges 25 leaves	15	20,000
j)	Account closure	25	35,000
k)	Maintenance of minimum account balance		
	Without cheque book	50	50,000
	With cheque book	200	200,000
l)	Minimum balance charges (in case of non maintenance of minimum balance)		
	Without cheque book	4 p.m	900 p.m
	With cheque book	15 p.m	3,600 p.m
3.0	Current Accounts		
	Ledger folio charges per folio (40lines per folio)	4 per folio	6,000 per folio
	Cash withdrawal per day-Free of charge up to amount	5,000	25,000,000
	Cash withdrawal charges over USD 5,000 per day	0.6% of withdrawal amount	-
	Cash withdrawal charges over TZS 25,000 Mn per day	-	0.15% of withdrawal amount
	Cheque book charges 50 leaves	27	42,000
	Account closure charges	70	85,000
	Maintenance of minimum account balance	500	500,000
	Minimum balance charges	15 p.m	20,000 p.m
4.0	Electronic Banking		
a)	Internet banking monthly fee	-	-
b)	Internet transfers	-	-
c)	SMS banking	-	-
d)	SMS Alert facility -		
	Minimum SMS Alert Charge (to be recovered quarterly upfront)		
	-Individual	free	free
	-Corporate	free	free
	Number of Free SMS on paying SMS Alert charge		
	-Individual	free	Free
	-Corporate	free	Free
	SMS Alert charge per SMS beyond the free SMS (To be recovered in monthly basis)		
	-Individual	free	Free
	-Corporate	free	Free
e)	Others	-	-
5.0	Foreign Exchange Transaction.		
a)	Purchase/sale of TCs transactions over the counter	-	-
b)	Purchase of foreign Cheque.	-	-
c)	Sale/purchase of cash passport.	-	-
d)	Telegraphic transfer.	-	-
	Remittances Outward(TISS)	10	10,000
	Other Outward remittances:		
	Up to USD 6,000	A/C holder 15 Non A/C holder 40	-
	USD 6001-10,000	30	-
	Above USD 10,000	0.35%max USD 210	-
e)	Telex/SWIFT.	30	-
f)	Transfer from foreign currency denominated account to local current account (within bank and to other bank).	-	-
6.0	Other Charges		
a)	Activation of Dormant Accounts - Per Activation	3	5,000
	-Individuals	3	5,000
	-Corporate	6	12,000
7.0	Personal Loans, Charges		
a)	Processing/Arrangement/Appraisal fee	-	-
i)	Personal loans	1.50%	1.50%
ii)	Overdrafts	1.50%	1.50%
iii)	Mortgage finance	1.50%	1.50%
iv)	Asset finance	1.50%	1.50%
b)	Unpaid loan instalment	5.00% Over the applicable rate	-
c)	Early repayment	2.5% of prepaid loan amount	-
d)	Valuation fees	As per actual charges by valuer	-
e)	Others		
i)	Documentation charges	Actuals as per advocate bill	-
ii)	Document Handling Charges	0.30% of loan amount	-
iii)	Inspection Charges	Tshs 30,000 per visit	-
iv)	Modification charges	0.25% on the sanctioned limit	-
8.0	Guarantee (Performance/Financial)		
	Guarantee Commission	1.35% per quarter or part there of minimum for one quarter	-
	Guarantee against 100% cash margin	50% concession on the above rate	-
9.0	Imports		
	LC opening charges	1.35% per quarter +SWIFT charges USD 30	-
	LC against 100% cash margin	50% concession on the above rate	-
	LC amendment charges	Per amendment 0.40% of LC mount (minimum USD 60 and maximum USD 325) +SWIFT charges USD 30 (same for LC against 100% cash margin)	-
	Acceptance of bills under LC	0.60% of Bill amount minimum USD 30 maximum USD 180	-
	Retirement of Bills under LC	0.60% of Bill amount minimum USD 30 maximum USD 360	-
	Inward Bills for collection	0.30% of Bill amount minimum USD 150	-
10.0	Exports		
	Negotiation of Bills under LC	0.60% of Bill amount minimum USD 30 maximum USD 360	-
	Confirmation of Export LC	0.90% per quarter +SWIFT charges USD 30	-
	LC advising charges	USD 150	-
	Export Bills for collection	0.60% of Bill amount minimum USD 30 maximum USD 360	-

No Penalties & Other sanctions have been imposed by Bank of Tanzania (BOT) during the Period covered by the Disclosure

We, the undersigned have examined the above information and hereby declare that the information is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and information.

No.	Name	Designation	Signature	Date
1.	Antaryami Sarangi	Managing Director	Signed	05.10.2021
2.	Herabdell Ayoh	General Manager	Signed	05.10.2021
3.	Allen Richard	Internal Auditor	Signed	05.10.2021

OTHER DISCLOSURES (VIAMBATANISHI NYINGINEZO)

No.	ITEM/TRANSACTION	USD	TSHS
1.0	Base or Prime Lending rate	7.00% p.a.	14.00% p.a.
2.0	Maximum Spread above Base or Prime Lending rate	7.00%	7.00%
3.0	Penal interest		
a)	For Non Compliance of Terms of sanction	3% p.a. over Regular Rate of Interest	-
b)	For Overdrawing/ Excess Drawings due to non-payment of interest/ Instalments/ Charges	5% p.a. over Regular Rate of Interest	-
4.0	Deposit Rate		
i)	Current Deposit	Nil	Nil
ii)	Savings Bank Deposit	0.50% p.a.	2.50% p.a.
iii)	Fixed/Recurring/GIC/MIC deposit	Up to USD 10,000	Up to TZS 10,000,000
	6 months	2.00%	5.75%
	Over 6 months	2.50%	6.75%
	6 months	Over USD 10,000	Over TZS 10,000,000
	Over 6 months	2.50%	6.25%
	Over 6 months	3.00%	7.25%

* No interest is payable in case of premature withdrawal of fixed deposits

We, the undersigned have examined the above information and hereby declare that the information is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and information.

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Derick Lugemala (L), Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank's director of finance and investment, speaks at a Customer Service Week event at the bank's headquarters in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

TADB: We will take agriculture to a higher level of development

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) pledged here yesterday that it will support producers in agriculture, livestock and fisheries sectors to new heights in implementing the national industrialisation agenda and fighting widespread poverty.

The pledge was made the director of finance and investment, Derick Lugemala, at the launch of the International Week for Providing Services to Clients at the bank's headquarters and was attended by workers and prominent clients. The week is marked within the first week of October.

Lugemala said the bank appreciates the importance and role of clients in promoting product value chains in all the three sectors, explaining that the bank correspondingly has a big role empower the clients by giving them concessionary loans in order to bolster value chains in the three sectors

"TADB does not simply work with our clients. We take our client as a project in the sense that we know exactly the client's business, where he buys raw materials and how he processes the materials; the aim being to add value and increase productivity in the entire production process. With this kind of understanding we offer finances to applicants," he explained

Lugemala said the duty of their bank is to uplift the producers by giving them soft loans.

The thrust of TADB efforts, he said, were to implement government's

agenda so that Tanzania becomes an industrial nation by 2025.

By June this year the bank had disbursed to the agriculture sector alone 429,000,868,790.58/- . Out of this, for example, 246,488,453,466.38/- was disbursed in support of value chains, 15,127,722,059.21/- went to applicants to buy machineries and 141,495,930,116.19/- in support of those doing trading.

The director of Tobi Peanut Butter, Agatha Laizer, said the bank's support has made her company grow. "We have been able to realise our dream because of regular soft loans we get from the TADB. We without their loans we would have failed," she said.

Lengidu Abdallah, a livestock keeper, said TADB's intervention has helped them secure animal feeds and better breed of animals. "We shall never be distant from this bank," he said.

Until June this year, TADB had disbursed 12,087,494,904.20 in support of dairy value chains.



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By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

RC rescinds Kyela council by-law on Matema Beach

MBEYA Regional Commissioner Juma Homera has rescinded the decision of Kyela District Council which had endorsed a by-law charging 1,000/- fee from every person visiting Lake Nyasa beach at Matema.

It was explained that the aim for the fee is to beef up Council coffers.

Homera made the decision here on Monday this week at a one-day forum that discussed economic and investment opportunities that was coordinated by the Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA).

The RC said he would not accept seeing people being charged the entrance fee when they visit the

Matema beach for recreation, saying the move was outrageous as it was the first of its kind in the country.

He directed Kyela District authorities to deal with the issue as soon as possible as it creates a bad image for tourists needing to visit the beach.

"This will be the first beach to require people visiting it to pay entrance fees, and I will be the last person to support this, even if it is a by-law, but I have the authority to revoke any local council decision

that I see not to be of any benefit to the public," he said.

In regard to economic opportunities, Homera said Mbeya region has many such opportunities hence he called on business people and investors to come and invest in the district.

He called on the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) in Mbeya Region to create an enabling environment in regard to tax collections and they should not take money from business people by coercive means

in violation of tax collection laws.

"If possible, TRA people should even be offering soft drinks to your customers when they come to you, you can even employ pretty ladies with soft language to soften up customers so that he pays the tax without harassment," he said.

For his part, Mbeya TCCIA chairman Erick Sichinga said conducive investment environment will attract traders to invest in various sectors in the region including establishing of factories.

Covid-19 vaccinations: Kondoa District appeals to workers to volunteer

By Polycarp Machira, Kondoa

KONDOA District Council workers have been called upon to support the government efforts in the fight against COVID-19 by voluntarily taking vaccination.

The call was made by the council's chairperson, Mohamed Kiberenge who also challenged the workers to embrace peace and unity while carrying out their activities, aimed at bringing development to the people.

Speaking during the council's special meeting convened to approve the final batch of 2020/2021 budget, he observed that it is important for the workers to perform their duties in line with the government plans.

"It is important that we maintain unity at work places as we are working to help bring services and development to the people as expected by the government," he said, adding that he would like to see a council he leads fragmented.

Kiberenge reminded them of the obligation to work diligently, avoiding abusive languages among themselves as well as on people seeking their services, saying it is against public service ethics.

For his part, district administrative secretary (DAS), Andrea Ng'wani also called on the workers to support President Samia Suluhu Hassan's efforts by going for the COVID-19 vaccination, administered free of charge in all health centres across the country.

"I appeal to all workers to be good ambassadors on the COVID-19 vaccine since the killer disease seems to be here to stay" he said. However, he noted that many Tanzanians are understanding, thus it is only important to continue with public awareness education.

Deputy Dodoma regional administrative secretary, Nathalis Linuma applauded Kondoa

district council workers for the good response to issues raised by councilors, calling on them to work on them because he that had no immediate answers.

"I can see that you are aware of what is happening around you and the work that has been done and those undone, a clear indication that the council is moving on the right direction," said the deputy RAS.

Chama cha Mapinduzi (CCM) district chairperson, Mhamed Koya called on the workers to professionally carry out their duties without any fear of intimidation from anywhere for the council to prosper.

He said, "Leaders, experts and the public should work together for the betterment of the council and the future generation".



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Barrick Bulyanhulu community relations officer William Chungu (R) receiving a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the company from Kahama district commissioner Festo Kiswaga for sponsoring 100 entrepreneurs to participate in the just-ended Kangaroo Entrepreneurship Exhibition held in the district. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Rungwe

'Community radios in Rungwe will promote domestic tourism'

TOURISM stakeholders in the country have been advised to use media outlets including community radio to mobilise forest reserve tourism in order to increase government revenues from forest reserves entrance fees, as the radio outlets have many listeners.

The advice was given here on Monday by the Managing Director of Radio Highlands FM in Mbeya City, Jacqueline Mwakymbiki during the visit by the radio station workers to Mt Rungwe aimed at mobilising domestic tourism.

Jacqueline said media organs

especially community radio stations in Mbeya Region have immense opportunities to mobilise domestic tourism as they have many listeners.

She said that is why her radio station decided to organise the scaling of Mt Rungwe, the trip that drew in more than 70 stakeholders from within and outside Mbeya Region.

For his part Mt Rungwe Forest

Reserve Tourism Officer, Jesca Mgata said the reserve is among areas with attractions in ecological tourism, research, and recreation.

She said tourism on Mt Rungwe was being managed by Tanzania Forest Services Agency (TFS), who as stakeholders in the tourist sector, believe forest conservation was important in the country's tourism development.

"On this mountain there are

various living things including the "Kipunji" primate species that are not found anywhere in the African continent, various flora and fauna and many other natural attractions," she added.

For his part, the Chairman of the MT Rungwe Scaling Organising Committee, Lameck Charles said the tour involved various stakeholders including banks, TRA, businessmen and radio listeners.

Mbarali District gets 500 million/- for upgrading of Chimala-Kapunga

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbarali

Mbeya District has received 500m/- for the construction of 26-km Chimala-Kapunga road.

Speaking to this paper here at the weekend, Mbarali District Commissioner Reuben Mfune said Kapunga is among areas in Mbarali District with large investors including Kaunga Estate as well as small farmers and therefore upgrading of roads in the district

was essential.

"For a long time Kapunga residents were receiving promises that the road would be improved, but now we have received the money for the job, and we have already given directives to TARURA to kick-start the project," Mfune said.

He called on the residents to work together with the government including guarding construction equipment for the project as well

as to give way for the road for those who will be needed to shift.

He further said the Council received another 500m/- for building three wards at the district hospital to be constructed at Rujewa.

Dc Mfune also said they were working together with the residents in the building of 127 classrooms to cater for extra for students expected to start Form I in January, next year.



Bank of Africa's Dodoma Branch acting manager Deogratus Shabani and acting customer service manager Dorah Nicky (2nd-L) gift Alko Vintage Co. Ltd managing director Archard Kato (in blue shirt) a token of appreciation during Customer Service Week celebrations held in the national capital yesterday. Others are senior officers with Alko Vintage. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

COSTECH calls upon media to report research findings

By Correspondent Wilhelm Mulinda,

Mwanza

Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH) director of knowledge management, Dr Philbert Luhunga has called on journalists to extensively report research finding to stimulate the country's socio-economic development.

Dr Luhunga made the call here yesterday when speaking at the training workshop for science communication between journalists and researchers in the Lake zone regions.

He noted that people understand

easily research reports from the media and put them into practice for development of the nation as compared to receiving them direct from researchers

"Journalists have useful help in translating research reports for use by people in a situation that is significant in bringing development," he said.

He pointed out that research reports are vital to solving challenges facing people in their daily activities, noting that on the contrary they can find it hard to advance.

"I am sure this workshop will be a catalyst for journalists to help them how to convey research reports to people and enable them

to implement their daily duties successfully", he said.

For his part, one of the workshop facilitators, Dr. Dennis Mpagaze, said that it is important to use research reports as we are talking about Tanzania of industries and not otherwise.

He said that research reports should reach people in a simple translation for utilisation in their daily life, a bid to push forward development of the nation.

The workshop that was organised by COSTECH covered topics on different ways on how to disseminate scientific and technological reports as well as innovation among other things.

Stakeholders want review of Road Traffic Act, 1973

By Correspondent Crispin Gerald

THE Tanzania Women Lawyers Association (TAWLA) has called on policymakers, law enforcers and top government officials to see the necessity of working on the amendment for the Road Traffic Act 1973 in order to reduce the number of people who die as a result of road traffic crashes.

"Road crashes are still a serious problem in the country as it continues to lose the lives of our relatives, friends, and neighbours day today," said executive director of the Association Tike Mwambipile when addressing the media recently in Dar es Salaam.

She said road safety is still not given much attention by the public despite the huge burden remaining to families, including causing disabilities, loss of manpower to contribute to the growth of the economy as well as the increase of dependence at the family level.

Data from a World Health Organisation (WHO) report shows that 90 per cent of road traffic deaths occur in low and middle-income countries, costing the governments around 3 per cent

of their Growth Domestic Product (GDP).

The WHO reports that 1.35 million people die every year from road crashes, calling for government attention to alleviate the situation.

The RTA 1973 contains some sections which do not help to control road crashes in the country, thus, the need for amendment is inevitable.

"In short, the law has to state clearly that it is prohibited to use motorcycles as means of transport for children's journey to and from school. This is because children are defenseless on motorcycles," she explained.

"But also we need the Act to proclaim that it is mandatory for both the passenger and driver of the motorcycle to wear a helmet which has proven to reduce the risk of death by over 40 percent and risk of severe injury by almost 70 percent," the director insisted.

She however applauded the government for taking action towards the proposed bill for amendment and read it for the first time in the Parliament on 30th June this year.

For his part, programme manager

for Tanganyika Law Society (TLS) Mackphason Buberwa said that under the proposed bill for the amendment of the RTA, it is recommended that all passengers in the vehicles wear seat belts appropriately in order to reduce the risk of road crashes.

This is because wearing a seat belt can reduce fatalities among front-seat occupants by up to 50 percent and among rear-seat car occupants by up to 25 percent.

He added that the association proposed the Act to prohibit drivers to use mobile phones while driving, as it has established that driving while charting with mobile phones can highly move the driver out of concentration and cause road crashes," said Buberwa who is also advocate.

"This will help to discipline most of the drivers in the country who use to talk and chat with mobile phones while driving," he insisted.

According to advocate Buberwa, if the government will appropriately consider the proposed Bill for amendment of RTA, the number of fatalities will reduce steadily and compliance of law by road users will improve.

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NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES WEEK

1. INTRODUCTION

Operationalisation of the National Financial Services Week is one of the strategies in the implementation of the Financial Sector Development Master Plan 2020/21 - 2029/30. Public education is a priority area in the implementation of the Master Plan. In the course of implementation of the Master Plan, The Ministry of Finance and Planning has prepared the Public Education Program 2021/22 - 2025/26. The Program sets out guidelines for improving financial education in the country including events and techniques that will be used in the provision of financial education to the public. One of the strategies is to conduct Financial Services Week every year in which financial education will be provided to the public through various channels.

In the process of implementation of this Program, the Ministry of Finance and Planning in collaboration with various stakeholders in the financial sector has prepared a Financial Education Teaching tool. The tool has identified key areas of consideration during the provision of financial education to the public. These areas include: personal finance management, saving, credit, investment, insurance, deposit insurance, taxes and bonds.

As a result of implementation of Financial Education Program, the Government intends that by 2025 approximately 80% of the population will be aware of financial matters. According to 2017 Tanzania Fin-Scope Survey, only 48.6 percent of the labour-force use formal financial services and therefore many Tanzanians do not benefit from these services leading to missing opportunities to improve their livelihood through various economic activities and ultimately contribute to GDP growth.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE FINANCIAL SERVICES WEEK

- i. Increasing public awareness on the usefulness of financial services to enhance economic growth and poverty reduction;
- ii. Enhancing the effectiveness of financial markets through financial education;
- iii. Increasing access and usage of financial services;
- iv. Enhancing financial consumer protection;
- v. Enabling citizens to manage their financial resources;
- vi. Enabling small entrepreneurs to boost their skills and proper use of financial services in growing their businesses;
- vii. Strengthening saving, borrowing and debt repayment culture; and
- viii. Increasing contribution of financial sector to economic growth;

3. TARGETED AUDIENCE OF THE FINANCIAL SERVICES WEEK

Financial Services Week aims to reach various stakeholders including: public servants; students; teachers; women, youth, people with special needs; small and medium entrepreneurs (SMEs); non-government organizations; editors and journalists; financial service providers; children and general public at large.

4. PARTICIPANTS OF THE FINANCIAL SERVICES WEEK

The Ministry of Finance and Planning in coordinating the implementation of Financial Services Week will be participating in collaboration with other financial sector stakeholders. These stakeholders include: Ministries, Departments and Government Agencies of the United Republic of Tanzania as well as the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar; Financial Sector Regulators; Financial Institutions; Non-Governmental Organizations; Private Sector; Professional Boards; Trade Unions; Media; Education and Research Institutions; Development Partners; Financial Sector Apex bodies; Financial Service Providers; and Religious Institutions involved in the provision of financial services.

5. METHODS OF DELIVERY TO BE USED IN FINANCIAL SERVICES WEEK

Various methods will be used to provide financial education to the public such as publications (Flyers and posters), classroom seminars, exhibitions of financial products and services, digital platforms, social networks, various media (TV, Radio, Newspapers) and entertainment.

6. TIME AND PLACE OF THE EVENT

In the year 2021, the event is scheduled to take place at Mnazi Mmoja Grounds, Dar Es Salaam from **08th to 14th November, 2021**.

7. THEME

The theme to be used in the National Financial Services Week is: -
"Improve Your Life Through Financial Education"

8. OUTCOME OF FINANCIAL SERVICES WEEK

The successful Implementation of Financial Services Week is expected to have positive impact to individual, household, community and the Nation at large as follows:

- i. Increased awareness to the people on the usefulness of financial products and services;
- ii. Improved understanding and use of financial markets;
- iii. Bringing financial services closer to people, encourage the use of such services and obtain feedback and advice on how to improve those services;
- iv. Creating awareness on the rights and obligations on the use of financial services;
- v. Imparting skills on better management of financial resources;
- vi. Entrepreneurs connected with various opportunities offered by the financial sector in promoting and strengthening their businesses;
- vii. Financial knowledge impacted to the citizens and thus create a culture of using formal financial services;
- viii. Economic growth enhanced.

You are all highly encouraged to attend.

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VP to grace this year's President's Manufacturer of the Year Awards

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

VICE President Dr. Philip Mpango is on Friday expected to grace the 15th President's Manufacturer of the Year Awards (PMAYA 2020).

Confederation of Tanzania Industries (CTI) executive director Leodgar Tenga said in Dar es Salaam yesterday that Dr Mpango will represent President Samia Suluhu Hassan at the annual event.

Tenga said the event which will be followed by an Annual Business Luncheon will be attended by government dignitaries, business leaders, and representatives of international organisations.

He said PMAYA is CTI's flagship event and is usually graced by the President of the United Republic of Tanzania in her capacity as CTI Patron / Matron.

He said the lead sponsor of the event is CRDB Bank PLC and it has been sponsoring the event for three consecutive years now.

Tenga said the event is also being supported by GIZ Business Scouts for Development; a German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) funded programme for the past three years.

He mentioned other PMAYA 2020 sponsors include ITV/ Radio One, Tanga Cement, Motisun Group of Companies, ALAF, Serena Hotel, and TRA.

Tenga thanked the CRDB Bank PLC, GIZ Business Scouts Programme, and other sponsors for supporting CTI in organising this year's event.

He urged all industries, CTI members and non-members, to support the efforts of the Sixth Phase government, under the leadership of Samia Suluhu Hassan, towards achieving the goal of turning Tanzania into an industrial economy come 2025.

He said PMAYA competition provides a challenge for corporate companies to improve on the quality of products and services offered to

the public.

"We are proud of the support that we have received from the sponsors as well as stakeholders for recognizing the role played by the Industrial sector in the country's economic growth. I take this opportunity to encourage industries to enhance their productivity and competitiveness in order to strive in the local and international markets" he said.

He said the presentation of awards to winners was preceded by a rigorous evaluation exercise conducted by an independent assessor, DataWorks Associate Limited, whose staff made physical visits to the premises of each and every participant.

Speaking on behalf of ITV/Radio One which is among the sponsors, Deogratius Rweyunga said the station feels much better to be among the sponsors of the big event like PMAYA which bring to gather industries owners.

He said the late chairman of IPP, Reginald Mengi was among the top pioneers of industrial development in the country so ITV cannot isolate itself from industrial development matters.

"ITV and Radio One feels proud to be part of this very important event. Our chairman the late Reginald Mengi was a champion when it comes to industrial development so we have no reason to isolate from this year's event," said Rweyunga

The awards which were first presented to the winners in 2005, aims at recognising the pertinent role of the industrial sector's contribution to the national economy and to encourage and motivate investors in the industrial sector.

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Vodacom M-Pesa director Epimack Mbeteni (R) symbolically presents to Ilala district commissioner Ng'wilabuzi Ludigija 2,000 reflective jackets the firm has donated to the Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) in support of the agency's digital parking system. The event was held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

ELCT and NCA team up to equip farmers with agribusiness skills

of unemployment among many youths in Tanzania, that's why we came up with this project to inspire youth to employ themselves or in groups through agriculture sector by implementing methods of modern farming and agribusiness for sustainable income generations among them as well as food security in the country," he said.

Apart from providing agribusiness skills to the farmers, he said ELCT-ND in collaboration with NCA -Tanzania has also sponsored other crucial projects including micro financing to eradicate poverty, and interfaith meetings, among many others.

According to him, an Interfaith

meeting that aims at maintaining peace and harmony of the country that dubbed 'Different Religious-Peace and Love.' The meeting also aims at promoting the role played by religious institutions in the socio-economic activities in the country.

"Interfaith meeting is a very crucial meeting as it brings us together as brothers for the sustainable peace, love, and socio-economic development of Tanzania as a nation regardless of our differences in our beliefs," he said.

One of the training facilitators, Erasto Mbele from ELCT-ND/NCA projects explained that, apart from providing modern farming

skills to their farmer groups, they also provide them with a special Drip Irrigation System for better production.

"To date, we have reached more than 800 smallholder farmers in Moshi, Hai, Karatu, Vunjo, Babati, and Siha districts, and we expect to more than 1200 with the new drip irrigation system technologies by the end of this year..." he explained.

Catholic Diocese of Moshi's youth director Fr. Dr Aidan Msafiri said that the happiness index determines people's welfare than the socio-economic index urging youth to adhere to values, regardless of their religions.

Combating Pain through Physiotherapy.... A free Pain Relief Management Camp

Renowned Physiotherapy Clinic in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, located at Palm residency, near ocean road hospital marks their presence, by holding a Free Camp on "Pain Relief Management" on Sunday 3rd October. During the camp the clinic provided consultation and pain relief techniques to over 100 people, who were suffering from unbearable pain in various body parts especially, back, neck, knees and shoulders.

Our correspondent spoke to a few patients, who were treated by the clinic in the past, and all of them shared their personal miraculous experiences of how they got relief from back ache, shoulder pain etc.

We also spoke to Dr. Lekhani, who is the founder and Senior Physiotherapist at the clinic. We found her to be very passionate, about contributing to the society on giving relief to as many people as possible, through Revive Physiotherapy Clinic.



Dr Lekhani Pashine PhD(Nut) BPT

She shared the commitment of the clinic, that they shall be organizing regular camps like this, in future too, so that benefits can reach to as many people as possible.

The Clinic started a few year back, and has a very able and experienced staff. Dr Lekhani herself, along with her senior colleague Mr Dham have experience of over 18 years in physiotherapy. Others staff of the clinic consists of trained physiotherapists from KCMC Arusha and other parts of Tanzania. In last few years, the clinic has trained some physiotherapists who are supporting hospitals

in up countries as well. The free camp was very well organized, in partnership and support of "Sun Pharmaceutical Ltd" & "Lions Club". People were given some free samples of pain relief gel. The contribution of Lions Club was also remarkable in supporting and managing the event.



To avoid inconvenience to people, they were given prior appointments and timeslots for consultation.

Free examination was done for all people. As per their unique problems, they were also trained by the staff, on exercises, which can be done at home to overcome the problems.

It was impressive to see that staff made some impactful videos demonstrating various exercises, which were displayed, while the people were waiting in queue. The clinic is trying to also share the clips with patients as a follow up program as per their needs, later this week.

It was a great event, which was attended by the DMO coordinator for Ilala Dr. Yusuf Ali & erstwhile DMO Dr Sangu. Hoping to see many such events in future.



Afro-Asian Union president Hossan Darwish (R) presents an award to Tanzania Private Sector Foundation membership director Zachy Mbena at a meeting held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

KOICA organises two-week training for Z'bar officials to boost education

THE Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) has organised two-week training for Zanzibar government officials on better ways to scale up education in the Indian Ocean Archipelago.

The capacity building for senior managers of the education sector in Zanzibar is aimed at exposing government officials on how to plan accordingly to get better results.

KOICA Young Professional Jinsil Ha told 'The Guardian' yesterday in Dar es Salaam that the training programme will be held online.

"This training is designed to develop capacity building for officials by providing references to the education policies of Korea," said Ha.

She further noted that between 1991 to 2021 KOICA has invited more than 2000 Tanzanian government Officials to South Korea to enhance their capacity and strengthen the partnership between the two countries.

"Now we are conducting the virtue training because of the Covid-19, but I still believe that these two weeks of training (September 27th to October 10th) will strengthen the partnership that the two countries have," she noted.

"These training covers both Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar in which we train in turns as for now we have Zanzibar and later on will resume to Tanzanian" she noted.

KOICA has always considered education as a priority in the partner countries and the main objective of KOICA's fellowship programme is to enhance the effectiveness of Tanzanian government officials and provide opportunities for the participants to increase knowledge in their field of interest and spread the knowledge with other local colleagues, she said.

KOICA believes trainees will be

able to share Korea's Development experience and knowledge on positive policy level improvement in respective sectors where the participants are dealing daily, she explained.

Resource Officer from the Office of the Chief Inspector of Education in Zanzibar, Mtumwa Hamad Iddi said that the training will help them gain knowledge and improve on areas where they were lacking by looking and understanding how other developed countries do to attain their goals through better action plans.

Zanzibar Ministry of Education and Vocational Training's head of the Policy Development in the Policy Planning and Research Department, Adam Kombo, said: "We'll use the knowledge instilled in us and share it with our colleagues so that we can use a general effort to create a better action plan to reach the target goal."



Dar launches 'Ilala Carnival' to attract local, other tourists

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

DAR ES SALAAM city fathers have launched 'Ilala Carnival' that will be conducted after every three months at 'Dengu' Beach along Barack Obama road to lure more local and foreign tourists.

Launching of the event, the Dar es Salaam city mayor, Omary Kumbilamoto said the idea is to attract local and foreign visitors.

"By using our tourist bus the people have wandered around the city attractions without paying anything, and this launch will not be the last but will be held every three months to encourage people to come and relax," said Kumbilamoto.

The mayor said the city council has no plan to make the beach as a source of income; instead people will be going there to get fresh air and relax for free.

"We also plan to build a police station and there will be regular patrols, but also in terms of sanitation, modern toilets will be built so that tourists and locals who come can use them," he said.

Ilala MP, Mussa Azzan Zungu, said the beach will help promote local tourism, and also make people refrain from using bars as areas for relaxing. "This beach will make people with their families imbibe a culture of visiting areas like this," the MP said, adding:

"But I also believe that small businesses will use this beach to run their businesses and earn an income that will help boost their economy."

Ilala District Commissioner, Ngwilabuzu Ludigija said, the festival will be sustainable every three months and that there will be commercial booths that will not be permanent. "Ilala is planning to promote tourism attractions to boost its financial muscles, and we also set to create areas where our people go and relax where in the future, we'll invest in children's games," said Ludigija.

Clouds Media Group (CMG) head of content, Sebastian Maganga, who organised the festival, thanked the Dar es Salaam City Council for giving them opportunity to coordinate the 'Ilala Carnival' event.

AfDB to equip 40m farmers with modern and climate-resilient technologies by 2026

By Special Correspondent

THE African Development Bank (AfDB) has announced plans to reach over 40 million farmers with modern and climate resilient technologies in the next five years.

According to the multilateral financial institution, its Feed Africa Strategy through its Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation (TAAT) programme has so far provided 11 million farmers across 29 African countries with proven agricultural technologies for food security.

The AfDB maintained that food production has expanded by 12 million metric tonnes while saving \$814 million worth of food imports.

The President, African Development Bank (AfDB), Dr. Akinwunmi Adesina, stated this at the United Nations Food Systems Summit.

Earlier in the year at a meeting on food security in Africa organised by AfDB and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), 19 African Heads of States had called for the establishment of a facility for financing food security and nutrition in Africa.

"The facility for financing food security and nutrition in Africa should be capitalised with at least \$1 billion per year," Adesina said.

Decrying the 246 million people in Africa who go to bed daily without food and the continent's 59 million stunted children as "morally and socially unacceptable," Adesina said delivering food security for Africa at greater scale called for prioritising technologies, climate and financing.

He added that the \$33 billion per year required to free the world of hunger, is just 0.12 per cent of \$27 trillion that the world has deployed as stimulus to address the COVID-19 pandemic, expressing optimism that zero hunger would be achieved in Africa by 2030.

Convener and UN Secretary General, Mr. António Guterres, said the event is billed by its organisers as, "a historic opportunity to empower all people to leverage the power of food systems to drive the world's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and get the world back on track to achieve all 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030."

The summit brought together thousands of youths, food producers, members of civil society, researchers, the private sector, women and indigenous people, all of whom are participating both physically and virtually in the summit. It is taking place on the sidelines of the 76th UN General Assembly in New York.

In his opening address, Guterres said the participants represented "energy, ideas and the willingness to create new partnerships," and was a time to celebrate the dignity of those who produce and create the world's food.

The welfare of the 70 per cent of Africa's population working in agriculture and agribusiness is a barometer of the state of the continent's health.

"If they aren't doing well, then Africa isn't doing well," Rwandan president Paul Kagame said in a message at the official opening.

The many other heads of state and government who spoke recently Prime Minister Mario Draghi of Italy, President Felix Antoine Tshisekedi of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina of Bangladesh and Prime Minister Jacinda Arden of New Zealand.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

SOS Children's Villages Tanzania is a local non-government organization affiliated to SOS Children's Villages International, a worldwide child care and protection organization that provides orphaned and destitute children with a permanent home and educational opportunities. Established 60 years ago, SOS Children's Villages International the umbrella organization, currently has Children's Villages and other projects in 135 countries around the world. Globally, it runs the SOS Children's Village Programme which has two main arms, i.e. Family Based Care based at SOS Children's Villages and Family Strengthening Programmes supporting families in local communities. SOS has been working in the United Republic of Tanzania since 1991, and implements its programs in the following locations Zanzibar, Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Iringa. SOS Children's Villages Tanzania seeks to recruit suitably qualified candidates to fill the following vacant positions;

Job Title : Alternative Care and Child Protection Coordinator(1Post)
Duty station : Arusha
Reporting to : Program Manager

PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

The Alternative Care and Child Protection Coordinator supports program development and planning, program management, monitoring and delivery of results, innovation, technical and operational leadership to program implementation, networking and partnership building in accordance with the organization's policies, strategies, and available resources for of the alternative care and child protection project.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES.

- 1. Programme management and Delivery**
 - Lead the planning and implementation of the alternative care and child protection project
 - Work as part of a team with Local Government Authorities and civil society organizations in the promotion of child protection and its integration into the National Plan of Action
 - Contribute to general capacity-building strategy for targeted service providers and other local partners including participation in the development and delivery of training workshops and other capacity building interventions related to alternative care and child protection
 - Provide parenting program implementation technical support to community parenting groups;
 - Serves as resource to the Program Manager by providing recommendations and technical support related to designing and implementing Alternative family based Care interventions.
 - Facilitate the rollout of SOS children's Villages International Policies and Guidelines on implementation of Alternative Care.
 - Lead the development of the program design, based on the findings of the baseline assessment and analysis, and in line with the organization's policies, strategies and available resources. In doing so, ensure the participation of key stakeholders, as appropriate.
 - Ensure the annual planning process is carried out and plans are updated, according to the policies and strategies of the organization.
 - Facilitate regular joint field visits as part of backstopping to partners to assist in implementing agreed workplans.
 - Support community-based partners to develop a clear plan for child protection and provide relevant support towards realization of that plan. This includes building positive relationships with recognized community leadership and local authorities.
 - Advocate for a comprehensive and sustainable care reforms and Child Protection systems at all levels.

2. Partnership and Community Relationship Development

- Establishes and maintains a collaborative relationship with the Local Government Authorities and relevant stakeholders in Karatu, Arumeru, Arusha DC and Arusha City in Arusha region
- Formalize partnerships with community-based partners, developing together with them a memorandum of understanding outlining roles and responsibilities.
- Ensure local government leaders, community leaders and faith based organization leaders in SOS Children's Villages targeted areas are oriented and trained on and support family based alternative care for children in need.
- Ensure to engage local government leaders, community leaders and faith based organizations leaders to work as champions of foster care parenting and ensuring community based support systems and structures for foster care parents are in place.

3. Financial management and administration of the program

- Ensure that the organization's financial resources are used modestly and efficiently.
- Implement financial and administrative procedures, in line with the organization's policies/guidelines and in consultation with financial support staff.
- Ensure all program expenditure/resource usage is in line with the annual plan and budget.

4. Monitoring and Evaluation responsibilities

- Work closely with partners through the coordination units to identify and monitor targets in compliance with M&E plan, maintain and facilitate joint operational plans, and develop or refine methodologies to track alternative care and child protection intervention over time.
- Maintain program database and indicator tracking tools to monitor progress in implementation;
- Participate in the preparation of the Strategic Plan and Annual Plan to ensure they are aligned with government policies and strategies on alternative care and Most Vulnerable children.
- In collaboration with the M&E team establish and ensure implementation of a strong MEAL system for the alternative care and child protection (M&E plan, indicators, performance tracking tables, monitoring tools, etc.)
- Contribute to baseline studies, formative assessments, mid-term evaluations, final evaluations and other research studies as well as learning events as part of annual DIPs.
- Contribute to programmatic inputs for the development of the ToRs of evaluations/baseline studies which include background information and scope of work and proposed methodology.

5. Child Safeguarding responsibility

- Alternative Care Coordinator conducts herself in a way that safeguards children and youth from all forms of discrimination, abuse, mistreatment and neglect. Strongly support our values and our vision that "every child grows in a family, with love respect and security", and She will promote children's development.
- Ensure that SOS Children's Villages Alternative Care and Child Protection work in Arusha is not putting children at risk (or further risk); this means constantly scrutinizing work through a child safeguarding lens and talking to children and other stakeholders to identify about possible design/implementation flaws.
- Be vigilant about observing possible child abuse/harm in their personal and professional lives.
- Ensure that all beneficiaries of our programme are receiving on-going, age-appropriate verbal or written information in relevant languages about SOS Children's Villages Child Safeguarding Policy and Code of Conduct.
- Preventing and mitigating all possible risks in the area of child protection and Safeguarding at your area.
- Reporting immediately on any issue related to Child abuse/violence/ neglect/ mistreatment.
- Maintain high level of confidentiality while handling CS concerns.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCES:

- Bachelor of Arts /degree in Social Work, Sociology, Child rights. Masters degree will be an added advantage.
- 6 years related experience out of which 4 years in supervisory position
- Sound awareness and understanding of relevant social development issues, such as Gender, Child rights, Child alternative care and protection issues, at national and regional level.
- Knowledge of Project Cycle Management .

Job Title : Family Economic Empowerment and Youth Coordinator (1Post)
Duty station : Arusha
Reporting to : Program Manager

PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

The Family Economic Empowerment and Youth Coordinator support to program development and planning, program management,

monitoring and delivery of results, innovation, technical and operational leadership to program implementation, networking and partnership building in accordance with the organization's policies, strategies, and available resources.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES.

- 1. Lead the planning of the Family and Community Development Project**
 - Coordinate the baseline assessment and analysis of the situation of children at risk of losing parental care within the targeted community(s).
 - Carry out a stakeholder analysis, to identify key stakeholders within the selected community(s) including individuals, organizations, institutions and authorities who are interested in or affected by the planned program.
 - Define the interests and possible involvement of key stakeholders in the various stages of program development process. This includes making recommendations on the selection of community-based partners (key implementation partners) to the national director.
 - Lead the development of the program design, based on the findings of the baseline assessment and analysis, and in line with the organization's policies, strategies and available resources. In doing so, ensure the participation of key stakeholders, as appropriate.
 - Ensure the annual planning process is carried out and plans are updated, according to the policies and strategies of the organization.
- 2. Coordinate the implementation of program activities**
 - Coordinate the implementation of program activities, according to the objectives, actions and time frames outlined in the annual plan. In doing so, also ensure that the program operates in accordance with the organization's policies and procedures.
 - Guide and support the development of sustainable community responses to the situation of children at risk of losing parental care:
 - Formalize partnerships with community-based partners, developing together with them a memorandum of understanding outlining roles and responsibilities.
 - Support community-based partners to develop a clear plan for capacity development and provide relevant support towards realization of that plan. Build strong partnerships with other stakeholders, for the provision of support services to the target group, with a view to 'anchoring' support services with the most appropriate service provider. This includes building positive relationships with recognized community leadership and local authorities.
 - Support the development of strong local networks of relevant stakeholders, to provide for comprehensive 'safety nets' of relevant support services, as well as alliances for the promotion and protection of child rights.
- 3. Ensure that those children who are most at risk of losing parental care participate in the program:**
 - Establish clear vulnerability criteria, to prioritize cases from within the given target group according to levels of vulnerability; in consultation with key stakeholders in the community (including children at risk of losing parental care and their care-givers).
 - Review initial assessments of the families of potential child participants and put forward recommendations to the program management structure as to whether the families should participate in the program.
 - Participate in the admissions committee for placement into SOS families, contributing to decision-making from the family strengthening perspective. Refer cases from the family strengthening program, where children have already lost parental care and such a placement is in the best interests of the child (with involvement of relevant authorities).
 - Review recommendations for the exit of families (or individual children) from the program, and put these forward to the program management structure
- 4. Guide and support the building of self-reliance in families:**
 - Guide implementation of family development planning (FDP) process, with a view to 'anchoring' this process with community-based partners. In doing so, provide capacity-building support to SOS co-workers and community-based partners, as required.
 - Ensure that the organization keeps its commitments, in terms of support services committed to in the FDPs.
 - Monitor the implementation of the FDPs, particularly in terms of the achievement of agreed outcomes, and provide ongoing support towards its effective implementation.
- 5. Support the youth to become socio economically empowered**
 - Design and implement socio economic activities specifically adapted to youth from most vulnerable families;
 - Ensure that youth and adolescents participate in varied, quality, and age-appropriate life skills activities;
 - Establish Youth Clubs and ensure the meaningful participation of youth employability skills;
 - Support Youth Clubs in designing and implementing youth led community projects;
- 6. Financial management and administration of the program**
 - Ensure that the organization's financial resources are used modestly and efficiently.
 - Implement financial and administrative procedures, in line with the organization's policies/guidelines and in consultation with financial support staff.
 - Ensure all program expenditure/resource usage is in line with the annual plan and budget.
- 7. Establish mechanisms for ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the program**
 - Ensure that monitoring and evaluation systems are in place and functioning well, in line with the organization's requirements. This includes ongoing data collection from regular reviews of the situation of families and community-based partners, data capturing in the FS database, program self-evaluation, internal control reviews, audits and other evaluations.
 - Provide direct supervisor with regular up-dates on program activities and results, including regular written reports, according to organizational requirements.
 - Secure regular financial management reports, including budget vs. expenditure reports, as required for the effective management of program resources.
- 8. Child Safeguarding and Child Protection responsibility**
 - Alternative Care Coordinator conducts herself in a way that safeguards children and youth from all forms of discrimination, abuse, mistreatment and neglect. Strongly support our values and our vision that "every child grows in a family, with love respect and security", and She will promote children's development.
 - Ensure that SOS Children's Villages Alternative Care and Child Protection work in Arusha is not putting children at risk (or further risk); this means constantly scrutinizing work through a child safeguarding lens and talking to children and other stakeholders to identify about possible design/implementation flaws.
 - Be vigilant about observing possible child abuse/harm in their personal and professional lives.

- Ensure that all beneficiaries of our programme are receiving on-going, age-appropriate verbal or written information in relevant languages about SOS Children's Villages Child Safeguarding Policy and Code of Conduct.
- Preventing and mitigating all possible risks in the area of child protection and Safeguarding at your area.
- Reporting immediately on any issue related to Child abuse/violence/ neglect/ mistreatment.
- Maintain high level of confidentiality while handling CS concerns.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCES:

- Bachelor of Arts /Masters degree in Sociology, Community Development, Community Economic Development, Management, Economics and other development related discipline. Masters degree will be an added advantage.
- 6 years related experience out of which 4 years in supervisory position
- Sound awareness and understanding of relevant social development issues, such as Gender, Child rights issues, family strengthening, youth empowerment at national and regional level.
- Knowledge of Project Cycle Management

Job Title : Social Workers (2 Post)
Duty station : Arusha
Reporting to : Alternative Care Coordinator

PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

Social Worker is responsible to work on social, psychological, and emotional development of the children in Alternative Care and to follow-up the health, and education matters of the children. Assist the Alternative Care Coordinator in the efficient co-ordination of the social work activities/tasks; and ensure that the Family Like Care is up to standard in all its activities, adheres to the internal Gatekeeping guidelines and national child welfare and protection policies.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES.

- Ensures compliance and high quality of procedures for Family Like Care program in accordance with the country's legal laws.
- Ensures assessment of all children under our care, develop individual development plans/care plans, and put in place immediate, medium and long-term strategies for raising and supporting children.
- Perform document review for completeness, accuracy, and clarity of documents submitted by District Social Welfare Officer
- Attend, prepare, compile, and presents individual child/youth reports to the gatekeeping committee for reviews and decisions towards reintegration.
- Takes an active interest in and at least annually reviews the child and youth development plans to assure the developmental and education needs are met within the unit or within other programme units.
- Ensure assessment, tracing and preparation children, young people, and their biological families for successful reunification/ reintegration.
- Promote strong collaboration, effective communication, and team work among Mothers/Aunts and Child and Youth Empowerment Officer for effective delivery of services.
- Spends quality time with Mothers/Aunts in order to encourage their long-term commitment to the children and youth and ensure quality services delivered to the SOS Children and young people.
- Supports the Sponsorship Coordinator on getting all necessary correspondences from Mothers, Aunts, Child and Youth Development Officers, and any other staff for sponsors' satisfaction.
- Participate effectively in the Welfare Committees meetings and prepare reports accordingly
- Collaborates with different external offices on matters of common concern for the provision of better services for the children, attends workshops and meetings as assigned by the Alternative Care Coordinator.
- Make regular visits to all SOS house and schools taking notes of the progress while highlighting concerns brought up in liaison with the respective school teachers and SOS caregivers
- Ensures that children receive medical attention/ first-aid services if they are ill, injured and need medical treatment, refers serious cases to clinics and follows-up referral cases to hospitals.
- Strengthen integration of Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health (ASRH), Psychosocial Support (PSS), and Mental Health services into Family Like Care (FLC) programming.
- Be a source of counsel to the children and youth's academic and career choices.
- Supports the youth through their various transition processes or/and the re-integration processes.
- Makes time to interact with children and youth on a regular basis, to get to know and understand them as individuals.
- Develops creative ways for the successful socio professional integration of young people based on the local context.
- Upholds the Alternative Care monitoring and evaluation system to ensure consistent quality of services are provided to the children/youth as per standard by the responsible people.
- Contribute to the preparation of annual project work-plan, budgets, performance reports, and quarterly reports.
- Prepares and submits for approval long and short-term plans for social services.
- Maintains proper documentation of case management information system in line with SOS Children's Villages and National Case Management Standards.
- At all times ensures that personal data of donors, sponsors, SOS Children's Villages' beneficiaries and their families as well as SOS co-workers is handled confidentially and in accordance with prevailing SOS-Kinderdorf International data protection laws.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCES:

- Bachelor's degree in Social Work.
- At least three (3) years of relevant professional experience.
- Experience in practicing case management, or in working with children/youth environment will be added advantage.
- Ability to work independently, self-organize, use initiative, keeps commitments and meets deadlines.
- The candidate should possess the emotional stability to lead and guide the large community of children and youth, by maintaining the required high standards.
- Mature personality (male or female), stable socially and emotion- ally.
- Strong interpersonal and team skills.
- Fluent in English and Swahili.
- Computer literacy

How to apply:

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Humans-wildlife conflict complex as they involve competing interests

A high-powered team of eight cabinet ministers recently convened by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to address human-wildlife conflicts in ten regions comprising 920 villages near protected areas across the country is already fully at work. This is the impression gained from remarks by the ministerial team leader, William Lukuvi. The minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development told the media that the team was working on its tour of Dodoma, Singida, Manyara, Tabora, Mbeya, Morogoro, Dar es Salaam, Coast, Mara and Geita. He did not say exactly how the work is shared out but reported preliminary or definite findings concerning the 920 villages already.

The team involves eight ministers in sectors like Agriculture, Water, Defense, Environment, Housing and Settlements, Natural Resources and Tourism as well as Livestock and Fisheries and the whole team or portion of its membership or technical representation would tour all the ten regions to get the right picture of issues at top level. That was the spirit of the directive, but it is undeniable that the whole cabinet group can't visit each trouble spot one after another for an audience with stakeholders. It would be backbreaking; public administration has systems of information flows to stem burdens.

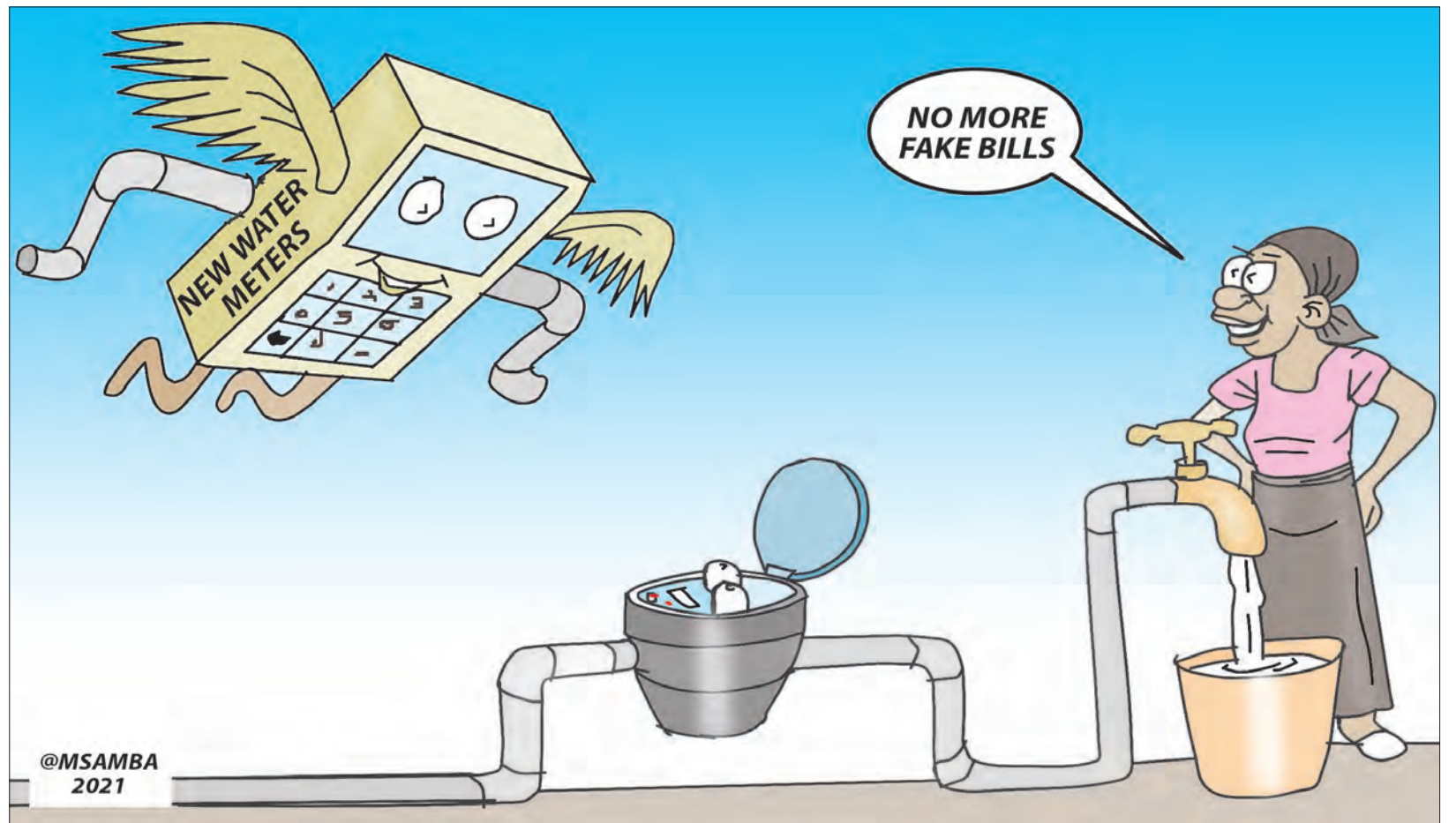
The minister expects that the tours or overall work will be concluded by October 20 where the team will give a report to the president on the way forward. On the basis of what transpired, the team is already

tacked with information on all those issues, and locations, and visiting those places is likely to be meant to add heavy political pressure towards reconciliation and observance of the law.

It may also amplify on alternative courses of action that the cabinet team would be considering especially as to the team leader as responsible minister on the issue. Others are major stakeholders at elevated levels.

Preliminary information as aired by the minister shows that the 920 villages are close to protected areas and were being invaded by animals while the villagers invade protected areas. The government decided not to remove them from those areas, but a few of them will be removed following assessments showing the areas are dangerous for their safety. That obviously doesn't say the complaints will stop, or that land will be enough for those remaining, not just now but in five years.

These are some of the issues that can't be tackled by a ministerial team and needs other ideas from a planning or visionary point of view, for instance that view that to maintain all our national parks and game reserves, let's change Tanzania to an urban-based economy. With participation of foreign companies, all sorts of investors would change Tanzania to a vast holiday and hunting paradise, which may not at present meet with universal approval. But someone has to make a policy decision and then put it into effect. Peasants get their land, sell to conservationists and build modest units with concentrated agro-livestock parameters.



South Africa: Injustice stalks dissent

By Special Correspondent

AS three activists walked free after six months in jail, it was again clear that the ANC, in cahoots with the police and justice system, keeps grinding popular dissent against the rock of repression.

One of the many dimensions of the escalating crisis of South African society is the general - though not uniform - sense of impunity for elite criminality. There is a long list of well-known figures who, following reports in the media, appear to be guilty of serious offences in the public understanding. Markus Jooste and Floyd Shivambu are prominent examples, but there are many others.

Violent acts have been carried out in public without any sort of legal consequences. They range from the people claiming to be Umkhonto weSizwe veterans who openly attacked migrants in central Durban earlier this year to the many, and usually violent, evictions that the municipality in that city has carried out in brazen violation of the law, court orders and, recently, Covid-19 regulations.

There has also been a marked unwillingness to investigate and prosecute people who have undertaken violent acts that appear to be linked to the factional battles in the ANC. One example is the impunity that has been granted to the people who have attacked and burnt trucks on the N3 for so long.

There are also more everyday forms of criminality that have been carried out with impunity.

There is a vast swathe of local officials and politicians whose names are not known to the general public, but whose cynical delinquency is all too evident in the collapse of small towns into rot and filth.

And, of course, there are the everyday experiences of an increasingly predatory state, such as the routine extortion of the public at the hands of the police. Corruption is so normalised that in the magistrate's court in Durban, even the police officers stationed in the courtrooms have no shame in openly demanding a bribe from the friends and family of an accused to enter the courtroom.

New modes of repression

The rot in the state is not solely a matter of it becoming an instrument for an increasingly predatory and, in some parts of the country, violent political class to appropriate private wealth from the common wealth. Parts of it have also been captured and instrumentalised in different ways by different parts of the predatory political class to contain



dissent.

The ANC has always been hostile to autonomous popular organisation. All of the first generation of social movements to emerge around 20 years ago - such as the Treatment Action Campaign, the Western Cape Anti-Eviction Campaign and the Landless People's Movement - were met with paranoia and varying degrees of state violence and repression.

These days, much repression is planned and executed outside the formal structures of the state. In some parts of the country, death threats and assassinations have often been used to contain popular dissent. But these modes of repression function with the formal structures of the state in two ways. The first is that they are seldom investigated, thus allowing a large degree of impunity. The second is that they are often accompanied by police harassment and exclusion from access to the forms of social support mediated through local political structures such as access to work, services and housing.

Local actors can act with impunity to crush independent organising and drive bits of the local state to take effective action with the same purpose. In some parts of the country, it is common for local councillors to simply instruct the police who to arrest and for the police to carry out these instructions without regard for the law.

Arrests are routinely made with no intention of going to trial, but with the sole purpose of harassing activists through assault in the holding cells and repeated court appearances, sometimes over years, before charges are dropped. In some cases, this can mean a lengthy period of imprisonment.

Favouring the rich
This is compounded by the profound contempt with which

the criminal justice system treats impoverished people. Usually, wealth means that things speed up - there is a lot less queuing and waiting. In the courts, this is reversed. For a person without money and relying on legal aid for representation, an appearance in the dock is so rushed that it can be over in two minutes, with both the prosecutor and the lawyer for the defence looking at the relevant papers for the first time during the brief moment in which the accused stands in the dock. For a person with money and an expensive advocate, everything slows right down. Careful consideration is given to the evidence and the law. A decision to sustain a case, or deny a person bail, will not be taken lightly.

To place an impoverished person in the criminal justice system is to place them in a grinding machine that mutilates lives as an inevitable part of its everyday functioning. Our prisons are full of impoverished people who have been waiting for two or three years for their cases to be heard. For this reason accusation, no matter how baseless, can itself be a sentence.

This week, New Frame and other social justice media - namely GroundUp and Maverick Citizen - reported on the case of Lindokuhle Mnguni, Landu Tshazi and Ayanda Ngila. They are members of Abahlali baseMjondolo who spent six months enduring the horrors of Westville prison and being repeatedly denied bail after they were arrested on a murder charge for which, in the end, the state admitted it had no credible evidence.

Mnguni, Tshazi and Ngila were leading figures in developing eKhenana - initially a fairly standard land occupation in Durban - into a remarkable experiment in democratic self-organisation. Vegetables were grown, poultry

reared and a cooperative shop established to sell the produce. Services were installed and a community hall, youth centre and a political school built. All of this was undertaken on a collective basis, with labour and profits being shared.

Joining the dots

In April, the Daily Maverick ran an article under the headline "Land occupiers' group starts 'socialist' commune in eThekweni" with a drone photograph showing some of the material infrastructure that has been built. A month later, Mnguni, Tshazi and Ngila were in prison.

When Mqapheli Bonono, the deputy president of Abahlali baseMjondolo, called a meeting of the residents after the arrests to discuss the situation and find out what had happened, he was also arrested, along with Maphiwe Gasela and Siniko Miya. Bonono and Gasela would spend two weeks in prison, while Miya had to suffer six months' incarceration.

On Wednesday 29 September, all charges were dropped against Mnguni, Tshazi and Ngila and they walked out of court into the soft spring rain. On Friday 1 October, the case against Bonono, Gasela and Miya was postponed once again. A request to relax the bail conditions of Bonono and Gasela was denied.

Jooste and Shivambu, along with a host of minor figures who have stolen from the public, have not had to step into the dock with their expensive advocates ready to slow the legal process down and insist that every step of that process is tested from every angle. Yet three young men who tried to build something decent in the detritus of a society that had treated them with utter contempt were taken to prison.

This is who we are.

World Habitat Day: Emissions focus shouldn't ignore state of rural areas

ENVIRONMENTALISTS around world were marking the World Habitat Day falling on the first Monday of November each year, with the focus being on accelerating urban action for a carbon-free world. While the world is thinking of changing its urban areas to produce less carbon dioxide, Tanzania and other African countries have an imponderable problem, which can without exaggeration be summarised as how to make rural areas livable. Will youths remain there in 10 years, and how far can seniors return to rural areas upon retirement? These questions are valid as we are mostly rural attached even now.

All the same we ought to have our place in the discussion concerning the theme for this year's World Habitat Day, of accelerating urban action for a carbon-free world. The theme recognizes that cities are responsible for some 70 percent of global carbon dioxide emissions. How far that is also true in the country is a different matter, as Tanzania leads in Sub-Saharan cattle numbers, along with Sudan and Ethiopia, as well as other less noticeable cattle like beasts in the national parks. They all have their part in carbon emissions but it is safer to think of humans in the issue.

With our rather complex list of issues relating to habitats, local events and activities during World Habitat Day may not have been thorough on how national, regional and local governments and organizations, communities,

academic institutions, the private sector and all relevant stakeholders can work together to create sustainable, carbon-neutral, inclusive cities and towns. In Dar es Salaam for instance the talk of town was the systematic demolition of troubling hawkers' structures along city streets, and even in market areas, throwing up a Pandora's Box of how youths eking out a living peacefully will adapt. They will move to less palatable street corners and neighbourhoods.

While we talk of emissions there is still a problem of violence on account of implausible opportunities for youths in particular, while a portion of the clergy berates entertainment as moral failure rather than a gainful industry, where youths can practice skills, yes, including dancing skills. It means World Habitat Day means plenty of things to so many people, but with our Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project, we are playing at least a small part in reducing the use of fossil fuels. We shall do even better if we can find ways of ending the use of charcoal for gas if access can be eased, or 'bow-beaten coal.'

UN experts say that the day is also intended to remind the world that we all have the power and the responsibility to shape the future of our cities and towns. Yes, indeed but it is not easy to use any such power as life is difficult for most people and they visibly react when their balances are disturbed. Those who want steep carbon taxes can look at what happened with the mobile cash health and education tax. It isn't that easy.

How sensitisation turned 'mum' women into vocal leaders

By Beatrice Philemon

IN the culture of Nyiha people of Mbozi District, Mbeya Region, speaking in public—and leadership for that matter—is a preserve of men. Thus, women who dare do the same are perceived to be deviants who want to be like men.

As a result, women have, since Tanzania attained independence 60 years ago, mainly played observer role when it comes to leadership in this part of the country. This is despite sustained countrywide efforts to bring women on board since the reintroduction of multiparty system in the early 1990s.

According to local leaders, as of 2000s, one of the hardest tasks in Nyihaland was to convince women to attend a public rally and take front seats. Asking them to speak at such gatherings was akin to telling them not to attend at all.

It is against this backdrop that MIICO, an organization based in Mbeya, in collaboration with ActionAid Tanzania in Mbozi District came up with a five-year project (2019-2023) dubbed Strengthening Social Accountability and Oversight Capacity for Rights-based Public Resources Management in Health and Agriculture in Southern Africa (PSA).

Apart from striving to turn around economic prospects of residents through improved agricultural practices, the initiative also sought to give women a voice by making them understand that they can speak for themselves and take up leadership positions as a matter of rights.

The project funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) is being implemented in five villages in Mbozi District namely Iyula, Itaka, Zelezeta, Idiwilli and Hasamba.

Speaking to "The Guardian" during a recent field visit, Catherine Mulaga, MIICO Executive Director said before the intervention in 2019, there was not a single elected woman leader in the entire project area.

"We embarked on a sensitization drive in the areas women's rights, leadership, children's rights, gender equality and budget monitoring and analysis," she said.

Mulaga said the sensitization paid off by seeing confident women starting not only to attend public meetings but ask a question or two before some picking nomination forms to vie for leadership positions.

"Before this project the number of women attending public meetings in villages and hamlets was hardly beyond five but they now make about 70 per cent of such gatherings," she said.

In the 2019 local government elections, several beneficiaries of the trainings contested village council members and 25 were elected, 10 of them women.

And in 2020 general election, several beneficiaries eyed councillorship posts and two sailed through—one elected ward representative and another scooped as special seats slot. This was a milestone, said Mulaga.

"We are very proud of this achievement; these days village and ward leaders don't do prepare budget without involving women," she said.

She said women are more involved in decision-making compared to before when they were simply informed about the decisions already made by leaders (read men).

Women in all villages taking part in the project monitor allocation and expenditure of public funds both from central government and local sources to see if the resources are directed into projects that touch their lives.

Costina Kibona, a mother of three from Hasamba ward, is among villagers who benefited from PSA project. After attending a series of trainings, she says she changed from a "mum" woman into a force to reckon with in local politics.

In 2020 general election, she contested a tough nomination process within her CCM party, won it and latter squared it out with candidates from other parties and was finally declared dully elected Councillor for Hasamba ward.

Since her election victory, she pinpointed maternal health

and education as areas of priority. Through her efforts, maternity services have been introduced at Hasamba Dispensary, bringing to an end long journeys heavily pregnant women used to make all the way to Mbozi District Hospital to deliver babies.

"I also worked with villages leaders and mobilized resources which enabled us to construct 17 classrooms at Ndugu secondary school as well as Namile, Muungano and Ilyika primary schools" she said.

Six of the classrooms were constructed at Ndugu secondary school, three classrooms at Namile Primary School, five classrooms at Muungano primary school and three classrooms at Ilyika primary school.

Esther Ngao, a mother of three from Itaka village is another proud beneficiary of the project who was elected member of her Itaka village council in 2019 local government polls.

"Before the trainings I could not

stand and speak in public but now I am one of the dependable speakers and respected campaigners," she said.

"In the 2019 local government elections, a total of 86 candidates contested various leadership positions in Itaka ward and 25 were elected members of the village councils including 10 women," she said.

"I am proud to one of those women who made history as the highest number of elected female leaders."

Ajenikisa Kayange who is a member of Mbozi District Council Women Platform said it was thanks to PSA that she was entrusted with the representation role.

She said she uses her presence at the council to solve land disputes at both village and ward levels besides working on initiatives aimed at tackling rampant malnutrition among under-fives as well as high rates of HIV/Aids among adults.

Although Hasamba ward has

ended with arable land suitable for a number of food crops that can help residents stamp out malnutrition, bad eating habits is the biggest challenge since many people sale their produce instead of eating balanced diet, she said.

"Before this intervention, malnutrition and stunting rates were very high here and that led to more children being referred to Mbozi District Hospital for issues that did not need medication but proper nutrition," she said.

"I am glad to see that this sad trend is being gradually reversed, thanks to sensitization and education on nutrition to the general public but especially to expectant mothers."

Kayange said that now there are less hospitalizations and referrals to district hospitals due to nutrition issues, meaning that people and parents in particular have changed their eating habits as well as how they feed their children, for the better.



Gloria Mndindle, PSA Programme Officer, trains villagers in Mbozi District, Mbeya Region, on leadership and gender equality. Photo/ Beatrice Philemon

By Correspondent Deogratias Mushi

MUSIC, prayer and all things entertainment are normally good for souls, minds and health of humans. Aren't they?

However, as the saying goes, too much of anything is harmful. This is the new reality in Tanzanian cities and towns where defeating sounds from bars, religious crusades, entertainment halls et cetera have become commonplace in residential areas.

Apart from the inconvenience to the general, healthy public, experts say that the sick and newborns pay the highest—often ultimate price.

While people with cardiovascular issues may die prematurely due to these uncontrolled events, exposure to noise pollution during pregnancy and after delivery may result in high-frequency hearing loss in newborns, growth retardation, cochlear damage, prematurity and birth defects.

That is what prompted the National Environment Management Council (NEMC) to convene a workshop for music stakeholders, bar and social hall proprietors, plus music band owners in Dar es Salaam recently.

During the workshop, NEMC directed owners of social halls, bars and music stakeholders to control noise pollution in residential areas.

NEMC Director General Dr Samuel Gwamaka said that the council has been receiving hundreds of complaints from people in different parts of the country, regarding noise pollution in their residential areas.

"We have been receiving many complaints from people on this problem, we would like to instruct owners of social halls, and bars to control sounds and ensure that there is no noise pollution in their surrounding areas," he said.

Dr Gwamaka told workshop participants that the Environmental Management Act (2004) and its regulations forbid any kind of noise in residential areas.

"The law directs people to conduct activities in authorized areas and ensure that they install sound proof in their buildings to control noises" he said.

According to Dr Gwamaka, NEMC has realized that the problem is increasing because the said buildings have been constructed in residential areas. "We have realized that the problem has been caused by poor town planning, this has caused the construction of bars and social halls in residential areas," he said.

A resident of Sinza in Dar es Salaam, Clement Shimbo commended NEMC for the move, saying the situation was getting worse every day in various parts of the country.

"I support NEMC order, we have been living dif-

Music and prayer: New menace for city dwellers



ficult lives due noise pollution in our streets," he said.

Dr Gwamaka said that generally, people experience fatigue, short temper and lack of focus, following a poor night's sleep caused by noise in neighbourhood.

"An occasional night without sleep makes one feel tired and irritable the next day, after several sleepless nights, the mental effects become usually serious" he said.

He added: One's brain may fog, and make it difficult to concentrate and make decisions, and eventually makes one feel down, and may fall asleep during the day.

Speaking during the workshop, Deputy Minister in the

office of the Vice President (Union and Environment) Hamad Hassan Chande said the country's economic development contributes to various environmental challenges such as climate change, noise, vibration and other environmental threats.

He said that such stakeholders should be educated about noise and vibration, to protect and save the environment and health of present and future generations.

"We have seen the importance of coming together to provide education on noise and vibration to protect the environment and the health of our present and future generations," said Chande.

According to chande, there has been a significant increase in noise and vibration in the surrounding areas due to various social and economic activities.

"Various studies both in local and international show that noise and vibration are currently a major challenge that affects health of the people" he For example, he said, the World Health Organization (WHO) has identified noise pollution as a cause of harm to human health.

In addition, the European Environmental Agency in its 2018 report said that noise contributes to early abortions with approximately 12,000 children each year

die in Europe.

In Tanzania, he noted that there are some ongoing studies being conducted, and NEMC has begun such efforts in various regions such as NEMC Northern Region which has conducted some research on noise and tremors in Arusha Region.

The study has shown that noise and tremors have been a major challenge in society, and some people have been directly affected by the effects of noise and vibration.

"In this study, the leading areas for causing noise pollution are 33 per cent recreational areas and 24 per cent in Industrial locations."

Chande mentioned some of the effects of noise and tremors on society as mental and emotional distress, stress, fear, nausea, headaches, quarrels, mood swings, sexual impotence and poor sexual performance, memory loss problems and insomnia where this condition leads to high blood pressure, and abnormal heartbeats.

"In finding a solution to this issue in collaboration with various Ministries, together as a government we have agreed that noise and vibration is a fast-paced catastrophe in our society" said Dr Gwamaka.

In addition to the existence of various sectoral laws, he added, NEMC

has developed a Pollution Control Manual, which outlines the stakeholder structure for the implementation of noise and vibration control.

The workshop has called upon owners of social halls, bands, bars and music stakeholders to adhere to the law and assess the environmental impact before making an investment.

NEMC realizes that stakeholders are very important in the community and the government due to the taxes they pay, but they must follow the rules and regulations.

"We need social halls and bars around, but the owners should adhere to principles and rules of the law" said Dr Chande.

The government has started taking various initiatives, including the preparation of guidelines for pollution control caused by noise and vibration.

Commenting on the workshop, Robert Sabini, who owns bars and leisure venues called on the government to reduce the cost of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) which is not less than 3m/- payable to professional consultants.

He said the cost of conducting EIA is the main reason why investors break the law by dodging it.

"Another thing is to make sure they (NEMC) put in place the participatory and inclusive system instead of handling it on their own," he said.

Mr President, what is honourable about Zweli Mkhize?

By Sasha Planting

News that the Netherlands is the latest European country to lift travel restrictions for travellers returning home or visiting from South Africa has buoyed the listed travel and leisure market, which rose by 7.4% on Monday trade. The JSE's All Share Index rose by 0.22% in comparison.

Optimism is returning to the heavily depressed sector as global travel restrictions have slowly started to ease.

Several weeks ago Germany lifted travel restrictions relating to South Africa, while US, Canadian, French and Spanish restrictions have eased. Hope is building that the UK will remove South Africa from its red list when it announces changes to its current green, amber and red traffic light system this week.

This means that in a matter of days, English tourists, who are the biggest single block of tourists who fly into SA, will be free to resume travel, along with their German, Dutch and US counterparts.

With this in mind, investors are buying back into Tsogo Sun Hotels, which rose 10.63% to R3.54; City Lodge Hotels, which rose 13.8% to R4.77; and Sun International, which rose 10.8% to R22.86 on Monday. Tsogo Sun Gaming rose 4.7% to R11.21.

"This is the shot in the arm that the struggling hotels and leisure sector needed," says independent analyst Anthony Clark. "As more EU and other countries lift or ease their restrictions this sector could run and run," he says, noting that it is coming off a low base.

Pent-up demand means it may not



A traveller at the departures terminal at Cape Town International Airport in Cape Town, South Africa. (Photo: Dwayne Senior / Bloomberg via Getty Images)

take long for local establishments to see activity pick up. Already, tourist destinations such as the V&A Waterfront in Cape Town and SA's popular game reserves are reporting an increase in visitors from the US, Germany and other countries. Notably, tourists from India and China have not yet returned, as those governments -

in particular China - are actively discouraging travel among their populace.

That said, Sun International CEO Anthony Leeming is feeling particularly upbeat. "Enquiries picked up the minute that South Africa's lockdown restrictions were eased and this will continue as travel restrictions ease. We are

expecting a far better holiday season this year."

The lucrative business and conference travel market may take a little longer to pick up, he adds.

Smaller establishments, such as the four-star DoubleTree by Hilton Hotels, have seen a surge in occupancy since South Africa moved to Level 2 lockdown in

September. Occupancy at DoubleTree has risen from an average of 18% to 22% to between 35% and 65% says Quintin Rossi, CEO of Spear Reit, which owns and manages the property.

"We are situated in Salt River, just outside of Cape Town City, and typically only see an upswing after the Cape Town hotels do," he says.

Conference bookings, which can now accommodate up to 750 people - up from 100 initially and then 250 - have also surged.

"Typically, organisers would host 100 people physically and the balance virtually, but we are now seeing the move to physical." This is an added sweetener for hotels that benefit from the bed, breakfast and conference rate. "We expect to break even in October - for the first time in 18 months, so as you can imagine, the sentiment is good."

Last week 15 on Orange, which is owned by Spear but managed by Capital Hotels and Apartments, reopened its doors. The hotel was refurbished to provide luxury apartments and hotel rooms after Marriott International gave up its lease following months of lockdowns and low occupancies.

The growth in foreign business and leisure travel is borne out by an increasing number of international flights to and from SA airports. Wesgro, the Western Cape economic development agency, noted that the international passenger terminal recovery was at 24% of 2019 levels in September. While low, this is the highest monthly recovery percentage since the restart of international travel in October 2020. Emirates and Lufthansa have increased the number of scheduled flights, and more are expected to follow. Cruise tourism is also set to return, with the first liner docking at the V&A on 21 November.

"All of this bodes well for SA tourism; we need to employ our young people and tourism is the best way to do it," says Rossi. "The green shoots are there."

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Afghan women - The emerging narrative and why it is wrong

ROME and AMSTERDAM,

The USA and its allies have repeatedly stated that promoting women's rights was one of the key reasons they were in Afghanistan. The US military top brass, in a letter to marines stated that they were in Afghanistan "for the liberty of young Afghan girls, women, boys, and men who want the same individual freedoms we enjoy as Americans".

Post-war, women's rights are now among the conditions for improved relations. For example, it is one of the conditions for release by the US of US\$9 billion of Afghan assets. Similarly, the EU has made also women's rights one of the conditions of engagement with the new Afghan Government.

There is also much talk in the western press of how the new Government is trampling on women's rights - girls are not allowed to go to school, working women are being told to stay home, and demonstrations by women are put down brutally. There is also much discussion of the fact that there are no women in the new Government. The position of the US and its allies, and the

apparent intransigence of the Taliban, seems to suggest a long stalemate which will bring additional misery to ordinary Afghans.

However, there is also a second narrative on women in Afghanistan that is emerging. The starting point for this alternative narrative is that the vast majority of Afghan women live in rural areas; and have seen their suffering increase many fold during the 20 years of the war. The bombings, the killings, the arbitrary violence by warlords, some of who were allied with US forces, were what defined their daily existence. These rural women saw few, if any, benefits of the efforts by donors and aid agencies to improve living conditions. Corruption siphoned off much of the money and what little did get to the rural areas did not make any significant improvement in public services such as health, education or water supplies. For these women the return of the Taliban means, above all, a cessation of violence and a return to a rule of law - however flawed it may be.

This alternative narrative also points out that the women "who want the same individual freedoms

we enjoy as Americans" are a small minority living in Kabul. Moreover, the freedoms they had under US occupation - to wear jeans, play football or cricket - are alien to Afghan society and traditional values. Hence losing such "rights" are quite irrelevant to the much of the country.

The two narratives lead to different courses of action. For those who ascribe to the first, it provides a moral justification for using all possible leverage to get the Taliban to reverse their current positions on women's rights, as well as on many other aspects of government. Moreover, it justifies suspending development projects, minimizing humanitarian aid, and even freezing Afghan assets - money which belongs to the Afghan people.

For those to who the second narrative holds more appeal, the ceasing of conflict and the departure of the foreign troops were the most important events for Afghanistan. From here onwards, the Afghan people have to decide for themselves what social mores and traditions they want to follow.

And, if they want to change, it

has to be at the speed and pace of their own choosing. The international community which has a large responsibility for the misery and mayhem of the last decades should focus on repairing and improving infrastructure such as roads and irrigation; ensuring supplies of essential goods and services including food, water, fuel, health services and electricity; and creating the institutional structure and the trained manpower for the administration of public services such as administration, justice and policing.

Both narratives, as well as the actions deriving from it, are flawed.

Whatever geopolitical or economic interests drove the war, it is disingenuous for the US and allies to say that they were in Afghanistan for 20 years to help the Afghans and in particular Afghan women. The war has cost the US taxpayer US\$2 trillion most of which went to the defense contracts with some crumbs to the corrupt Afghan Government officials. Given an average Afghan family size of seven, the US\$ 2 trillion spent on the war is equivalent

to US\$350,000 per family. If even a fraction of this if had been invested properly it would have transformed lives - but this never happened. Now after 20 years of war, to impose further pain on the Afghans in the name of women's rights seems heartless. Particularly galling is the freezing of Afghan assets in western banks at the time when the country desperately needs this money.

A laissez faire approach towards the new Government is, however, equally callous. Women's rights are not just about dressing as one likes, about participating in sports or wearing a veil in public. It is also about giving the right to be educated; to aspire to any job or career they wish; to live without repression; and have to freedom to move, to think and to speak without fear or hindrance.

The fact that 80% of Afghan girls don't have schools that they can go to, jobs to which they can aspire, or the time, energy or money for sports or recreation, does not negate the rights of the 20% who do have some of these opportunities.

The countries in the region with influence in Afghanistan - countries

such as China, Iran, Pakistan, Russia and Turkey - must not turn a blind eye to women's rights. On the contrary, they should use all the leverage they have with the Afghan Government to respect women's rights be it for those who live in Kabul, be it for those who live in the most remote areas.

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Make use of training to create job chances, RC tells VETA graduates

By Guardian Correspondents, Mwanza

MWANZA Regional Commissioner, Eng. Robert Gabriel has asked youth to use different opportunities they have to benefit themselves and others in order to address the unemployment level in the country.

RC Gabriel made the call here yesterday while handing over different equipment worth 98m / - donated by Plan International through 'Vuka' project to vocational training graduates.

"The skills you have acquired are to make sure that you put yourself in a good position to explore job opportunities available, taking into accounts that opportunities you have are rare and many of your fellow young people did not get it," he said, calling on the graduates to effectively explore those chances for your own benefits and others.

RC Gabriel called on Ward Council leaders to ensure that the young people who have been handed over the equipment are using it for the



Mwanza regional commissioner Eng. Robert Gabriel (C) presents a sewing machine to Leticia Abdallah who is one of the students who graduated from tailoring training at VETA Mwanza College. A total of 116 sewing machines worth 39.49m/- were given to graduates under the European Union-funded Vuka project and managed by Plan International. Photo: Correspondent Elizabeth Faustine.

intended purpose and their groups are known where they work.

VETA acting head in Mwanza Region Eng Lupakisyo Mapamba said

the project was aimed at empowering vulnerable youth especially women aged 15 to 24 years in Il-emela and Nyamagana districts in the field of

aluminum, tailoring, construction (tiles), automotive electricity and electronics, crafts, plumbing, and cookery.

Plan International head

for Mwanza and Mara regions, Majani Rwambali, said the passion of young people is to acquire skills and tools and in recognition of that the organiza-

tion and various stakeholders including the European Union started executing 'Vuka' project worth 1.1bn/- last year.

"We have implemented

it successfully because we're getting cooperation from the government and the stakeholders with whom we were working together and the aim of the project was to provide professionalism especially to young women, a profession that will enable them to be self-employed, disadvantaged youth who were not fortunate enough to continue with further education," said Rwambali.

He said the aim of the project is to reach 400 young people and those who showed interest are 600 young people, those who showed up to register are 548 young people but the graduates are 411 young people and among them 225 young people are female and 186 are male

"These young people who graduating today have no excuses to say they have graduated and will not be able to work. Every young person who has completed this training will get a device to start a career that he/she has studied" said Rwambali.

"There are 116 young people who studied sew-

ing and each will be given his own sewing machine, all worth 39m/-, 4 young people who have studied masonry will each be given their equipment worth 1.6m/-, 41 young people who studied aluminum issues we have divided into 8 groups and each group has been given equipment to start work, all worth 13m/-, 97 young people who have studied automotive electricity and electronics and each is given a whole set of automotive electrical equipment worth 13m/- and 73 young people who have studied plumbing and each will be given their own equipment also worth 19m/- and 76 others involved in recipes and we have divided them into 15 groups who will be given equipment worth 11m/- and the total amount of equipment we provided is 98.7m/-," he said.

One of the beneficiaries, Kala Paulo, a resident of Igoma, in Mwanza Region thanked the government and stakeholders for providing the equipment, which will assist them in carrying out their duties, and promised to use it responsibly.

African journalists should tell Africa's climate change story better, says CAPP

By Special Correspondent

AFRICAN journalists are in a better position to tell the African climate change story and expose the big polluters.

This was the position of the Corporate Accountability and Public Participation Africa (CAPP) expressed at a one-day training it organised for journalists from across Africa in Lagos.

The training, held virtually, had journalists from Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Togo, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

The objective was to raise a bar in climate reporting in the African region, amplify Big Con as a document exposing big polluters and their tactics, and capacitate African journalists to engage the UNFCCC processes, especially against the backdrop of the 26th Session of the Conference of Parties, COP26, slated for Glasgow from October 31.

The resource persons were Nnimmo Bassey, director, health of mother earth foundation (the role of fossil fuels industry in climate change); Philip Jakpor, director of programmes, CAPP, (introduction to climate change reporting).

Others were Rachel Rose Jackson, Director of Climate Research and Policy, Corporate Accountability ("Understanding BIG CON" and "Holding Big Polluters Liable Using the Liability Roadmap"); Ndilewe Mokoena, Gender CC SA- Women for Climate Justice South Africa ("Mainstream Gender into Climate Reporting");

Hellen Neima, Regional Director, Corporate Accountability Climate Campaign ("UNFCCC and the road to COP26") and Ogunlade Olamide Martins, Programme Manager, CAPP, ("Engaging the Nationally Determined Contributions, NDCs").

It was in Akinbode Oluwafemi, CAPP's Executive Director's opening remarks that he said "There was need to raise the bar in climate change reporting, stimulate interest and engage the UNFCCC process."

To achieve the objectives above, he said: "African journalists should tell Africa's climate change story themselves, particularly exposing the Big Con."

The training was anchored by Aderonke Ige, Associate Director of CAPP.

Zanzibar activists push for law review to create more space for women in development strides

By Guardian Reporter

HUMAN rights activists in Zanzibar are pushing for the review of different laws that curtail women and girls back from reaching their full potential in decision-making bodies.

This comes at a critical moment in time when only nine years remain to realise the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which provides a comprehensive roadmap for the future of people and the planet. Empowering women and girls is central to achieving Sustainable Development Goals.

In Zanzibar, activists from Tanzania Media Women Association (TAMWA) and Zanzibar Female Lawyers Association (ZAFELA) are working through Strengthen Women-In-Leadership (SWIL), a project supported by the Royal Norwegian embassy in Dar es Salaam. It's aimed at encouraging more female participants to fight for and grab more leadership positions in the coming years.

Titled 2020/2023 'Strengthen Women-In-Leadership (SWIL)', the project is expected to reach at least 6,000 women with barriers to female leadership in the country by 2025.

According to the activists, male dominance, ignorance, laws, and traditions/customs are the main obstacles to the growth and development of women in leadership at different levels in society, corporations, and politics.

SWIL project coordinator Salma Ameir Lusangi said that there are various strategies under the project which will help to address and identify the challenges.

She said that the goal is a fair representation of women within corporations, politics, professions, religious organisations, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), and even in sports. Many women are now capable of holding various positions in society.

"The strategies to overcome the barriers to women's leadership will include capacity building of at least 60 NGOs that will in turn advocate for women to take part in politics and leadership without fear. Other ways are to organize forums on public awareness on the importance of women in leadership and decision-making bodies," says Salma, who works with TAMWA-Zanzibar.

ZAFELA executive director, Jamila Mahmoud Juma says her organisation has identified gaps in some laws that hinder women in leadership such as law governing education, election, political parties, public service, and 'Anti-corruption and Economic Crimes Act' that need reform to accommodate more women in leadership.

Citing a study carried out recently in



Women's participation in decision-making bodies is key in scaling up Zanzibar development endeavors

the Indian Ocean archipelago, eight laws are outdated and need to be reviewed for the benefit of women.

Those laws include the Education Act No. 6 of 1982 was amended in 1993, which deprives a girl of the opportunity and right to education for a girl when she gets married to continue with education while giving her a chance to continue her education if she becomes pregnant while in school.

According to her, the law needs to be amended, because education is a fundamental right if also among the 17 priorities of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar in its budget for the financial year 2021-2022.

Jamila says: It's not wise at all for a girl child when she gets married to be the end of her journey to get an education which is a basic right."

"The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have given priority to the education and development of women but our laws still place restrictions on a girl child receiving primary and secondary education when she marries," the activist says.

She notes that laws on election and political parties also need reforms in order to maintain gender balance in the party's leadership positions and the right to run for office in politics.

Patriarchal systems within political parties have not yet been able to give priority to women and thus have reduced women's participation in political parties, she says.

Jamila also says that even women nominated by political parties to run for various positions including parliament and representation are small and eventually the winners are small.

She further says that in the Zanzibar Electoral Commission (ZEC) whose part of the responsibility is to oversee the Zanzibar general elections there is

a policy on gender and social inclusion but its implementation and monitoring remains a major challenge.

She adds: "These are the barriers to political parties and electoral laws where we want them to be amended, a step that will create a conducive environment for women to actively participate in political and electoral movements."

In addition, another law that according to ZAFELA wants to be amended is the public service law, which prohibits public servants from entering politics and running for leadership positions while in the public service.

"We want the Public Service Act to be amended because it denies public servants the right to democratic and good governance to run for elected leadership while in the public service by imposing strict conditions," she says.

West A Unguja District Commissioner, Suzan Peter Kunambi said: "My hope is that by 2030 more women will hold political leadership positions due to the commitment of Zanzibar President Hussein Ali Mwinyi to trust women to hold leadership positions."

The DC said women have a great opportunity to run for various leadership positions where he urged them not to be afraid to run for political office at the constituency level, noting that a favorable environment had been created for women to run for leadership positions at the constituency level through political parties.

"I urge my fellow women never to sit back and be ready to compete for various leadership positions and studies show that the group's potential is great and never give up," she says, adding:

"Women have shown great loyalty in leadership and performance positions for those entrusted with their responsibilities where since the term of the re-

tired President Ali Mohamed Shein have made it clear at different times that the women he gave those positions have not failed."

She also commends the President Hussein Ali Mwinyi for continuing to trust women to hold various leadership positions a step that provides opportunities and opportunities for the group.

"We hear the statements of the president Hussein Ali Mwinyi at various times urging women to be confident and compete for leadership positions where during his term he has no reason why women should not give them those positions," she says. Women and children's rights activist Francisca Claimant says she was committed to mobilizing the community to support women in running for various leadership positions to increase the number of women in those positions.

She says when women are given a chance they work well especially considering they have compassion and faith so they want justice to be done.

"We are well prepared to persuade the community to see women elected to leadership positions in order to bring about major changes that will enable the nation to make strides in development," she says.

TAMWA-Zanzibar director, Dr Mzuri Issa says that there is still a lack of awareness among the community about women's participation in leadership, a situation that has led to women leaders being few compared to men.

"The ruling patriarchal system also prevents women from competing for various leadership positions be it political or social," she says.

Dr Mzuri adds: "We have met in this period while we still need a great exchange of ideas for a new Zanzibar that will be prosperous and prosperous without discrimination."

Less overseas coal is good, but developing countries still in need of more electricity

PARIS.

President Xi announced last month that China is stopping its financing for new coal-fired power plants overseas. With this announcement from Beijing, the governments of the world's largest economies have now achieved a consensus to halt their overseas funding of coal plants in developing countries, thereby advancing global efforts to reduce future carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions.

Energized by this success on climate, these governments should now turn their efforts to mobilizing the massive financing required to build the clean power projects that the developing world still needs to fight poverty.

Globally, nearly 30% of the energy sector's CO2 emissions come from coal-fired power plants. Even as various developed countries moved to reduce their own coal use to lower emissions domestically, new coal power plants were being proposed across the developing world, often with financing from China under its massive Belt and Road Initiative.

As China, as well as notably Japan and South Korea, funded coal plants abroad (cumulatively providing 90% of overseas public sector financing), climate specialists raised the alarm that these new plants would threaten global emissions reduction efforts.

Given these concerns, the EU, the U.S. (beginning under Biden) and others have been campaigning for governments to end their financing for new overseas coal-fired projects. China's announcement last month, following on similar ones by South Korea and Japan (as well as the G-7) earlier this year, represents the culmination of a successful international campaign against this financing.

Even though there are other sources of financing for coal power plants (by some estimates, substantially larger than China's), the decisions by Beijing, Tokyo and Seoul, as well as the parallel international effort among private banks and other financial institutions, will significantly slow new coal power investments in the developing world.

For example, it has been estimated that China's new commitment could impact 44 power projects in Asia and Africa, resulting in a cut of \$50 billion in investment. Moreover, the U.S. recently announced that it would oppose any new coal-based projects by multilateral development banks (MDBs), shutting off another source of potential financing.

And yet this success presents its own challenges, at least for poorer



countries that were looking to benefit from the additional electricity these coal plants would provide. For example, the International Energy Agency (IEA) foresees that Africa's electricity generation will need to more than double over the next 20 years under a business-as-usual case, and more than triple under a high development scenario.

To achieve this high development scenario, Africa will need to add about 700 gigawatts in new plants, which is nearly three times the continent's existing installed generating capacity. Similarly, the IEA projects that the countries of the ASEAN region (such as Indonesia and Vietnam) will in the aggregate need to invest \$350 billion in the power sector between 2025 and 2030 to further their economic development, a figure that rises to \$490 billion under the Agency's low-carbon scenario.

But will poorer countries be able to mobilize the financing for these electricity investments, especially as overseas financing for new coal plants disappears?

The U.S. and China have both recently announced their intention to increase funding to help developing countries meet the climate challenge, with Biden looking to double the U.S.'s annual contribution to \$11.4 billion and Xi coupling his decision to end over-

seas financing for coal plants with a pledge to step up China's support for green and low-carbon investments in developing countries.

Unfortunately, there are concerns that poorer countries will nevertheless be left wanting, especially as previous pledges to provide them financing have failed to fully materialize, notably the \$100 billion per year in climate finance that developed countries committed to mobilize by 2020 to address the needs of developing countries.

To avoid this outcome and enable poorer countries to obtain the additional electricity they need, the successful diplomatic efforts that have gone into eliminating public funding for overseas coal projects need to be matched, and even exceeded, by a drive to boost funding for clean power plants.

This should not only involve increasing flows from the large development finance institutions of the U.S., China, the EU, Japan, etc. and from their other overseas investment agencies, but also mobilizing more private sector investment in developing countries, both foreign and domestic.

Non-traditional funders (including private foundations) also have a role to play. In addition, as the U.S. moves to block any coal projects and severely curtail other MDB investments in fos-

sil fuel-based electricity, it and other wealthy nations should increase their shareholder contributions to these banks to increase lending to developing countries for clean electricity.

The rationale supporting these efforts is not only that the U.S., China, the EU, Japan, and South Korea are the world's largest economies (representing over two thirds of global GDP), but also that they themselves continue to rely on coal plants to power their own economic growth. These coal plants, in turn, are generating large amounts of emissions that are using up the common carbon budget and leaving less room for electricity-related emissions from poorer countries.

For example, in 2019, 65% of China's electricity came from coal-fired power plants that generated 4.9 gigatons in CO2 emissions (GtCO2), while the U.S. emitted 1.0 GtCO2 and the EU 0.5 GtCO2 from these plants. By comparison, all of Africa's coal-fired power plants produced less than 0.3 GtCO2.

As a result, there are also important equity considerations which justify stronger action by these wealthier countries to support clean power investments in poorer ones. While many also point to the need for wealthier nations to reduce their own domestic coal emissions, the focus of this article is not on how these countries choose to

run their national power systems, but rather on what poorer countries need and how wealthier ones can help.

As President Biden has repeatedly remarked, "climate change poses an existential threat to our future." Ending investment in new overseas coal-fired plants will help to address this danger, for the benefit of both rich and poor. But poverty is also an existential threat, albeit one that does not imperil everyone. Rather it is a life-threatening menace principally aimed at the poor of the developing world. It is also one which wealthier countries can help to counter.

To fight poverty, the developing countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America need a lot more electricity. In the interest of climate, wealthy countries have succeeded in cutting off coal financing to these regions. These wealthy countries now should build off this success by carrying out an even more ambitious poverty alleviation program funding clean power across the developing world.

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Charles Mbire, chairperson of the board of directors at MTN Uganda.

DIVERSIFICATION

MTN Uganda to float 20pc of shares on securities exchange

KAMPALA

MTN Uganda has today announced its intention to proceed with an initial public offering (IPO) and subsequently list on the Uganda Securities Exchange (USE).

This follows the requisite approval by the Capital Markets Authority (CMA) and Uganda Securities Exchange for MTN Group to sell 20% of its shareholding in MTN Uganda to the public, says the mobile operator in a statement. MTN Group owns 96% of MTN Uganda.

According to the telco, the listing is in line with the group's strategic priority to create shared value, partly through ensuring broad-based ownership in its operating subsidiaries. It is also in line with the provisions of MTN Uganda's National Telecom Operator licence, which require its listing by end-June 2022, it adds.

"The intention to float announcement is a major step towards delivering on our plan to list on the USE," says Charles Mbire, chairperson of the board of directors at MTN Uganda. "It is a reaffirmation of our long-term commitment to expand investment opportunities for Ugandans and we look forward to continuing our engagement with the CMA and USE to take forward the IPO and the listing."

MTN Group vice president for Southern and East Africa Yolanda Cuba called the planned listing a milestone. "Over the last 23 years, the people of Uganda have embraced MTN as their own and given us the legitimacy to operate throughout this country. We are reciprocating by inviting Ugandans to share in the ownership of the success that we have built together."

In 1998, licence in hand, MTN Uganda commenced the rollout of our infrastructure and services. "We provided affordable access to the people through a widespread voice and data network, in-

vesting UGX3.5 trillion in infrastructure development across the 134 districts of Uganda, both rural and urban," Cuba says. "To facilitate universal access, we continue to contribute 2% of our gross annual revenue to the Uganda Communication Commission."

Over the years, MTN Uganda has prioritised the expansion of rural coverage, says the firm. "We currently cover 97% of the country's population and have over 6 000km of fibre connectivity to provide the voice and data bandwidth that connects more than 15 million subscribers not only within the country but also across the world," it says. The growth in mobile penetration in Uganda from 0.27% in 1998 to 67% as of March 2021 is proof of MTN's contribution to democratise mobile telephony, says MTN.

It adds that the fruits of this are evident in the widespread adoption of key technology platforms powered by high-speed connectivity, which enable the creation, distribution, and consumption of a wide range of digital services.

According to the company, MTN Mobile Money (MoMo) has also revolutionised the financial landscape. It points out that formal financial inclusion has nearly doubled from 28% in 2009 when MoMo was introduced in Uganda to 58% as of 2018.

It notes that MTN Uganda contributes an annual average of approximately UGX700 billion to the government treasury through taxes paid on its own account and as a withholding agent of government, making the company the largest taxpayer in Uganda for the past decade.

"We have over 1 000 direct employees and employ another 150 000 indirectly. Through our widespread distribution network, we provide a livelihood to more than 500 000 people, making MTN one of the largest employers in the country," it concludes.

ENTERPRISING

Dar residents mobilised to visit refurbished Dengu beach front

By Correspondent Beatrice Philemon

RESIDENTS of Dar es Salaam and visitors have been challenged to visit newly refurbished Dengu beach and witness activities such as Ilala Carnival and water sports as authorities seek to boost domestic tourism.

Ilala District Commissioner, Ng'wilabuzu Ludigija made the remarks on Monday while officially launching the new look Dengu beach located in front of Ocean Cancer Institute that revellers can also hold picnics and other recreation activities free of charge.

"But the only thing that we need from them is to keep the beach clean by throwing litter in designated areas and not randomly," Ludigija said adding that indiscriminate dumping of garbage of the beach pollutes the environment.

He said the refurbished Dengu beach has white clean sand which is the most beautiful thing to sample and experience by any revelers who live in the commercial capital or are visiting. Ludigija said Ilala City Council has decided to invest at Dengu beach to modernise it and support efforts by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to promote tourism in the country.

"We want to use our beach properly to raise revenue like

many other beaches across the world where beautiful white sands and clean water are available," the Ilala DC added saying Ilala Carnival is a new activity created to add value to the beach and will be held every three months.

Speaking at the event, Ilala City Council Director, Jumanne Shauri seconded DC Ludigija's call to the public to frequent the new look Dengu beach front. Shauri said ICC's leadership decided to invest in beach tourism after realising that there is revenue potential in the area.

"We want to promote tourism because Dar es Salaam is endowed with a lot of potential that has not been fully exploited including the white sandy beaches," he stated

while stressing that countries in Latin America such as Argentina and Brazil make a lot of money from beach tourism.

In remarks at the event, Ilala legislator, Mussa Zungu commended the city's administration for their creativity saying Dengu Beach is the best place in the city for entertainment such as picnics and carnivals.

"Dengu beach is now open to the public free of charge what we need from them is to keep the beach clean and secure," Zungu said while calling on revellers to start flocking to the white sandy beach which also presents a beautiful view of Kigamboni headland and cargo ships in the outer anchorage.



AB InBev's CEO, Michel Doukeris.

FALLOUT

AB InBev exploring \$1.2bn sale of German beer brands

BRUSSELS

Anheuser-Busch InBev NV is exploring a sale of some of its German beer brands as it focuses on growth away from the world's most popular alcoholic beverage, according to people familiar with the matter.

The portfolio of regional brands could be valued at about 1 billion euros (\$1.2 billion), the people said, asking not to be identified discussing confidential information. The world's largest brewer is working with an adviser as it explores options, they said. Discussions are ongoing and there's no certainty that AB InBev will decide to proceed with a sale of the German brands, according to the people.

"We continuously assess our options to optimise our business and drive growth," a spokesperson for Belgium-based AB InBev said in an

emailed statement. AB InBev employs more than 2 000 people in Germany, where it brews beers including Franziskaner Weissbier, Hasseroder and Spaten. Its brewery in Bremen, where it makes the iconic Beck's brand, is the largest in the country.

Many of the brands were inherited from Interbrew, which merged with Brazilian beer-maker Ambev in 2004 to form InBev – the company that later combined with Anheuser-Busch. While Germany is Europe's largest brewer, producing about a quarter of beers originating from the continent, it exports less of the drink than both the Netherlands and Belgium, according to European Commission figures.

AB InBev completed its \$100 billion-plus takeover of British brewer SABMiller Plc five years ago – a deal that left the company deeply

in debt and highly exposed to a beverage category that's losing out to spirits and wine in developed countries. Its shares are down almost 60% since the deal closed.

Under new Chief Executive Officer Michel Doukeris, who took charge in July, AB InBev is now looking beyond beer for future growth. A 25-year company veteran, he's eyeing opportunities in products such as hard seltzers and canned cocktails.

Mining insights from AB InBev's data analytics tools and delivery apps will also guide the company's investments into new labels or future delivery ventures, Doukeris said in an interview in July. His strategy builds on his predecessor Carlos Brito's initiatives to diversify, while keeping its brewing operations fresh, as with the rollout of the popular low-calorie Michelob Ultra lager.



Azania Bank Limited's Lumumba branch manager, Valentina Chasama (L) exchange greetings with Azania Secondary School headmaster Melisius Kayombo after presenting double deck beds donated by the bank to the school as part of activities to mark this year's Customer Service week. This was at a ceremony held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

US tech giants to profit from Kenya data in trade pact deal

NAIROBI

US tech giants are likely to increasingly mine and monetise data from Kenya if the proposed trade deal between Nairobi and Washington is successfully concluded, a United Nations agency has suggested.

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) says the proposed free trade agreement between the two countries includes digital economy as one of the key issues for negotiations.

The objective, analysts at UNCTAD say in a fresh report, is to negotiate for inclusion of "state-of-the-art rules" in the trade deal which will not allow Nairobi to impose restrictions on cross-border data flows.

The US is further pushing for removal of hurdles which require digital firms use or install local computing facilities.

Kenya has a legal framework which requires localisation of personal data to protect revenue under Section 50 of the Data Protection Act, 2019.

"Given the different degrees of digital development in the United States and Kenya, data flows between the two economies are most likely to enable global digital platforms in the United States to access Kenyan data and harness them, while Kenyan companies may have more limited abilities to collect and monetize data generated in the United States," UNCTAD analysts wrote in the Digital Economy Report 2021.

Kenya and the US formally launched negotiations for a bilateral trade pact on July 8, 2020, which the two economies initially hoped will be the benchmark for similar agreements across Africa. Kenya is keen to do a deal with Washington before the expiry of the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) which

allows sub-Saharan African states to export thousands of products to the US without tariffs or quotas until 2025.

The pace of the negotiations, which were initiated under the previous regime of Donald Trump, has, however, slowed under the current US administration which wants it reviewed to ensure it is aligned with President Joe Biden's \$4 trillion revamp of the American economy.

The US includes digital trade agenda – which includes clauses on free flow of data and a ban on data localisation – in its negotiations for bilateral, regional and multilateral trade deals. This followed pressures from its tech giants such as Google which argued such clauses will create certainty in regulatory framework in countries or regions they operate in, and will, therefore, not have to invest heavily in data storage and cable infrastructure.



Ilala district commissioner Ng'wilabuzo Ludigija speaks at a past event.

ELECTRONIC

Ilala DC urges telcos to help digitise parking lot fees payment system

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

TELECOMMUNICATIONS companies have been called upon to work with the government in enabling motorists pay parking fees using their mobile phones and other electronic gadgets.

Ilala District Commissioner, Ng'wilabuzo Ludigija said in Dar es Salaam on Monday that telcos should work in partnership with Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency to digitize the payment system for efficiency and security reasons.

"Telcom companies in the country can simplify work by giving the public a platform where they can be sensitized on the importance of paying parking fees through the digital system," Ludigija said during a ceremony when TARURA and Vodacom Tanzania Plc announced a partnership to allow M-Pesa subscribers pay their parking fees online.

He pointed out that use of online payment system will also help the government to collect its dues efficiently including debts hence contributing to beefing up state coffers with resources needed to improve

infrastructure and offer social services.

The Ilala DC thanked Vodacom for donating reflector vests to be used by the parking lot attendants saying such attire will help motorists identify them easily. "Going forward, these attendants will be given numbers or name tags so that people can easily know them as TARURA agents," he noted.

Speaking at the same ceremony, M-Pesa Director, Epimack Mbeten said that the donated vests are aimed at supporting government plans to increase revenue collection through TARURA parking lots fees.

"We know the government is in the process

of taking Tanzania to the digital world where everything will be done online which will benefit the country economically. We as Vodacom know that our job is to facilitate such efforts to ensure that the mission is accomplished," he noted.

He said digital platforms can ease the work of labourers as manual work is replaced by digital platforms hence improving safety, security and efficiency. "Increased use of digital platform changes the way that we make payment because it makes it easier for everyone to pay their bills at their convenience," the M-Pesa Director added.

OFFER

Emirates luring local travellers to go to global destinations with 20 pc fare cut

By Guardian Reporter

LOCAL travellers willing to travel to various global destinations aboard Emirates Airlines should book their tickets between now and October 14 to enjoy a 20 percent fare reduction.

In a statement yesterday, the Dubai based airliner said the offer is available across all cabins for return and one-way tickets to destinations via Dubai and beyond. The airline operates four weekly passenger flights from Julius Nyerere International Airport to Dubai International Airport.

"Tanzanians can enjoy the special offer by making bookings between 4 and 14 October 2021 for travel made from 4 October to 31 March 2022," the statement said adding that with special fares, flexible booking options, world-class service and award-winning product, Tanzanians can once again rediscover the world and go on that much needed break.

"Tanzanians will also have the unique opportunity to stop over in Dubai and experience the world's greatest show at the Expo 2020 Dubai with 190 country pavilions, a jammed packed programme of entertainment, workshops, performances, and so much more," the statement added.

The statement explained that passengers who plan a stopover in Dubai will receive a complimentary Emirates Expo 2020 day pass and with the possibility of earning a one Skywards Mile for every one minute spent in Dubai between 01 October 2021 and 31 March 2022.

"Existing and new Emirates Skywards members who sign up for the program before 31 March 2022, can avail the offer on Emirates.com, and will earn up to 5,000 miles. The offer is applicable on all Emirates flight tickets purchased between 01 August 2021 and 31 March 2022, for travel during Expo 2020 Dubai," the statement stated.

The Dubai Expo 2020 is a global event and an immersive cultural experience that celebrates how technology is influencing the way we travel today. At the event, Tanzanians can look forward to virtually designing their own aircraft, stepping into futuristic cabins, and experiencing more cutting-edge technology, arts and crafts than they've ever seen before, the statement noted.



Emirates President and CEO, Tim Clark.

Chicken, magumba and art on 36 containers is new market on Maputo waterfront

MAPUTO

A group of 40 Mozambican artists were invited to create an open-air art gallery along Maputo's water-front, painting containers for the Mercado Municipal do Frango e Magumba, a new restaurant and socialising space.

The area between the avenue and the beach will house the dozens of stalls that until two years ago proliferated in a disorderly manner along the Costa do Sol beach and were removed by the municipality, which now prohibits commerce in inappropriate places such as public walkways.

With buckets of paint, brushes

and sprays-painters in hand, the 40 plastic artists depicted "Mozambican culture", portraying movement, figures and landscapes on the 36 containers set to be transformed into restaurants for the sale of chicken and magumba (a variety of fish similar to sardines).

The initiative is one of the municipality of Maputo, in collaboration with the Confederation of Economic Associations of Mozambique (CTA). "We transmit the culture," and "the tones have a lot to do with this tropical space", Samuel Djive, one of the plastic artists and curator involved in the project, told Lusa.

Djive has been a visual artist for over 15 years, a passion nurtured since he was a child, that led him to the Maputo School of Arts and which he wants to grow with higher education in the same area, he explained.

"For me, the open-air gallery is very good because it is for everyone, regardless of the person's social status. Everyone can come here and enjoy it," the artist said, while putting the finishing touches to the container he had just painted.

In the first phase, 13 containers have been painted, to be followed by another 23 in the second phase, which should end

this weekend, explained CIN representative Nicole Henriques, who is supplying the paint for the initiative.

"We ourselves feel that art and culture are aspects that need to be valued on a daily basis. It is important that they are exhibited, not only in art galleries, but in interventions like this one," he commented. The 40 artists are associated with the Maputo Arts Centre, and were selected via a competition in which each one presented a sketch.

Eugénio Saranga, a visual artist for 30 years, was one of those selected and thinks that the market will be a good space for

ACQUISITION

Sanlam purchases Absa's investment management businesses in SA

NAIROBI

JOHANNESBURG
Sanlam and Absa announced on Tuesday that Sanlam would acquire Absa's investment management business, increasing Sanlam Investment Holdings's (SIH) total assets under management to more than R1 trillion.

The transaction will result in Absa holding 17.5% in Sanlam Investments. According to a statement, Absa Investments includes Absa Asset Management, Absa Alternative Asset Management, Absa Fund Managers and Absa Multi Management. Absa's Prudential Money Market Fund is excluded from the transaction.

Empowerment group ARC Financial Services Investments has a 25% interest in Sanlam Investments, with Sanlam owning the remaining 75%. The combination of SIH with Absa Investments will further strengthen SIH's position as one of South Africa's largest black-owned asset managers.

Absa also intends to sell its market linked investment services provider (Lisp) business to Glacier. Absa will also enter into a 10-year distribution agreement with SIH, meaning the expanded operations will utilise the distribution networks of both Sanlam and Absa, which significantly broadens the market reach for the enlarged SIH.

Sanlam Group CEO Paul Hanratty said, "Sanlam prides itself on having a leading investment business at our core to ensure that we can deliver superb returns to all our customers. We are confident that this transaction will strengthen our ability to deliver investment excellence for customers through our ability to further invest in the business."

Jason Quinn, Absa Interim group chief executive, said, "the transaction delivers improved scale, capabilities, customer propositions and transformation, all of which we view as essential to achieving growth in the investment management sector. The transaction will help us create a deeper, broader range of investment solutions for our clients."

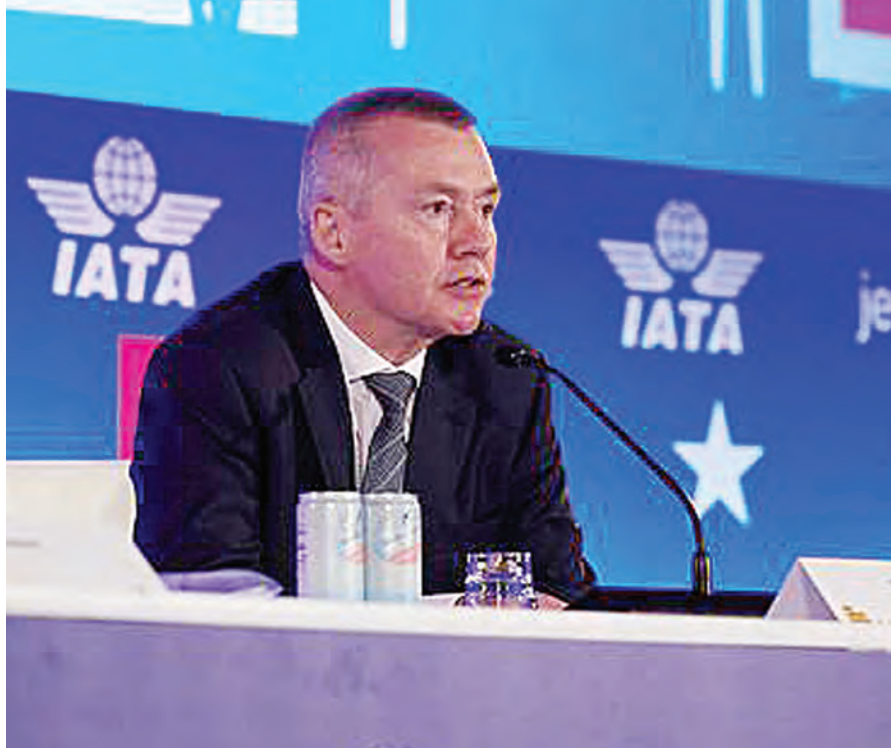
"There is an exciting complementary nature to the relationship, which we believe will realise value for all of our stakeholders." The effective date of the transaction is expected to occur in the first half of 2022.

The agency imported NPK, which is a chemical compounded fertiliser special for tea and it will help farmers in improving the quality and yield of their crop. The subsidy plan is part of the tea reforms that has been initiated by the government in order to protect farmers earnings in the wake low price amid high cost of production.

people to interact with art and leisure, lamenting the fact that few Mozambicans visit galleries. "Bringing art out into the open is bringing it closer to the public, to people who don't normally go to the galleries," he said, guiding his brush over the image of a boat with fishermen.

The project is budgeted at around 70 million meticaics (€948,000), according to Bruno Miguel, architect and president of the Land and Environment department at the CTA, who adds that the idea for the gallery arose from a desire to "embrace artists" feeling the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Iata says airlines expect losses to narrow in 2022 amid uneven pandemic recovery



IATA director general Willie Walsh addresses an in-person gathering of global airline chief executives in Boston, US for the first time since the pandemic.

BOSTON

Global airlines expect losses in 2022 to drop to \$11.6bn after registering a \$51.8bn loss in 2021 as aviation makes an uneven recovery from the coronavirus pandemic, the industry body Iata said at its annual general meeting in Boston on Monday.

Global carriers will shoulder total accumulative losses of \$201bn in the period between 2020 to 2022, as a result of the pandemic that brought air travel to a halt, Iata said. It revised upwards the loss for 2020 to \$137.7bn from earlier estimates of \$126.4bn.

"The magnitude of the Covid-19 crisis for airlines is enormous," Willie Walsh, Iata's director general, told the in-person gathering of airline chief executives for the first time in two years. "People have not lost their desire to travel as we see in solid domestic market resilience. But they are being held back from international travel by restrictions, uncertainty and complexity."

While domestic travel has started to improve, long-haul trips that are essential for many major airlines have yet to show any meaningful recovery. However, the aviation

veteran did offer some optimism on the outlook for the industry.

"We are well past the deepest point of the crisis," Mr Walsh said. "While serious issues remain, the path to recovery is coming into view. Aviation is demonstrating its resilience yet again." Demand for domestic flights is leading the recovery and is expected to reach 93 per cent of pre-crisis levels in 2022, Iata said.

International travel continues to lag behind due to border restrictions and is expected to reach 44 per cent of pre-pandemic levels next year. Passenger traffic is forecast to reach 2.3 billion in 2021, growing to 3.4 billion in 2022, which is similar to 2014 levels and "significantly below" the 4.5 billion travellers in 2019 before the pandemic hit, according to Iata.

Passenger revenue will reach \$227bn in 2021, expected to grow by 2 per cent in 2021 and a further 10 per cent in 2022. Overall revenues in 2021 should rise 26.7 per cent year-on-year to \$472bn, which is comparable to 2009 levels, Iata said. Revenue will further rise 39.3 per cent in 2022 to \$658bn, which is similar to 2011 levels.

While carriers in all the global regions will

narrow their loss in 2022 compared to this year, only those in North America will turn a profit next year, Iata said. Middle East carriers are forecast to report smaller loss of \$4.6bn in 2022, compared to \$6.8bn in 2021.

"Without large domestic markets, the region's major carriers rely significantly on connecting traffic, especially to Asia-Pacific which has been slow to re-open to international traffic," the Iata report said. Air cargo remains a bright spot for the industry. Demand for air cargo is expected to continue, with 2021 demand at 7.9 per cent above 2019 levels, growing to 13.2 per cent above 2019 levels in 2022.

Mr Walsh called on governments to continue extending wage support measures and airport slot waivers to airlines. Governments across the world have provided financial aid to airlines of \$243bn since the beginning of the pandemic until the end of September 2021, Iata said.

"Our industry is rising from the destruction of Covid-19 and the challenges of sustainability and without a doubt we will fly again," Mr Walsh concluded. China Eastern Airlines will host the next 78th Iata annual general meeting in Shanghai on June 19 to 21, Iata said.

France and Spain appeal for EU action on energy crisis amid rise in prices

MADRID

France and Spain have called for a co-ordinated European response to the surge in global energy prices to protect the cost of living of its poorest residents and the competitiveness of businesses.

The two countries demanded changes to rules governing the EU's energy markets, as they look to protect the bloc's ambitious plans to become net zero by 2050. Soaring prices for gas and electricity are forcing high utility bills up even further, hurting citizens who have already been hit hard by the pandemic.

"What we see is an unprecedented spike in energy prices," said Spanish Finance Minister Nadia Calvino. "This is not an issue that we can tackle at national level. We need a European co-ordinated response." Ms Calvino said her country had prepared a paper on the options.

One possibility proposed by Ms Calvino was the creation of a strategic European gas reserve, which would help the 450 million consumers living in the 27-member economic bloc negotiate lower prices than if the same purchases were made individually.

"We have learnt through the negotiation of the vaccine supply that we are stronger when we speak with one voice," Ms Calvino said. Spain also wants action to stop speculation on the market for carbon dioxide emissions permits, which also helped to drive up prices, she said.

French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire said he would propose better regulation of European gas stocks and breaking the link between the price of electricity and

that of gas. He said an alternative option would be to tie it to the average cost of production in every EU country.

"The European energy market has one key advantage - it secures the supply of energy everywhere in Europe. But it also has one major downside - the alignment of electricity prices with gas prices," Mr Le Maire said.

He stressed this link was inefficient and created a "dead end" for Europe's transition towards renewable energy sources. He also said politicians should explain to voters that the fight against climate change would entail a long-term increase in energy costs.

"For years, not months, we will have to face an increased level of prices, because there is a need for more electricity and there is a link between electricity and gas," Mr Le Maire said. "There is also the need to invest more in renewable sources and maybe nuclear plants. This means a lot of money that could be required."

Gas prices in the EU are at a record level after the bloc's main gas supplier, Russia, kept a tight lid on deliveries, signalling further price pressures on European consumers heading into the winter heating season. Eurozone inflation hit a 13-year high in September, rising at its fastest pace since 2008 as energy costs rocketed.

Almost three million EU workers cannot afford to heat their homes, according to the European Trade Union Confederation. A study last month by ETUC, which represents 45 million members, showed that 15 per cent of the EU's working poor - or 2.7 million people - lack enough money to turn on the heating.



Spanish Economy minister Nadia Calvino arrives for the Eurogroup meeting in Luxembourg.



ITV

SATURDAY 18 Sept

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6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:00 Habari
8:00 Al Jazeera
9:00 Watoto Wetu
10:00 Shika Bamba 5
10:30 Mjue Zaidi rpt
11:15 Chetu ni chetu rpt
12:00 Hawavumi lakini wamo
13:00 Usafiri Wako
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18:00 Jiji Letu
18:30 Kipindi Maalum: Huru Talk Show
19:00 Jungu Kuu
19:30 Shika Bamba
20:00 Habari
21:00 Igizo: Rebeca
21:30 Art and lifestyle
22:00 ITV TOP 10
22:45 Hawavumi lakini wamo
23:45 Soap: Uzalo rpt
01:15 DWTV

SUNDAY 19 Sept

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:00 Habari
8:00 Al Jazeera
09:00 Watoto Wetu
10:00 Soap: Uzalo rpt
11:35 Bongo Movie rpt:
14:00 Tamasha la Michezo
15:30 Mwangaza
16:30 ITV Top 10
17:20 Kipindi cha kikristo
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Mapishi
18:30 Matukio ya wiki
19:30 Igizo: Rebeca
20:00 Habari
21:00 Kipindi maalum: Biko
21:10 Mizengwe
21:30 Mjue Zaidi
22:15 Bongo Movie:
00:05 Al Jazeera

MONDAY 20 Sept

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
8:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30 Soap: Uzalo
9:55 Habari za saa
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10:30 Habari za saa
11:00 ITV Top 10 rpt
11:55 Habari za saa
12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Kipindi Maalum: Huru Talk Show
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15:00 Meza Huru
16:30 Watoto Wetu
17:00 The Base
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:10 Albu yako rpt
18:15 Mapishi rpt
18:30 DWTV: Kesho leo
19:00 Afiya ya Jamii
19:30 Soap: Uzalo
20:00 Habari
21:05 Dakika 45
22:00 Kipindi Maalum: Bundesliga na DW
22:15 Makala Maalum
23:00 Habari
23:30 The Base
00:30 Al Jazeera
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TUESDAY 21 Sept

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
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8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
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9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30 Soap: Uzalo
9:55 Habari za saa
10:00 Watoto Wetu rpt
10:25 Kipindi Maalum: Tanzania Yetu
10:55 Habari za saa
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18:10 Yu wapi
18:15 Igizo: Mizengwe rpt
18:30 Uchumi na biashara
19:00 Jarida la wanawake
19:30 Soap: Uzalo
20:00 Habari
21:00 Kipindi Maalum: NSSF
21:15 Kipindi Maalum: Tanzania Yetu
21:45 Chetu ni chetu
22:25 Makala Maalum
23:00 Habari
23:30 The Base
00:30 Al Jazeera
02:00 DWTV

WEDNESDAY 22 Sept

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
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8:55 Habari za saa
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9:30 Soap: Uzalo
9:55 Habari za saa
10:00 Watoto Wetu rpt
10:30 Uchumi na biashara rpt
10:55 Habari za saa

THURSDAY 23 Sept

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
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9:30 Soap: Uzalo
9:55 Habari za saa
10:00 Watoto Wetu
10:30 Shamba lulu rpt
10:55 Habari za saa
11:00 The Base rpt
11:55 Habari za saa
12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Ijue sheria rpt
12:55 Habari za saa
13:00 Shamsam za Pwani rpt
13:55 Habari za saa
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18:15 Mapishi rpt
18:30 Jagina
19:00 Usafiri wako
19:30 Soap: Uzalo
20:00 Habari
21:00 Matumboano ya hoja
23:00 Habari
23:30 The Base
00:30 Al Jazeera
02:00 DWTV

FRIDAY 24 Sept

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21:05 Kipindi Maalum: Tanesco
21:35 Ripoti Maalum
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21:00 Kipindi maalum: Biko
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21:30 Mjue Zaidi
22:15 Bongo Movie:
00:05 Al Jazeera

FRIDAY 25 Sept

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23:45 Soap: Uzalo rpt
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SATURDAY 26 Sept

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
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7:00 Habari
8:00 Al Jazeera
9:00 Watoto Wetu
10:00 Shika Bamba 5
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SUNDAY 27 Sept

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
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7:00 Habari
8:00 Al Jazeera
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CAPITAL

Sat 25 Sept

08:00 Al Jazeera
09:00 Rev rpt
09:30 Turning the Spotlight rpt
10:00 Culinary delight rpt
10:30 Innovation rpt
11:00 Out n' about rpt
11:30 Sports Gazette rpt
12:00 Shamba Lulu rpt
12:30 Eco@Africa rpt
13:00 Business edition rpt
13:30 Korean Drama rpt: Emperor of the Sea
14:30 Telenovela rpt: Lover her to death
17:15 Tanzania Yetu rpt
17:45 Bundesliga kick off
18:15 Capchat rpt
19:15 Mizengwe
19:30 The Decor
20:00 Korean Drama: Emperor of the Sea
21:00 Out n' About
21:30 Movie : Love Happens (tape no:3785)
23:00 Series rpt: Beats of Love
01:00 Al Jazeera

Sun 26 Sept

08:00 Al Jazeera
09:00 In good shape
10:00 Capchat rpt
11:00 Sports Gazette rpt
11:30 Korean Drama rpt: Emperor of the Sea
12:00 Jagina rpt
12:30 Bundesliga Kick Off rpt
13:00 In good shape rpt
13:30 Series rpt: Beats of Love
15:15 Albu yako
15:30 Rev rpt
16:00 Dakika 45 rpt
16:45 Mizengwe rpt
17:00 The Decor rpt
17:30 Meza Huru
19:00 Turning the Spotlight rpt
19:30 Cookery pgm: Culinary Delights
20:00 Korean Drama: Emperor of the Sea
21:00 Dw News Africa
21:30 Capchat live
22:15 Telenovela rpt: Lover her to death
00:00 Al Jazeera

WORLD

UN chief: Uncurbed debt 'dagger through heart' for global recovery

NEW YORK

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned on Monday that if left unchecked debt distress in the world's most vulnerable countries would be "a dagger through the heart of global recovery" from the coronavirus pandemic.

"The international community has taken a few positive steps, but it is time for a quantum leap in support,"

Guterres said, speaking at the opening of the UN Conference on Trade and Development in Barbados.

As of mid-2021, over half of the world's poorest countries "are in external debt distress, or at risk of it," World Bank President David Malpass said last week.

The International Monetary Fund in August approved a \$650 billion allocation of Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) - the fund's unit of exchange backed



Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations

by dollars, euros, yen, sterling and yuan. Guterres pushed for a substantial re-allocation of unused SDRs - "not a symbolic one" - to vulnerable countries.

He also called for G20's Debt Service Suspension Initiative to be extended into next year and made available to all countries that need it, including middle-income countries, for a comprehensive strategy around reforming the international debt architecture and for private fi-

nance to help fill the gap.

"We know suspending debt payments will not be enough in many countries. They will need effective debt relief, involving both public and private creditors," Guterres said.

"It is deeply unfair that rich countries can borrow cheaply and spend their way to recovery - while low- and middle-income countries struggle to keep their economies afloat," he said.

Agencies

US trade chief seeks 'frank conversations' with China

WASHINGTON

US Trade Representative Katherine Tai said on Monday that the United States seeks "frank conversations" with the Chinese side on issues including implementation of the phase-one economic and trade agreement, and industrial policies.

Tai made the remarks at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington, DC-based think tank, on the Biden administration's approach to the US-China trade relationship.

"The US-China trade and economic relationship is one of profound consequence," she said. "How we relate to each other does not just affect our two countries. It impacts the entire world and billions of workers."

Tai said the Biden admin-

istration needs to "take a new, holistic, and pragmatic approach" to dealing with the trade relationship with China, while claiming that it will work with allies and like-minded partners towards building "truly fair international trade" and vowing to defend "American economic interests from harmful policies and practices" with old and new tools.

"Our objective is not to inflame trade tensions with China," the US official stressed, revealing that the Biden administration "will start a targeted tariff exclusion process."

Tai also proposed a "durable coexistence" between the world's two largest economies. When asked about the US-China economic decoupling, she said she didn't think full decoupling was a



US Trade Representative Katherine Tai

realistic outcome, adding that "the issue perhaps is what are the goals we're looking for in a kind of recoupling."

The US side is sending a signal that it is ready to hold talks and re-engage with the Chinese side on economic

and trade issues, according to Craig Allen, president of the US-China Business Council, which represents over 200 American companies doing business with China.

"So that's good, in a way it's sort of an invitation to start

dialogue, again, and I think that's important," Allen told Xinhua in response to Tai's remarks. "We would like to see a roadmap to engage between USTR and Chinese counterparts, to resolve issues and to get rid of the tariffs."

Last week, Hua Chunying, a spokesperson for the Chinese Foreign Ministry, said "the China-US economic and trade relations are in essence mutually beneficial and win-win, and both sides stand to lose in a trade war."

"We hope the United States will earnestly respect market economy principles and international trade rules, and work with China to strive for healthy and steady development of China-US trade and economic relations," Hua added.

Xinhua

Australian PM indicates he may skip UN's climate summit

By Bloomberg

AUSTRALIA'S coal-supporting leader indicated he may skip another major climate summit, this time the crucial United Nations' COP26 conference starting in Glasgow at the end of this month.

The nation "will be represented at a very senior level" at COP26, Prime Minister Scott Morrison, who didn't attend a climate-based conference while in the US last month, said Tuesday in an interview on Channel 9.

Australia, one of the world's biggest fossil fuel exporters and per-capita emitters, faces pressure to become one of the last developed economies to commit to a net-zero emis-

sions target.

Most nations are expected to outline their climate-reduction targets when officials from almost 200 countries gather for the fortnight of negotiations.

US President Joe Biden will be among those attending and his climate envoy, John Kerry, has said it will be the last chance for the world to avoid a disaster triggered by greenhouse-gas emissions.

While every Australian state and territory has already committed to net-zero emissions by 2050, a national target is politically complicated for Morrison, who must hold elections by May and trails the main Labor opposition in opinion polls. His ruling



conservative coalition, which holds a razor-thin majority in parliament, has crucial support from voters in coal-mining regions.

Rather than committing to a hard target to reach net-zero emissions, Morrison has so far said it was his government's "ambition" to reach that level by 2050. On Tuesday the prime minister said his first responsibility was to explain his climate policy to Aus-

tralian, "not to people overseas". Morrison also said that if he does attend, he would face 14 days in quarantine on his return to Australia due to COVID-19 protocols.

The prime minister, who has faced domestic criticism for traveling between states in lockdown, is one of a select group of Australians that have traveled abroad multiple times this year. He quarantined after trips to the UK and the US, where he skipped an in-person address at the UN summit amid meetings with Biden.

Fiscal moderates within Morrison's ruling Liberal party, such as Treasurer Josh Frydenberg, have been urging the prime minister to join more than 120 other nations

to commit to a net-zero target, saying failure to do so would increase the cost of capital and reduce its availability.

They face resistance from taking further climate change action from the junior Nationals coalition partner, including Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce, who point to the economic importance of coal and natural gas, which account for about A\$120 billion (\$88 billion) a year of the nation's export income.

Climate issues are expected to be thrashed out within the government during the next meetings of the ruling coalition partyroom when parliament is due for its next sitting session from Oct 18.

Agencies

Facebook services almost completely recover from crash

NEW YORK

FACEBOOK, Instagram, and WhatsApp have almost completely recovered from the massive outage.

WhatsApp has announced fully returning to normal mode, while Facebook and Instagram are still continuing repair works. Although, there seem to be no difficulties with using their apps or websites. Downtdetector has no new reports of large-scale crashes in other applications and sites.

Reasons for the crash

In an official statement on Monday evening, Facebook confirmed that the problem was a faulty configuration change that caused the DNS routers to malfunction. "Our engineering teams have learned that configuration changes on the backbone routers that coordinate network traffic between our data centers caused issues that interrupted this communication," Facebook said.

Thus, the problems were the fault of the company itself, and not a result of an external hacker attack. Facebook websites became virtually invisible to the rest of the network for over 6 hours.

Since Facebook's apps and the company's internal network are closely intertwined, the outage also paralyzed corporate communications and blocked electronic locks. Opening the locks to access the servers in order to reboot them had to be done manually.

Problems with other websites and services were the result of Facebook's crash - the platforms were overwhelmed by repeated requests.

Business losses

Facebook claims the crash did not lead to user data leaks. The emergence of a new personal database on the darknet could have nothing to do with the outage.

Meanwhile, Facebook shares fell by 4.89% by 23:00 Moscow time, although there was a trend towards recovery at the end of the session. The company's CEO Mark Zuckerberg lost \$6.7 bln over the day, dropping from fourth to sixth place in the ranking of the richest people in the world. The Nasdaq dropped 2.14%, pulling other major US indices along with it - the Dow Jones fell by 0.94%, and the S&P 500 lost 1.3%.

What Facebook says

Facebook remained silent throughout the outage, the company issued a series of statements only when websites and apps began to resume activities. The company has apologized to users several times at various levels.

The platform continues to review the causes and circumstances of the incident and promises to do everything possible to prevent this from happening in the future.

"We understand the impact outages like these have on people's lives, and our responsibility to keep people informed about disruptions to our services. We apologize to all those affected, and we're working to understand more about what happened today so we can continue to make our infrastructure more resilient," the company said.

What happens next

The crash happened at a difficult time for Facebook. Over the past two weeks, the media reported on the company's bad corporate practices, how it ignored the information about the psychological problems caused by its products.

On Tuesday, the US Senate will hold a hearing on the issue with former Facebook employee Frances Hougen. The US authorities could use the company's problems to fight the company's dominant market position.

Europe requests more coal from Russia, producers ready - sources

MOSCOW

EUROPEAN consumers requested an increase in steam coal suppliers on the back of record-breaking gas prices and Russian coal producers are ready to boost sales for the region, two sources on the coal market told TASS.

Russian Railways, in their turn, have the opportunity to increase coal haulage to Europe, the company's press service said.

"European consumers, particularly power companies, requested extra supplies of steam coal from Russia," the source in a coal company told TASS. The second source on the market confirmed requests of European companies for higher coal deliveries on the back of the gas price rally. "Infrastructure capabilities of Russian Railways will make it possible to support extra coal export in the western direction if needed. Concerning the railcar fleet, its pool as estimated by Russian Railways is also sufficient for a significant increase in carriage," the press service of Russian Railways said.

Agencies

HUMAN resources are of huge importance for China's rural vitalization. At present, there are over 17 million high-caliber farmers working in the countryside to prosper the rural regions.

The improved scientific literacy of Chinese farmers has laid a solid foundation for their overall development, and is offering stronger support for the country's rural economy.

Bao Yuan is a young man running an aquatic product company in Qujing, southwest China's Yunnan province that he established in 2014 after graduating from Yunnan Normal University in 2014. "Artificial breeding not only diversifies people's choices, but also helps pro-

Technologies arm professional farmers in China

tect endangered local fish species," he said.

Song Xueqin is a Gen Y female who has made her name in the Lvliang Mountains, north China's Shanxi province by flat peach grafting techniques.

After graduation from college, Song was successively engaged in catering business, gypsum processing and sheep husbandry, but didn't succeed in any of those.

In 2009, she heard that Chinese wild peaches can be turned into flat peaches through grafting techniques, so she asked one of her friends to bring her scions of flat peaches from northwest China's

Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region and invited an expert to impart relevant skills to her.

A year later, Song and her husband grafted flat peach scions onto over 4,000 wild peaches on a hillside near Hetaozhang village, Fenxi County, Shanxi province, but the fruiting wasn't good.

"After consulting relevant materials and experts, we finally realized what cross-pollination was. The yield goes high only when varieties grafted match," she said.

Last year, the woman received her first certification of her life - a certificate for new professional farmers.

"The countryside is never short of resources. In recent years, as people's living standards have been raised, they are developing a larger demand for green and high-quality agricultural products. This trend is mobilizing more and more well-educated entrepreneurs who are technically skilled and know how to operate and manage businesses to go back to the countryside," said Zuo Chenming, a senior researcher with AliResearch, a research arm of Alibaba Group.

Early in the morning, Mi Xiaohong from Yuzhong County, Lanzhou, northwest China's Gansu province started working in a cow-

shed, serving the cattle with new fodder and water and cleaning the cowshed.

"The making of cattle fodder is complicated, as we must calculate how much grass and other materials we add in it and fairly decide the ratios of bran, glacial flour and salt," she told People's Daily, adding that the ingredients have to be adjusted according to different growth periods of the cattle. Mi, always attending training programs held by the county government, has become a specialist in cattle husbandry.

"I made many detours as a layman, but now I'm often consulted by fellow villagers," she said, adding

that only by continuous learning can she solve more problems.

Today, local authorities across China are issuing new policies and measures to encourage farmers to study technologies.

Shandong province has launched a professional title evaluation system for professional farmers, and Jiangsu province's Kunshan is offering free college education for professional farmers.

In Gansu Province, training sessions are launched for heads of professional cooperatives and animal epidemic prevention coordinators, in an effort to bring technologies to the farmland and find solutions to agricultural problems.

People's Daily

Preparations underway for face-to-face Putin-Pashinyan meeting – Kremlin spokesman

MOSCOW

ARMENIAN Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan plans to visit Russia, and preparations are underway for his in-person meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov told TASS on Monday.

Earlier on Monday, Russian Federation Council Speaker Valentina Matviyenko met with President of the National Assembly of Armenia Alen Simonyan, saying that a face-to-face meeting of Putin and Pashinyan was prepared.

"[Pashinyan's visit to Russia] is expected. A personal meeting [with Putin] is being prepared," the Kremlin spokesman said. This year, Putin and Pashinyan met in person three times, and they spoke over the

phone more than ten times. According to Matviyenko, these active contacts set the pace to the entire range of Russian-Armenian relations.

On Monday, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and Alen Simonyan discussed the post-conflict settlement in Nagorno-Karabakh and the activity of the OSCE Minsk Group. The Armenian speaker expressed gratitude to the Russian leadership for mediatory efforts in the settlement of the armed conflict around Karabakh.

Renewed clashes between Azerbaijan and Armenia erupted on September 27, 2020, with intense battles raging in the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh. On November 9, 2020, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev and Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan signed a joint statement on a complete ceasefire in Nagorno-Karabakh.

Biden slams Republicans for blocking Democrats' efforts to raise debt limit

WASHINGTON

U.S. President Joe Biden on Monday urged the Congress to raise the debt limit, lashing out at Republicans for threatening to use their power to block Democrats' efforts.

"Not only are Republicans refusing to do their job, they're threatening to use the power – their power to prevent us from doing our job: saving the economy from a catastrophic event," Biden said in a speech at the White House State Dining Room.

"I think, quite frankly, it's hypocritical, dangerous, and disgraceful," he said. Biden said Republicans are threatening to use a procedural power called the filibuster, which means Democrats would need to get 60 votes - instead of a simple majority - to increase the debt limit in a 50-50 split Senate.

In a letter to the president on Monday, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, however, reiterated that his party won't help Democrats on the issue, complaining about Democrats' lack of bipartisanship in crafting major legislations.

"All year, your party has chosen to pursue staggering, 'transformational' spending through unprecedented use of the party-line reconciliation process," McConnell said.

The reconciliation process only requires a simple majority in the Senate to pass a legislation, which allows

Democrats to approve a measure without Republican support.

"For two and a half months, we have simply warned that since your party wished to govern alone, it must handle the debt limit alone as well," McConnell said.

"Senate Democrats do not need Republican cooperation in any shape or form to do their job," said the Republican leader, adding that nonpartisan experts confirm that Senate Democrats have every necessary tool to pass a standalone debt limit increase through reconciliation and enough time to do it before late October.

Noting that debt limit is often a partisan vote, the Republican leader also cited Biden's past opposition to debt limit increases while he was a senator in the minority party. Biden, in his remarks, noted that Republicans raised the debt three times when Donald Trump was president, and "each time with Democrat support."

The president also stressed that it's important to know that raising the debt limit is about "paying off our old debts," and it has nothing to do with any new spending being considered.

"The reason we have to raise the debt limit is, in part, because of the reckless tax and spending policies under the previous Trump administration," he continued.

Xinhua

UN calls for open access to scientific information on COVID-19

NAIROBI

A United Nations official on Monday stressed the need for open access to scientific information, basic science research and innovation on COVID-19 to help reduce the spread of the disease in Africa.

Hubert Gijzen, regional director for eastern Africa at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) said that all resources developed on COVID-19 should be made available in a transparent manner.

"The open access to scientific information will empower journalists and the public with fact-checking tools on COVID-19," Gijzen said during the launch of COVID-19 health information portal for media practitioners in Kenya's capital Nairobi.

Gijzen said that there was a need for information that is verified, relevant and reliable, but also in languages and formats that are easily understood. He said the platform should help tackle misinformation and disinformation around the COVID-19 pandemic online

and offline through equipping media practitioners with safety and security mechanisms and fact-checking skills and competencies.

Mutahi Kagwe, cabinet secretary in the Ministry of Health said the pandemic demanded effective and well-coordinated public communication to enhance public response and elicit cooperation. Kagwe noted the pandemic fight has been hampered by diffusion, misinformation and conspiracy theories revolving around its preventive measures.

He said that correct and timely information needs to get to all segments of society in terms of the preventive measures and the roles and responsibilities of different players in curbing the spread of the virus.

Joe Mucheru, cabinet secretary in the Ministry of ICT, Innovation and Youth Affairs said that the development of COVID-19 vaccines remains one of the notable achievements of the medical research field. Mucheru noted that researchers have saved millions of lives globally while urging African citizens to stop vaccine hesitancy.

Xinhua

Targeted COVID-19 containment allows China to enjoy Golden Week

HARBIN

PAN Lili, a community worker in China's Suihua City, Heilongjiang Province, is working through her National Day holiday from Oct. 1 to 7.

Northeast China's Heilongjiang Province has recently seen another COVID-19 outbreak. On Sept. 21, the provincial capital Harbin reported its first recent case of COVID-19, which was subsequently identified as the Delta variant.

By Saturday, there were 83 local cases in Heilongjiang Province, the provincial health commission said.

Community workers like Pan Lili are among the frontline staff battling the spread. Pan is responsible for assisting in epidemiological investigations, distributing materials for home-quarantined residents, and organizing nucleic acid testing.

"At first, I felt fear and panic when the epidemic broke out. Now, with enough experience, I can handle it with great calm," Pan said.

Cui Hongping, a nurse who also lives in Suihua City, is also working through the holiday. She and her team are responsible for Suihua's citywide nucleic acid testing campaign. The 100-member team has tested approximately 30,000 people in the course of each campaign.



A child waves the Chinese national flag while posing for photos on a bridge in Harbin, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, Oct. 2, 2021. Strict epidemic prevention and control measures have been imposed at the city's main shopping malls, tourist attractions and other sites where mass gatherings take place during the ongoing National Day holiday. (Xinhua)

Though Cui's allergies caused her hands to rupture and swell with the frequent application of hand sanitizer at work, she did not lose her focus. She put on gloves and kept working.

"My job as a nurse requires me to work to keep the people healthy and safe," she said.

Mass nucleic acid testing is an important measure for targeted COVID-19 containment. By Oct. 3, Suihua had carried out four mass nucleic acid testing campaigns, with a total of over 8.61 million

tests performed, local authorities said on Sunday.

In Bayan County, Suihua City, and other regions of Heilongjiang Province that have been impacted by this outbreak, many medical workers, traffic police and volunteers are working through the holiday. Their efforts have helped control the outbreak to a limited scope.

Through targeted COVID-19 containment measures, most Chinese people, including those in

Heilongjiang Province, are able to enjoy a safe and jubilant National Day holiday.

Some 16 million passenger trips were made by rail on Friday, the first day of the weeklong holiday, and 127 million trips are expected to be made over the full course of the holiday, according to China State Railway Group Co., Ltd.

On Shanghai's Bund, a "zipper" wall of police has appeared again. Due to the large number of tourists, police formed a human wall, diverting tourist flows with a traffic light system to prevent the dangers that can occur in crowds.

"A lively National Day holiday highlights the wisdom of China's COVID-19 management. Putting 'people first, lives first,' China is launching precise policies to minimize the impact of the pandemic on people's lives," said Qu Wenying, a professor at Heilongjiang University.

Xinhua

China improves education to alleviate poverty, helps residents embrace brighter future

AS OF the end of 2020, the number of dropouts during the nine-year compulsory education stage in China fell to 682 from over 600,000 in 2019, said data from the country's Ministry of Education (MOE).

Meanwhile, the number of dropouts from registered impoverished families had been reduced to zero, down from more than 200,000, according to the data.

The Chinese government considers education a fundamental task and has always given top priority to improving education.

Since 2012, China's government budgetary spending on education has maintained a proportion of over 4 percent in the country's GDP, and has increasingly leaned toward rural areas, border areas, areas with large ethnic minority populations, old revolutionary base areas, and outlying and poverty-stricken regions.

"I like the big screen in our classroom. The teachers who give classes to us via the screen sing very well. Many students in urban areas take online classes together with us," said Long Xinyu, a primary school student in Huayuan county, Xiangxi Tujia and Miao autonomous prefecture, central China's Hunan province, who is excited about Internet-based online courses.

So far, all primary and high schools in China have access to the Internet, while in 2012 only a quarter of them used the Internet.

The proportion of schools with multimedia classrooms in China has risen to 95.3 percent from 48 percent in 2012.

"I didn't want to come here at first, and now I don't want to leave," said Li Hui, a college graduate who became a teacher at a primary school in Wangtuan township, Lixin county, east China's Anhui province. Li feels more content with her job as China has enhanced efforts to attract talents to rural areas.

With the support of local gov-



Photo taken on Dec. 9, 2020, shows students enjoying free meals at a school in Wangxia township, Changjiang Li autonomous county, south China's Hainan province. File photo

ernment, the school has built new teaching buildings, and teachers at the school have enjoyed higher salaries and better benefits, according to Li, who disclosed that they are also provided with dormitories.

In recent years, China has gradually nurtured a team of high-caliber village teachers that dedicate themselves to education in rural areas.

The country has recruited a total of 950,000 teachers for the compulsory education in rural areas, trained nearly 17 million teachers and principals for rural schools in the central and western regions under a national-level training program, provided subsidies for 1.27 million teachers from over 80,000 schools in contiguous poverty-stricken areas, and sent 190,000 volunteer teachers to schools in outlying and poverty-stricken regions, border areas, areas with large ethnic minority populations, and old revolution-

ary base areas.

Latest data show that the overall quality of village teachers in China has significantly improved, as 51.6 percent of them have at least completed undergraduate education, and 44.7 percent have been awarded mid-level professional titles and above.

China has provided institutional guarantee for the realization of its goal that "no child is denied schooling due to financial difficulties".

The country has built a student aid system with Chinese characteristics for students in stages from pre-school to postgraduate education. Under the system, it has provided financial support for students from impoverished families for 641 million times, basically ensuring aid for all students in need.

To help increase the income of residents in impoverished areas, universities and colleges in China have given full play to their char-

acteristic and comprehensive resources, and brought advanced ideas, talents, technologies and experience to poor counties based on accurate grasp of their practical needs, achieving noticeable achievements.

Data suggest that 64 universities and colleges under the direct administration of the MOE have spent and introduced funds worth over 2.5 billion yuan (about \$380 million) on targeted poverty alleviation in poor areas, trained 463,200 primary-level officials and technicians, and purchased and helped sell agricultural products worth about 2 billion yuan for impoverished regions.

They have provided training courses for 96,400 teachers in poor areas, implemented 1,949 scientific research projects, and drawn a total investment of 15.16 billion yuan from companies into poverty-stricken regions.

People's Daily

US official: Top US envoy brought up Khashoggi in talks with Saudis

WASHINGTON

A US delegation led by White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan brought up the death of journalist Jamal Khashoggi in talks with leading Saudi Arabian officials last week, a senior US official said on Monday.

Sullivan, Middle East envoy Brett McGurk and other US officials met in Riyadh on Sept 28 with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and other top Saudi officials.

The main point of the talks was to discuss the conflict in Yemen and ways to arrange a ceasefire.

But a senior Biden administration official who briefed reporters about the visit to Washington this week of Israel's national security adviser, Eyal Hulata, said the US delegation also brought up the case of Khashoggi specifically and human rights in general.

Khashoggi, a Saudi-born US resident who wrote opinion columns for the Washington Post critical of bin



Salman, was killed and dismembered by a team of operatives linked to the prince in the kingdom's consulate in Istanbul in October 2018.

The Saudi government has denied any involvement by the crown prince, but a US intelligence report concluded in February that bin Salman had approved of an operation to capture or kill Khashoggi.

US President Joe Biden has worked to recalibrate US relations with Saudi Arabia after the friendly ties his predecessor, Donald Trump,

had with bin Salman and other Saudi officials.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in a statement on Saturday, the third anniversary of Khashoggi's death, "We have taken steps to prevent such a reprehensible crime from happening again," including launching a coordinated effort to prevent and respond to any government targeting journalists, activists and dissidents beyond its borders.



Coast Region's Ruvu Shooting FC midfielder, Emmanuel Martin (L), blocks Lindi's Namungo FC's midfielder, Lucas Kikoti, as the clubs locked horns in 2020/21 Mainland Premier League's encounter, which took place in Lindi recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF RUVU SHOOTING FC

Takeaways from the second round of 2021/22 Mainland Tanzania Premier League

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

ROUND two of the Mainland Tanzania Premier League is finished, and we are beginning to get some sort of idea of what the 2021/22 season will look like.

We are continuing to be surprised and proven wrong by what happens on and off the pitch, but we are not as much in the dark as we were before the opening round of the competition.

From Mbeya derby's thrilling 2-2 draw to an early contender for goal of the season from Mbeya Kwanza FC's Crispin Ngush, round 2 of the Premier League was another round of fascinating matchups and results.

Here are the takeaways from the second round over the weekend.

*Polisi Tanzania is the real deal

If you do not believe that statement, have a look at the competition table. Six points from two matches, four goals for and only goal against. Polisi Tanzania is at the top of the table.

With attackers, Vitalis Mayanga, Adam Omar, and Tariq Simba, they are showing that they are a genuine threat this season.

Whether or not they can go the distance remains to be seen, but two rounds in, Polisi Tanzania is looking good.

*Pressure shifts to Azam FC's George Lwandamina

I know it is only round two, but with just one point from matches against Coastal Union and Polisi Tanzania, head coach, George Lwandamina, must start to get Azam FC clicking before they fall behind the top sides.

Lwandamina was brought in as a replacement for Aristica Cioaba, who could not deliver consistency, but for the most part, The Zambian is not instilling a whole lot of confidence at the moment.

Azam FC had not lost to Polisi Tanzania in six league meetings but on Saturday that record fell when they were beaten 2-1 at Ushirika Stadium in Moshi.

*Kagera Sugar is a work-in-progress

After struggling to find any positives in their 1-0 opening-round home loss at the hands of Yanga, Kagera Sugar proved they are more than the dead weights this season, pushing a

determined host, Namungo FC, all the way to finish with a 1-1 draw.

The Bukoba-based club probably should have won the match were it not for poor finishing, proving that they are still a side to watch out for this season under head coach, Francis Baraza.

*Mtibwa Sugar blunt attack

Coach Joseph Omog's men have struggled in attack thus far against Mbeya Kwanza FC and Tanzania Prisons, failing to find the back of the net in either encounter despite looking like the dominant side in both games.

Kevin Sabato, Jaffary Kibaya, and Salum Kihimbwa, might come good, but Mtibwa Sugar fans must be wondering when that will be, for they need it to happen sooner rather than later.

*It could be a long season for Geita Gold FC

Newly promoted Geita Gold FC has not shown a whole lot of anything in the club's opening two games and is primed for a very long season.

Coach Etienne Ndayiragije's men are yet to win a single point and have not scored in their opening two matches.

But what is most alarming for Geita Gold FC is the lack of potency that they are displaying.

They simply are not offering much in either attack or defense, and with fixtures against Mbeya City FC, Mtibwa Sugar, and Azam FC all in the next few weeks, it could be a long year for the newbies.

*Strong start for Mbeya Kwanza FC

A lot of fans might be forced to change their opinion on Mbeya Kwanza FC. The newly-promoted side is unbeaten in its first two games of the season, getting four points on the board already, and it looks dangerous going forward.

Had they been a little sharper in the final third, they would have won against Mbeya City FC.

They need to clean things up defensively a little. Positive signs early on for head coach, Haruna Harerimana, who is not new to the Mainland Tanzania Premier League having previously worked at Lipuli FC and Kinondoni Municipal Council FC. What a start to life in the topflight

Taifa Stars to face a make-or-break WC Qualifiers' tie against Benin

By Correspondent Lloyd Ellipokea

AFTER sharing the spoils with DR Congo in their opening encounter and then outstandingly earning a 3-2 win over Madagascar in their second match, it could be quite fairly argued that the Taifa Stars are flying high in the 2022 World Cup qualifiers at present.

However, as is well-known, competing in the world cup qualifiers is akin to treading down a slippery slope in the sense that one never quite knows when one might slip up and then tumble.

And, it could be said that the Stars' next opponents Benin, fit the bill perfectly of being decidedly tricky opponents who are well capable of inflicting a cruel setback on the Taifa Stars.

With that in mind, the Stars dare not venture into D-Day later this week against Benin with a conspicuous swagger as such bullishness could prove deeply costly.

Rather, one would like to exhort the Taifa Stars to adopt a confident yet cautious mindset



Taifa Stars' players celebrate a goal netted by the squad's assistant skipper, John Bocco, when the squad faced Malawi in an international friendly duel in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

as complacency could lead to an unbearable nightmare unfolding in their test against Benin.

Let us now turn to golf, as last weekend was an extremely crucial passage of time for the sport, domestically, as it saw the launching of an inimitable tourism product known as golf tourism.

Indeed, the launch of golf tourism in the country was held at the Kilimanjaro Golf Club course last weekend where the Diplomatic Golf championship was

played.

Apart from it being a sparkling gem of an idea, the launch of the new product, golf tourism, is grounded in massive evidence which clearly illustrates that unexplored potential lies in this new and fresh tourism product.

Consider the facts. It is well-known that golf is amongst the primary sports which lure immense numbers of tourists to countries around the globe.

According to available stats, golf annually

contributes more than 20 billion US Dollars to the coffers of countries around the world.

From a Tanzanian standpoint, the launch of golf tourism in the Kilimanjaro region was particularly significant.

Indeed, it should be borne in mind that the continent's most towering mountain, Mount Kilimanjaro, is located in Kilimanjaro Region and this could potentially turn out to be an unimaginably productive revenue-earner for our country.

So, kudos then are for the stewards of this project whose brainchild appears like it will help us to rake in the profits over time.

Let us now return to football where the Egyptian predator Mo Salah stole the headlines recently after he magnificently surpassed Samuel Eto'o's tally of UFA Champions League goals on European football's most exalted stage.

By grabbing a brace in Liverpool's 5-1 demolition of Porto in the UEFA Champions League last week, Salah was able to eclipse Samuel Eto'o on the all-time chart of African goal-scorers in UEFA Champions League history.

And, as a result of his laudable exertions, Salah is now second on that all-time chart of African marksmen in the champions league, with the legendary Chelsea hitman, Didier Drogba, being the only African ahead of the exceptional Egyptian striker on that all-time chart.

Brilliant stuff Mohamed Salah! May you continue to blaze a trail of quintessence in the 'Holy Grail of European football'.

Mbeya Kwanza FC forward joins squad in camp

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

NEWLY promoted Mbeya Kwanza FC's attacker, Crispin Ngush, who had an injury when his club took on Mbeya City FC in this season's Mainland Tanzania Premier League duel, which was held in Mbeya last weekend,

Ngush drilled in a brace for Mbeya Kwanza FC, seeing to it the league debutants force 2-2 draw with their rivals, Mbeya City FC, in the pulsating duel.

Mbeya Kwanza FC is currently placed fourth in the league's log after two rounds with a victory and a draw.

Mbeya City FC forward Paul Nonga notched the opener in the 44th minute, and striking partner, Mechason Montya, notched the second in the 75th minute.

Ngush scored the first in the 77th minute, slamming home a loose ball within the opponents' box.

The young forward later

helped his side draw level with a breathtaking goal in the 87th minute, as he executed a scissor kick to connect in a pass he got from fellow forward.

It was an amazing bicycle-kick goal that rescued a draw for his team.

After netting the equalizer, Ngush did an acrobatic celebration and he later looked to have lost balance, he had to lay down and got first aid from paramedics.

The footballer was thereafter taken to hospital for treatment.

Mbeya Kwanza FC, through the outfit social media page, revealed Ngush has recovered and has been allowed to head to his outfit's camp.

One of Mbeya Kwanza FC leaders noted: "Our goal scorer, Crispin Ngush, who sustained an injury after scoring the equalizer yesterday, was rushed to hospital, he is doing well and has joined his teammates in the camp but he is under the care of a doctor. We are grateful for

your support."

Meanwhile, Simba SC's newly recruited footballers, Henock Baka and Pape Ousmane Sakho have conceded this season's Mainland Premier League is tough and they ought to step up their performance.

Simba SC is shaping up for this season's CAF Champions League's second-round match against Botswana's Jwaneng Galaxy.

Sakho and Baka were part of the Simba SC squad that took part in two Premier League matches, collecting four points.

The Premier League defending champions settled for 0-0 draw with Biashara United in the first clash, and then notched a slim 1-0 victory over Dodoma Jiji FC.

The two foreign professionals acknowledged that they encountered stiff opposition in the two Mainland Premier League games.

They stated the clashes have made them aware of

the difficulty of the league, noting it is highly competitive and forces them to go a notch higher.

"The competition is much bigger than I thought but there is no problem with that. Apart from the coaches' tactics, the players will be better prepared and I can assure you we will do well and we will win," Baka pointed out about the CAF Champions League match against Galaxy.

Sakho pointed out he will make sure he fights to play part in his outfit's quest for success.

The midfielder noted: "There are many good players at Simba, who can go and fight for the league title and if there will be better coordination we will be stronger."

Simba SC head coach Didier Gomes said that his side's last season's success has become a challenge this season as other teams in Premier League give their all whenever they face the former.



Mbeya Kwanza FC's attacker, Crispin Ngush. PHOTO: COURTESY OF MBEYA KWANZA FC

How have the English Premier League Big Six done so far?



Chelsea.

By Mark Ogden, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

THE 2021-22 Premier League season is now in full flow and, after seven matchdays, looks like it could be one of the most exciting title races in years. Just two points separate leaders Chelsea and sixth-placed Brighton, with the top four positions already occupied by this season's Champions League participants Chelsea, Liverpool, Manchester City and Manchester United.

Cristiano Ronaldo and Romelu Lukaku have hit the ground running with big goals since returning to United and Chelsea respectively, while Mohamed Salah and Kevin De Bruyne (since his return from injury) continue to drive Liverpool and City with inspirational performances. And while Tottenham Hotspur and Arsenal have struggled for consistency in the early weeks of the season, the North London rivals head into the international break on an upwards trajectory.

So what have we learned from the first stage of the season? And are the Big Six heading for success or failure?

1. CHELSEA P7, W5, D1, L1, GD +12 Points: 16

Story so far: Thomas Tuchel's team are a point clear of Liverpool at the top of the table after winning five and drawing one of their seven league games. Chelsea have only dropped points against Liverpool and Manchester City -- drawing at Anfield and losing against the champions at Stamford Bridge -- but those results have not prevented the Champions League winners from claiming top spot.

What's gone right? The big issue for Chelsea last season was their lack of a reliable goal scorer, with midfielder Jorginho topping their Premier League scoring chart with just seven goals, so the £97.5 million summer signing of Romelu Lukaku from Inter Milan was designed to solve that problem. And although the former Manchester United forward has now gone six games without a goal in all competitions, he has scored three in six Premier League games and is showing signs that he could hit 20 league goals.

Lukaku has given Chelsea a goal-scoring presence up front and has already made a difference. He has been prone to hot and cold streaks during his career, however, and Chelsea will need him to be consistent to maintain their impressive start.

What's gone wrong? Failing to beat Liverpool and City might prove to be a worrying sign for Chelsea. Although Tuchel's team dominated at Anfield, despite playing with 10 men for the entire second half following the sending-off of right-back Reece James, they still left with just one point. And then came the 1-0 defeat at home to City last month.

If Chelsea are to win the title, they will need to pick up points against City, Liverpool and Manchester United. Otherwise, they will be under pressure to claim maximum points against everyone else. So far, they have done that, but it is difficult to envisage Tuchel's players sustaining that record all season.

Where are they heading? Early-season form is promising, but Chelsea still look some way short of being able to match City and Liverpool in terms of depth and consistency over a long season. Both those clubs can overcome the loss of one or two key players, but Chelsea would be in trouble if Lukaku, Antonio Rudiger or goalkeeper Edouard Mendy were to be sidelined for a lengthy period.

So far, so good, could be the verdict at this stage, but Chelsea need everything to go in their favour if they are to remain ahead of City and Liverpool.

2. LIVERPOOL P7, W4, D3, L0, GD +11 Points: 15

Story so far: Jurgen Klopp's side are the only unbeaten team in the Premier League after seven games and they have had a difficult start, with games against City and Chelsea. Salah is once again proving to be the key man, with the forward joint-top of the scoring charts alongside West Ham's Michail Antonio with six goals. Three draws in seven games -- two of those were against Chelsea and City -- will be a frustration to Klopp, but Liverpool are going along nicely in second.

What's gone right? The uncertainty over Salah's future, with the 29-year-old yet to agree an extension to his contract that expires in June 2023, could have become an unwelcome distraction for the player, but his form so far has dispelled those concerns. Virgil van Dijk's return to action after a 10-month cruciate ligament layoff has also gone smoothly, with the centre-back restoring his calmness and experience to the heart of Liverpool's defence.

What's gone wrong? Although Liverpool emerged unbeaten in two home games against Chelsea and City, Klopp's team were dominated in both for long periods. They could only score a Salah penalty in a 1-1 draw against 10-man Chelsea and were fortunate to emerge with a 2-2 draw against City at the weekend after being outplayed by Pep Guardiola's team. Liverpool are unquestionably a force to be reckoned with in this season's title race, but failing to beat their two closest rivals at home will be a worry.

Where are they heading? In Salah and Sadio Mane, Liverpool possess two of the best goal-scorsers in the Premier League, and their presence alone should ensure that they will be in the title race at the end of the season. At times against City and Chelsea, Liverpool were overrun in midfield, but against weaker opposition Klopp's team are able to dominate. That is the only correction Liverpool need to make. If they can turn the tide in midfield against the top teams, they will be tough to beat.

3. MANCHESTER CITY P7, W4, D2, L1, GD +11 Points: 14

Story so far: The failure to sign Harry Kane or Cristiano Ronaldo as a replacement for Sergio Aguero, who moved to Barcelona as a free agent, cast a shadow over City's start to the season, but Guardiola's team have still managed to score 14 goals in seven games. An opening day defeat at Tottenham was a rare false start, but they have since taken four points from two games against Chelsea and Liverpool so there is no obvious cause for alarm at the Etihad.

What's gone right?

There has been no obvious hangover from losing last season's Champions League final to Chelsea and the lack of a replacement for Aguero has so far not been an issue. Defensively, City look even stronger than last season, with Aymeric Laporte restored to the team alongside Ruben Dias ahead of John Stones. City look like a team that can sustain a title challenge on autopilot, regardless of who Guardiola picks on a week-to-week basis.

What's gone wrong? The flip side of City's solid start is the lack of a genuine focal point in attack. Results suggest it is not an issue to play without a centre-forward, but a closer look at the numbers shows that no player has scored more than two league goals and the club have managed just four goals in four games away from home.

It is an eternal debate with this City team as to whether a Kane or Ronaldo would help or hinder their attacking play. Having one goal-hungry striker could diminish the potency of a team that attacks in waves and often has five offensive players on the pitch at any one time. Time will tell, but when a team has so few weaknesses, the absence of a proven centre-forward could ultimately be a big issue.

Where are they heading? Judging by their performances at Stamford Bridge and Anfield, City are still the best team in the country and the side to beat again. City dominated at Anfield with Raheem Sterling, Riyad Mahrez, Ferran Torres, Fernandinho, Ilkay Gundogan and Stones either left out or unavailable. Their depth is ominous for the rest of the title contenders.

4. MANCHESTER UNITED P7, W4, D2, L1, GD +8 Points: 14

Story so far: Ronaldo is back at Old Trafford. For all of the ups and downs of Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's team, the one dominating storyline is Ronaldo and the goals he scores, the games he doesn't start and, yes, whether he eats dessert the night before matches. While the focus on the 36-year-old might appear trivial, his return of five goals in six games so far shows that whatever United achieve this season, Ron-

aldo will be at the heart of it. And with that lies the fate of Solskjaer, whose tactical shortcomings have resurfaced again in the opening weeks of the campaign.

What's gone right? Ronaldo's impact since arriving from Juventus in September has arguably been bigger than United could have dared imagine. He has scored regularly and also delivered crucial goals, none more so than his stoppage time winner against Villarreal in the Champions League.

United's incredible record away from home in the league continues, with Solskjaer's team now unbeaten in 29 games -- an English league record. Mason Greenwood's development is another plus, with the 20-year-old hitting three goals in seven league games.

What's gone wrong? United dropped 26 points in 19 games at Old Trafford last season -- losing six times -- and they have failed to improve that form this time around. Solskjaer's team have taken one point from their last two home games and won one in four at Old Trafford in all competitions.

Solskjaer continues to struggle to find the formula to stop opponents hitting United on the counter-attack, where they take advantage of a weak midfield, and the team's recurring failures prompted Bruno Fernandes to raise his own concerns after the 1-1 draw against Everton. And although Ronaldo and centre-back Raphael Varane have made strong starts since arriving this summer, winger Jadon Sancho has yet to impress since completing his long-awaited £72.9m move from Borussia Dortmund.

Where are they heading? Early-season hopes of a title challenge at Old Trafford remain alive due to United sitting just two points behind leaders Chelsea, but performances suggest it will be difficult for Solskjaer's team to keep pace with the top three. United's inconsistency is their Achilles' heel. In attack, they are capable of scoring against any opponents, but they cannot defend well enough and lack the midfield solidity to control games. Don't expect United to win the title this season.

8. TOTTENHAM P7, W4, D0, L3, GD -4 Points: 12

Story so far: It has been a tale of highs and lows for Spurs. An opening win against Man City sparked a surge to the top of the table after three games, but they have since been heavily beaten in London derbies against Crystal Palace, Chelsea and Arsenal. New manager Nuno Espirito Santo has struggled to convince fans that he

is the man to take the team forward, while Kane's future and focus remain high on the agenda. But despite the extremes of good and bad, Spurs go into the international break just two points off the top four.

What's gone right? The major positive from the early weeks of the season is that Kane remains at the club, despite his attempts to force a summer move to Manchester City. Son Heung-Min has also signed a new long-term contract. Progression to the fourth round of the Carabao Cup ensures that Spurs remain in with a chance of winning a trophy this season and Dele Alli has shown glimpses of a return to the form that once made him one of the most sought-after young players in Europe. But the negatives outweigh positives at this stage.

What's gone wrong? Kane has failed to score a single goal in the Premier League this season and the England captain has been noticeably starved of service in the big defeats against Chelsea and Arsenal. Nuno's dour tactical approach reflects his personality, so the former Wolves coach has yet to win over sceptical fans and some of his players, who had expected a more high-profile appointment as Jose Mourinho's long-term successor.

Tottenham's numbers are also a worry. They have scored six goals in seven league and conceded 10. But Sunday's 2-1 win at home to Aston Villa has at least sent Spurs into the international break on the back of a positive result.

Where are they heading? If Kane can start scoring, Spurs should be good enough to seal a top six finish despite Nuno's cautious tactics. But everything depends on Kane. If he continues to struggle for goals, Spurs may decide to cut their losses and let him leave in January. Whether they could find a club willing to pay a transfer fee of over £100m, as well as find a suitable replacement in the same transfer window, is doubtful, though.

11. ARSENAL P7, W3, D1, L3, GD -5 Points: 10

Story so far: Arsenal made their worst start to a season, with a 5-0 defeat at Manchester City a humbling reminder of how far the club has fallen in recent years. But manager Mikel Arteta has inspired a turnaround since that hammering at the Etihad and Arsenal are now five games unbeaten in all competitions. They remain in the bottom half of the table, though, which highlights just how bad they were while losing their first three games without scoring.

What's gone right? The big positive for Arsenal has been the team's re-

sponse since losing the opening three games. Sources at the Emirates have maintained that Arteta will stay for the long term and that early season results would not cost him his job, but the pressure was growing until important wins against Norwich and Burnley stemmed the tide.

The 3-1 derby win at home to Tottenham changed the mood for Arsenal and Arteta, though, and it has given the club the feel-good factor again. New goalkeeper Aaron Ramsdale has brought personality and confidence since replacing Bernd Leno as No. 1 and, with three of their next four league games at the Emirates, Arsenal are now on a pathway to recovery.

What's gone wrong? Conceding nine goals in their three opening games, without scoring, was a dismal start for Arsenal, and they were torn apart by both Chelsea and City in that run. Those defeats highlight the gulf between Arteta's developing team and the heavyweights at the top of the table. And despite the recent revival, which included the win against Spurs, Arsenal's progress can only be measured when they come up against the top teams again.

Where are they heading? Recent form suggests that Arsenal may have turned a corner under Arteta, but they remain a young team being managed by an inexperienced coach, so inconsistency is the most likely outcome this season. But the crucial requirement for Arsenal this season is to return to European competition and the run of games in the weeks ahead, combined with the revival since the City defeat, suggest that Arteta can guide the team into the top six.

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Over 180 musicians and artists to take part in Marafiki Music Festival

By Guardian Reporter

A total of 16 music bands and 128 artists are expected to perform live at this year's Marafiki Festival scheduled to take place from October 7-9 in Dar es Salaam and Bagamoyo, Coast Region.

Marafiki Festival is an international music festival that brings together local and international artists to perform and share their music passion every October.

About 180 youths from within and outside the country will participate and benefit from the festival.

Addressing journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Isaac Abeneko, Founder and Director of Marafiki Music Festival, said the event is an opportunity for musicians, artists, and stakeholders to share their experience and learn new skills as there will also be a three-day workshop specifically organized for artists.

He said during the training workshop to be held from October 7-9 musicians and artists will be exposed to skills to help them operate smoothly as well as successfully market their artistic works through various platforms.

He said there will also be an open debate about the music business and how they make Afro-fusion music relevant and consumable within Tanzania and the East African market.

"Music is business, we will equip artists with important skills to develop their careers. We want musicians and artists to be able to utilize the market and use different digital platforms to generate income," he said.

The 2021 Marafiki Music Festival is expected to bring wonderful good live music and knowledge at the same time, said Abeneko disclosed.

According to Abeneko, this year's event has been themed 'Music for Social Change' to inspire youth and musicians to use music as a tool for bringing social positive change.

The festival founder pointed out the festival, which is an annual event, is being held for the second time in the country since it was introduced.

He said in previous years, it was known as 'Marafiki Night Live' before stakeholders wanted it improved and brought on board a good number of artists.

Various topics will be covered during the conversation and workshop including music business mechanism, music production that fits into media houses that can have rotation, artist's management, how to get bookings from local and international markets, and how to prepare the Electronic Press Kit (EPK).

The workshop will be held at Nafasi Arts Space, Mwenge, and Alliance Française's venue at Upanga, Dar es Salaam.

Soumeya Djaffar from the France Embassy in Dar es Salaam said: "We are happy to be part of the festival, we aim at supporting artists and musicians to use their artistic works to bring positive social change."

Representing the National Arts Council (BASATA), the body's Executive Secretary, Ibrahim Ibengwe, said they are supportive of organizers of the festival because it is an important event that facilitates job creation for youth.

"We support all the efforts to improve our music industry, through music youths can generate income and bring positive impact to the society," Ibengwe pointed out.

Marafiki Music Festival is sponsored by the France Embassy Tanzania, Firefly Bagamoyo, Alliance France Dar es Salaam, Nafasi Arts Space, SEDEVA, Weka Music, Bedja Music, Acto Light Tanzania, Music in Africa, Action music academy, Clouds Media, Boresha Radio, Sauti za Busara, BASATA, DCMA Zanzibar, and TEMPI from Denmark.

Tanzania U-19 cricket team inches closer to gaining progression to 2022 ICC U-19 World Cup



Tanzania U-19 cricketers celebrate after one of the side's bowlers took a wicket during this season's Africa Region Qualifiers for ICC U-19 World Cup's match against Namibia U-19 squad played in Kigali on October 1.

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA's national U-19 cricket team has a chance to book a place in the 2022 U-19 Men's Cricket World Cup, given the squad will confront Uganda U-19 side in a crucial clash of Africa Region Qualifiers for ICC U-19 World Cup in Kigali today.

With the national U-19 cricketers already becoming strong contenders for progression to the 2022 U-19 Men's Cricket World Cup, which will be played in West Indies, coming up victorious against Uganda U-19 cricketers is all the former need to fulfil their plan.

The national U-19 cricketers so far have won three fixtures in the continental qualifiers to top the showdown's log.

They got off to an impressive start, cruising to a four-wicket win over hosts, Rwanda U-19 squad, last week.

Namibia U-19 cricketers were Tanzania U-19 cricketers' next opponents, the latter made short work of the former after commanding a 48-run

win.

The highly-motivated Tanzania U-19 cricketers smoothly walloped Nigeria U-19 cricket team by nine wickets on Sunday to consequently become tournament favourites.

Nigeria U-19 team's cricketers started to bat and were bowled out for 39 runs. Needing 40 runs to come out victorious, Tanzania U-19 cricketers smoothly mounted a successful chase, posting 42 runs losing one wicket in 12.2 overs.

Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) Information Officer, Atif Salim, said: "Tanzania U-19 squad has one match left against Uganda, to be played on October 6

(Wednesday), and if we qualify for the West Indies' showpiece, Tanzania will have more opportunities for cricket players, the world will know that there are many good players in Tanzania."

Gokul Das laid his hands on the best player of the game's prize when Tanzania U-19 cricketers came up against Rwanda U-19 squad, in which the promising cricketer ended two runs short of a half-century.

After securing the opportunity to start batting, the Rwanda U-19 squad went on to end with 118 runs for six wickets.

In reply, the Tanzania U-19 cricket squad, led by the in-form Das, got down

to a successful chase, notching 122 runs losing six wickets in 32.4 Overs.

In the second match, national U-19 cricketers played against the pre-tournament favourites, Namibia U-19, commanding the 48-run victory.

Tanzania's talented bowler, Laksh Barkania, was voted as the best player of the match, given the youngster tormented Namibia U-19 batsmen with his tricky deliveries, chalking up five wickets in 9.3 overs.

Bowler, Yalinde Maurice, was the national U-19 cricket squad's hero in the Sunday duel against Nigeria U-19 squad, the youthful cricketer had a six-wicket haul to receive the best player of the match.

Salim further pointed out that beating such a squad like Nigeria U-19 has become a big upset in the tournament due to the latter's quality.

The TCA official revealed: "National U-19 cricket squad's exploits have, as a result, shocked many countries in the world, the morale of our players is high towards Wednesday's game."

"Our players have good morals towards this game, we have told them to be careful and go with great caution towards the game."

"We urge Tanzanians to pray for their team so that we can all make history, becoming the first team to go to a Cricket World Cup."

Azania Bank Limited and Reliance Insurance Co. Tanzania Limited have facilitated national U-19 cricketers' trip to Kigali and participation in the continental event.

ICC recently announced the rescheduled qualification pathway to the ICC U-19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2022 in the West Indies, where 34 teams will compete for five World Cup spots.

The 14th edition of the event, which takes place in the West Indies in early 2022, will involve Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, England, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka, West Indies, and Zimbabwe under their top 11 finish in the 2020 edition.

The remaining five spots will be determined by regional qualification. Qualification for the 2022 edition of the U-19 Men's Cricket World Cup was delayed by a year due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Aurobindo Aga Khan SC makes it to DC Caravans T20 Cup knockout phase

By Guardian Reporter

AUROBINDO Aga Khan SC took on Honest Logistics SKLPSC in the 2021 Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament's last game of Group B for the latter on Sunday.

After having completed three matches, Honest Logistics SKLPSC sat in the third position in Group B and desperately needed a win to qualify for the knockout round.

Aurobindo Aga Khan SC had two games in hand including the much-awaited clash against hosts, Alliance Caravans.

Honest Logistics SKLPSC won the toss and elected to bat first, registering 108 runs all out in 19.3 overs.

However, they were unable to cement a stable partnership and lost wickets at regular intervals.

Middle-order batsman, Vipul Pindoria, and tailender, Hassan Sangwale, made their presence felt, posting 26 runs and 23 runs respectively, taking the side's total to 108 runs in 19.3 overs.

Experienced Aurobindo Aga Khan SC all-rounder, Riziki Kiseto, unsettled the batting side with his three wickets and was ably supported by Harshdeep Chohan and Vipin Abraham who took two wickets apiece.



Ayzaz Jasani of Aurobindo Aga Khan SC (L) receives the Moment of the Match award from Honest Logistics SKLPSC's Vinod Prajapati, for the former's crucial innings that guaranteed his squad's qualification for the Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup's knockout stage. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

The 109-run target seemed like an easy chase for a very strong Aurobindo Aga Khan SC side, which scored 178 runs in the previous game against Horizon Teleports Annadil Burhani, and won its first game by 10 wickets.

However, the Honest Logistics SKLPSC side was not willing to bow out without a fight.

Opener Arshaan Jasani had to return to the pavilion without scoring any runs and Abhik Patwa, who has been very influential, departed for 16 runs.

Aurobindo Aga Khan SC kept losing wickets at regular intervals just like Honest Logistics SKLPSC and desperately needed anchoring.

In stepped the experienced Ayzaz Jasani (34 runs in 30 deliveries) and Harshdeep Chohan (30 runs in 18 deliveries) who came in to do just that.

The pair scored a 57-run partnership to record victory. Jasani's anchoring innings earned him the NGK Gathani Moment of the Match prize and Harshdeep Chohan was judged as the Colourflex Man of the Match prize winner for his crucial all-round performance.

With the victory, Aurobindo Aga Khan SC and Alliance Caravans have secured their position in the knockout phase of the Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup.

All that remains is to see who emerges as the group's top outfit. All eyes will now be on the mouth-watering tie between Alliance Caravans and Aurobindo Aga Khan SC, which is set to take place next weekend.

The DC Caravans T20

Cup has been held annually since 2015. Petrofuel Limited is the title sponsor of this year's tournament and is joined by Colourflex, TATA International, and Pepsi as the co-sponsors.

This year's tournament features the top 10 teams in the country playing under the franchise model with each team being backed by top corporates in the country.

The teams include Aurobindo Aga Khan SC, Horizon Teleports Annadil Burhani, Honest Logistics SKLPSC, Balakrishna Strikers and hosts, Alliance Caravans.

Aruti Aces, Kaon Lions, Harab Motors Pak Stars, NTS Bosch Gymkhana, and FMED Upanga are the other contenders.

Other sponsors of the tournament include NGK Gathani, Jihusu, Flashnet, RAS Logistics, Mlimani City, AOne Bottlers, Kishen Enterprises, Samaki Samaki, Delta Africa, DeepHeat, and GI Security.

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