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Bishop Beatus Christian Urassa of the Sumbawanga Diocese of the Catholic Church officiates at the ordination of Bunda Diocese Bishop-elect Simon Chibuga Masondole at the Bunda cathedral in Mara Region yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

'Reopening classes must have corona precautions'

By Guardian Reporter

AS schools reopen today for the second term, the government has cautioned on the need to observe pandemic spread prevention guidelines.

Strictly adhering to the guidelines to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic was still relevant, meanwhile as the government has

concluded the formulation of guidelines to supervise importation, storage and supply of COVID-19 vaccines.

Prof Abel Makubi, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elders and Children told a news conference yesterday in the capital that vaccines will be provided to

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Armed robbery cells routed, says minister

By Guardian Reporter

HOME Affairs minister George Simbachawene says police have been conducting silent operations to destroy cells of armed robbers all over the country.

Addressing a rally in Lufu Ward in his Kibakwe constituency, Mpwapwa District in Dodoma region at the weekend, the minister said law enforcers are currently on the second phase of this operation, just in case some violent criminal networks were untouched.

He said the first phase of the operation against bandits was successful and the second one was underway against all those



The suspects were also found in possession of a 32-inch LG TV set, Hisense refrigerator, five mobile phones of various makes and a Dell laptop

who think armed robberies are the right way to earn a decent income.

He said that banditry has been rising fast in various urban centres including Dar es Salaam, Arusha and Mwanza, in the wake of a change to a less stringent atmosphere. If the perpetrators think these activities will enable them make a living they are totally mistaken, he declared.

"These include those using firearms in robberies, muggers, those using motorcycles to snatch ladies' handbags in the streets and others.

"We regard them as big time criminals, and once we catch them we shall finish

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Govt decontrols fertiliser imports

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

THE government has lifted control on fertiliser imports, allowing traders to ship in the input without the usual bidding via the Fertilizer Bulk Procurement System (BPS).

Agriculture minister Prof Adolf Mkenda told reporters here at the weekend that the decision has been made to curb skyrocketing prices occasioned by low production due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Fertiliser requirements for the 2020/21 season reached 718,052 tonnes while actual procurement was 82 per cent up to end of May, he stated.

The country's fertiliser availability depends on production from local manufacturers and

the deficit is made good by imports through bulk procurement licensed by the Tanzania Fertilizer Regulatory Authority (TFRA), he said.

He said in the pre-pandemic period from July to October the world's big fertiliser manufacturers used to reduce prices in the world market but this year the situation is different as prices shot up.

Regulation 7(4) of the Fertiliser Purchase Regulations of 2017 provides that all dealers needing to import farm inputs were free to do so without going through bulk procurement processes, he stated.

Bulk procurement cannot satisfy supply needs, thus the ministry has permitted

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NMB Bank rolls out health agro-sector insurance policy

By Guardian Reporter

HEALTH insurance history was made in Tabora region last weekend when NMB Bank Plc officially rolled out its financing of farmers' medical services scheme in conjunction with the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF).

The bank has initially set aside 5bn/- to finance the 'Cooperative Health' insurance scheme which last week recruited two Tabora tobacco cooperative unions as partners, allowing their members to get interest-free loans to finance their annual insurance premiums.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa launched the first formal rollout of the scheme on Saturday when he presented three beneficiaries with NHIF cards during an event to mark the International Cooperatives Day held nationally in Tabora.

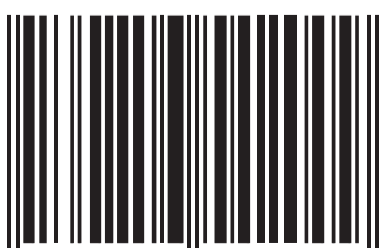
In his speech, Majaliwa thanked financial institutions such as NMB for supporting the government's efforts to revive cooperatives and make them robust economically. "We in government are satisfied with the support that financial institutions such as NMB are giving to cooperative unions. We are also persuading banks to address the issue of high interest rates which they are now working on with experts at the Bank of Tanzania," he stated.

The NMB sponsored health insurance cards were given by the prime minister to representatives of tobacco farmers, Kulwa Mfaume, Saleh Mpemba and Athanas Semeduke. They are part of an initial 102 cards the lender is backing up, under the scheme.

NMB's Chief of Retail Banking, Filbert Mponzi said the bank plans to increase the



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa pictured at the weekend presenting a National Health Insurance Fund card to tobacco farmer Kulwa Mfaume of Kaliua District's Kabungu Agricultural Marketing Co-operative Society. This was at the climax of this year's edition of International Day of Cooperatives, held at national level in Tabora Region. The card was issued to the farmer and scores of others under a special NMB Bank Plc loan arrangement. The bank has set aside 5bn/- to NHIF to facilitate the issuance of loans to 300,000 farmers engaged in the production of strategic crops in various parts of Tanzania. Photo: PMO



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Chief of National Service Brig Gen Rajabu Mabele (L, gesturing) shows Defence and National Service minister Elius Kwandika (in hat) a silo at the National Service's Chita farm base in Morogoro Region at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Renatha Msungu

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with them quietly, and you will know what we mean by quietly," the minister underlined.

"I would like to see what I am saying reaches all corners of the country. They should understand that crime does not pay; the government is very watchful. We shall deal with all criminals up to the last one," he emphasised.

Simbachawene also conveyed to his constituents a message from President Samia Suluhu Hassan, saying they should continue working hard as the government

was bent in ensuring development in the district like electricity supply in all villages, which will reach a number of villages at any time now.

He called on the people to work together with the government in controlling crime through joint patrols. Everyone is urged to report on any criminal activity in the areas they live, he told the residents.

Earlier, ward councillor Gilbert Msigala thanked the minister for helping the constituency, noting that the people still had faith in him following great changes realised in the ward and the constituency as a

whole.

He also warned the people to shun crime, praising the police force for their good work in the district, appealing to his constituents and Tanzanians in general to continue registering themselves with NIDA to obtain national IDs.

Last week, police in Dar es Salaam said that they were holding 60 suspects in connection with various crimes, including a carjacking ring.

City Special Police Zone Commander Jumanne Muliro told reporters that the ongoing crackdown saw the recovery of two

firearms, with one abandoned at the Kariakoo Post Office.

Exhibits obtained include three cars, namely a Toyota RAV4 Reg T730BCT, Toyota Ist RegT677DRJ, and Toyota AltezaReg T220CWJ. Other items were four motorcycles with Reg. Nos MC 801 CNG, MC875 BUR, MC 932 CTE and MC 665 CVD that were reportedly stolen, he elaborated.

The suspects were also found in possession of a 32-inch LG TV set, Hisense refrigerator, five mobile phones of various makes and a Dell laptop, he added.

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citizens for free and voluntarily

He said schools management to put in place he gears needed for prevention and protective actions against spreading the virus. These guidelines were already issued by health authorities, including installing facilities for hand washing, he said.

"We will continue to monitor observation of the guidelines in schools to protect the students. Universities, colleges and all education institutions have to ensure that the COVID-19 preventive measures are adhered to," he said.

He emphasised that people will not be compelled to take the jab once rolled out as it will be voluntary and free of charge, specifying that the government will embark on a public education campaign before starting to administer the jabs

"As it is in other countries, the government will provide the Covid-19 vaccine for free to those who wish to be inoculated or need to do so to travel. We will implement the issuance of vaccines to the public in collaboration with stakeholders," he emphasised.

Prof Makubi said that the government will beef up monitoring systems to control unauthorised imports of vaccines, taking stern measures upon those found to be doing business through importing or administering the vaccines.

"We will start providing the jabs after we are satisfied of the quality and safety," he stated, noting that verification of vaccines would take up to six months.

The decision to enrol with the COVID-19 Vaccines Global Access, abbreviated as COVAX is geared to protect Tanzanians and enabling people to access vaccines in an easier way.

COVAX is a worldwide initiative

aimed at equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines directed by GAVI (the global vaccine alliance), the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations and the World Health Organization.

"Some countries require that anyone entering the country has to be vaccinated. We are doing this to help a number of Tanzanians who need to travel abroad for work or business," he specified, noting further that plans are underway for construction of a vaccine manufacturing plant under licence, locally.

A number of factories manufacturing animal vaccines were being lined up for inspection of facilities, seeing how the new COVID-19 product can fit in, and other human vaccines, he stated.

The project's feasibility study indicates that until completion the new factory will cost over 80bn/-he signalled.

Recently, addressing editors at the State House in Dar es Salaam, President Samia said that while the general public awaits the vaccine rollout, private health facilities were free to purchase vaccines and charge people who are ready to pay for vaccination.

Foreign missions and international organizations are free to ship in vaccines and inoculate their staff and families, the president noted, elaborating that apart from the COVAX vaccine expected next year, the country has set aside \$477m (over Itrn/-) for a Covid-19 vaccination campaign.

A number of countries and international organizations have shown interest in supporting Tanzania roll out its vaccination programme, thus once experts decide on the type the government will press its order, the president intoned.

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5bn/- earmarked for lending to over 300,000 farmers across the country. "This amount will be increased depending on demand for the service and how farmers respond to the health insurance loans scheme," he said.

Deals with WETCU and Mirambo Cooperative Unions represent over 200 farmers' cooperative societies in the region. It will be a game changer in the insurance sector as apart from supporting productive farming, as the NMB's main reason for investing in the scheme is to back state plans for universal health coverage in the country.

Under the arrangement, insurance loans to the farmers are interest free and will be repaid after harvesting and selling their produce. "Today is a historic day for NMB as a strategic development partner for the government and as a bank that serves more than four million Tanzanians. This scheme will ease availability of health insurance for tobacco farmers in Tabora and their peers across the country," the banker explained.

Agribusiness Retail Banking director Issac Masusu said NMB will issue the next batch of 90 'Cooperative Health' cards this week in Kahama district of Shinyanga

region.

NHIF Director General Bernard Konga said at the ceremony that the rollout of the new initiative will solve fiscal constraints facing farmers who have struggled to join the scheme since its launch in 2018.

Dr Benson Ndiege, executive director of the Tanzania Cooperative Development Commission (TCDC), backed Konga's observation, saying that such value adding interventions will entice many farmers to join cooperative unions and make the sector strong.

"We as cooperative officials strongly support this kind of innovative intervention," the director added, commending NMB and NHIF for the deal.



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Gilbert Msigala, councillor for Lufu in Mpwapwa District, pictured at the weekend speaking at a rally in the ward also addressed by Home Affairs minister and Kibakwe constituency legislator George Simbachawene. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

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competition so that everyone capable to import farm inputs for sale is permitted to do so, the minister underlined.

Prior to this shift, TFRA used to coordinate importation of fertiliser through tendering for bulk ordering and shipping from outside, also part of the 2017 regulations. It used to pre-qualify fertiliser dealers (suppliers/producers) for importation of the input for each cropping season via bulk procurement.

Pre-qualification was conducted through competitive bidding procedures specified in the 2017 guidelines and opened to all interested applicants except existing prequalified suppliers.

TFRA had already announced on its website that it intended to pre-qualify fertiliser dealers for bulk importation in view of the current cropping season 2021/2022 to the next, 2022/2023, with estimated import quantity per annum put at 570,167 metric tonnes, the minister added

WOMEN engaged in small scale mining have appealed to the government to intervene and end discrimination and harassment they are subjected to by men at work by male colleagues.

Speaking here at a workshop on women's rights in mining sector, representatives of miners who spoke described their work environment as a man's world ruled by superstitious beliefs such that women on menstruation are not allowed to work, and if they do the minerals become hard to find.

The appeal for government intervention was given here at the weekend at a forum on education for women rights and the environment in the mineral sector organised by Envirocare organised by Women Fund.

Branch Secretary of Mirerani Small Miners Association, Rachel Njau in Manyara Region said

Women miners in Moro decry discrimination, harassment

superstitious beliefs in mining areas was prevalent hence concerted efforts in educating the miners was needed to change the mindset.

She said as a female, and owner of a mine she enters her mine at any time and there were no such effects as claimed.

He said patriarchy used by men in scaring women aims at discouraging them so that they should leave the men on their own to continue generating income.

For her part, the Chairman of "Amkeni Wanawake" from Makongolosi in Chunya District, Mbeya Region, Rebecca Ilomo said the issue of discrimination and harassment on women by men were diminishing as for now after

education having been provided at many mining areas.

Ilomo said in the past women in the region were barred from entering the mines while on menstruation on belief that if they did so, the minerals could disappear as they would infuriate their "mine keeper" - a snake, but added that as for now there are there are many women who own mines and develop them.

For his part, Envirocare Executive Director, Loyce Lema castigated harassment and discrimination done by male miners saying the issue of menstruation was the God's creation on women and couldn't be an obstacle to anything.

He said in the mining areas there

are many types of discrimination that have to be screamed at including child abuse associated to superstitious beliefs.

Earlier, opening the forum, Morogoro Regional Administrative Secretary, Mariam Mtunguja said according to data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), the contribution by the mineral sector to the GDP has increased to 5.8 per cent in the period January to March 2020 as compared with 4.2 per cent for the same period in 2019.

He said the increase is part of women's participation in the sector, despite the superstitious belief of harassment and discrimination against them.



Education, Science and Technology minister Prof Joyce Ndalichako (C) with Stanbic Bank's head of high network clients, Omari Mtiga (R), and head of marketing and communication Desideria Mwegelo at the launch of the bank's initiative on the acquisition of desks for schools across the country. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

Prof Ndalichako lauds private sector for providing quality education to all

MINISTER for Education, Science, and Technology, Prof Joyce Ndalichako has commended the private sector for complementing the government's efforts of providing quality education to all Tanzanians.

Prof Ndalichako made the remarks in Dar es Salaam over the weekend when speaking at the function when Stanbic Bank Tanzania officially launched a campaign to donate 1000 desks across different primary and secondary schools in the country.

The campaign dubbed 'Stanbic Madawati Initiative' with the theme 'Pamoja Elimu Bora Inawezekana' calls upon stakeholders in different sectors to join the bank in creating a conducive learning environment for students by addressing the desk shortage facing schools.

Through the Stanbic Madawati Initiative, the bank has pledged to

plant a tree for every desk that will be donated either by Stanbic or partners to ensure the ecosystem is maintained. The tree planting exercise will be done in partnership with Roots and Shoots Tanzania.

Prof Ndalichako said: "As government, we're very pleased to see the solidarity between the private sector and the government in bringing about inclusive development in the community."

She also commended Stanbic Bank for its efforts to support the government's agenda to provide quality education to all Tanzanians. Stakeholders from the private sector make a significant contribution to the economic and social development of the nation.

"I would like to congratulate

Stanbic Bank for this campaign of its kind. I urge other stakeholders to join this initiative to ensure that we provide quality education as it is the key to future development."

Stanbic Head of High Network Clients, Omari Mtiga said: "We believe all dreams are possible if we work together. We will be donating 700 desks towards the goal and we are calling on well-wishers to support us in raising the balance of 300 desks through Account number TZS 9120002466692-STANBIC MADAWATI INITIATIVE. Together, we can make our children's dreams come true while creating a sustainable environment for their future."

Stanbic Bank Tanzania's corporate social investment efforts focus on education and health. The

bank has over the years invested in education by building classrooms, donating desks, and repairing school infrastructure such as toilets to improve sanitation in various schools around the country. This unique campaign will be a milestone towards addressing the desk shortage in Tanzania.

"The Private sector has a huge opportunity to leverage their CSI by investing in tailored projects that have a long-term impact on the community. Realizing a transformed Tanzania cannot be done alone, all of us need to come together. I hope that this initiative will encourage all of us to create meaningful change in the lives of the communities surrounding us," said Desideria Mwegelo, Head of Marketing and Communication.

Tanzania likely to build real life replica of Olduvai Gorge ravine

By Marc Nkwame - Ngorongoro

TANZANIA may soon start to build a real life replica of the 'Olduvai Gorge,' canyon, based on the proposal tabled by the Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Tourism, Mary Masanja who led a delegation of Members of Parliament to visit the cradle of mankind in Ngorongoro Conservation Area.

Their suggestion comes from the fact that the million-year old segmented ravine is under serious threat of crumbling down like a cookie once the combined weather elements take their toll on the natural edifice.

"As we have just seen, the Olduvai Gorge monolith is susceptible to erosion and weathering due to being exposed to all natural elements, rains, winds, heat and wildlife, which means it is only a matter of time before this important land feature disappears entirely from the face of the earth," pointed out the Deputy Minister.

Deputy Tourism Minister Mary Masanja, was reacting to a lecture on the archaeological site which was being given by the Chief Curator at Olduvai Gorge Museum, Godfrey Ole Moita to the 36 legislators from the National Assembly who were touring the Ngorongoro Conservation Area as part of their domestic tourism excursion after the house was recently adjourned in Dodoma.

"It is true that the Olduvai Gorge is wearing out rapidly due to being exposed to all weather elements and fluctuating temperatures, but we cannot take any artificial steps to protect it as it is located in a conservation area which does not permit human interference," said Ole Moita.

Previously some members of parliament wanted to know if it was possible to protect the historical and internationally acclaimed gorge so that the natural ravine can be sustained for future generations, but the management of Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority

said it was not possible because conservation laws do not allow tampering with nature.

Eventually the Deputy Minister, Mary Masanja, Members of Parliament who visited Olduvai, especially Yahya Khamis from Zanzibar and officials at the Site Museum agreed that the best way was to create a life-like replica of Olduvai Gorge ravine for future historical records.

So far several replica sets for the 4 million old footprints buried at Laetoli hominid site have already been reproduced and can be found in a number of museums in the country and the current joint proposal from the Minister and National assembly is suggesting that the state through NCAA should work to reproduce a similar edifice to immortalize Olduvai Gorge edifice for future generations.

With its exposed layers of segments indicating timeline geological history, the block-like Olduvai Gorge ravine, is a natural edifice which is the world's only mankind evolution landmark, sticking out from a deep valley located adjacent to the Olduvai archaeological Site Museum on the further end of Ngorongoro Conservation Area.

Olduvai Gorge's archaeological site, with its Laetoli neighbor, holds hominid remains and footprints dating back to about 4 million years, right from the earliest stages of human evolution. These records, including those of the earliest human footprint, date back to about 3.5 million years. This is the site where Dr Louis and Mary Leakey worked for over 40 years in their quest of human history related excavations.

The newly built Olduvai Museum keeps excavated remains older than 2 million years and up to 17,000 years. About 7,000 extinct animal species have been unearthed at the gorge. Historians and other human evolution scientists have concluded that the earliest man or human being evolved at Olduvai then moved to other places of the world.



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PM instructs ministry to tackle challenges facing cooperatives

By Guardian Reporter

The Agriculture Ministry has been instructed to fully deal with various challenges that hamper operations and development of cooperative unions in the country.

It should also ensure it builds the cooperatives the capacity to enable them become competitive and strengthened in order to look for crops markets within and outside the country.

The PM issued the instructions on Saturday at the apex on celebrations to mark International Day of Cooperatives (ICA) held at national level at Tabora.

He said cooperative movement is a tool that builds up trust among farmers and members and the government has been stressing on the issue for the nation's benefit.

"I understand that cooperatives are robust organisations that connect farmers and fishermen to empower in finding solutions to their economic and social challenges," he added.

He said the provision of education and training on cooperatives to members, officials and other actors should be strengthened to make them understand the entire concept on cooperatives, its foundations, regulations and procedures.

The PM also directed Cooperative Audit and Supervision Corporation (COASCO) to change its auditing system to make sure it provides correct reports to farmers.

He said in FY 2020/2021, the government through the Cooperatives Development Commission (CDC) conducted internal audit of 4,494 out of 9,185.

He also called on all cooperative registrars to make sure every cooperative in their areas has a database of all cooperative members.

He said the aim for the statistics is for making assessment for channelling various requirements to them, including seeds, fertiliser and pesticides.

For his part, the Agriculture minister, Prof Adolf Mkenda praised the PM for his efforts in reviving and development of the country's cooperatives.

"I understand that cooperatives are robust organisations that connect farmers and fishermen to empower in finding solutions to their economic and social challenges"



Pauline Gekul (in headscarf), who doubles as Information, Culture, Arts and Sports deputy minister and Babati Urban legislator, makes an inspection tour of Frederick Tiway Sumaye School science laboratory at the weekend. The school is located in the constituency's Singe ward. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

Arusha city offers major support to improve agro-vets quality monitoring

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

Arusha Society for the Protection of Animals (ASPA) has handed over animal health monitoring framework (AHMF) and agro-vets quality monitoring (AQM) to the ministry of Livestock and Fisheries in efforts to improve veterinary services in the country.

AHMF is used for mentoring the vets and para-vets during animal health services delivery while AQM is for monitoring the agro-vets facility and the services being provided.

ASPA, a non-governmental organization in Arusha handed over the tools in line with the ministry's request almost a year ago, for support in strengthening veterinary services.

Speaking on behalf of the Permanent Secretary in the ministry during a short handover ceremony held here, Dr Bedan Masuruli said the tools are very instrumental in improving veterinary services in the country.

He noted that the gesture is a result of the government request

almost a year ago following the existing shortage of tools to test performance of laboratory centres.

The acting PS argued that the Veterinary Council of Tanzania (VCT) is responsible for regulation of the performance of veterinary professionals, paraprofessionals and paraprofessional assistants, and for regulation of veterinary practice facilities but do not have such tools.

He added that after the government requested for the framework to access facilities, ASPA managed to test and it worked.

"We really needed the tools and we hope that it will help improve animal services and we thank ASPA for responding to the government request" said Dr Masuruli, adding that once adopted, animals' welfare will be improved. He noted that in effort to start rolling the tools out, the government shall conduct an internship programme to equip veterinary officers with the right knowledge on the tools.

The government, he said, will thereafter conduct an assessment to see if the training helped the

targeted officers before rolling out the system throughout the country.

Earlier, ASPA Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Livingstone Masija, his organization in partnership with Brooke East Africa (BEA), a non-governmental organization in Kenya have been using the AHMF and AQM for mentoring and monitoring the quality of animal health services being provided by animal practitioners. Both organizations have a vision aiming in promoting animal welfare.

He attributed the new development to meetings, arguments and intense discussion with consultants, ministry officials and ASPA for the tools, thus they all agreed to come up with the way forward for testing, validating and consolidating the tools.

Thereafter, he said, on 24th to 25th, May, 2021, a team of seven people met in Singida for field testing of the tools, and on 27th to 28th May, 2021, the team of nine people met in Dodoma for data entry and analysis of the trends. He said all the teams agreed and found that the tools are useful.

By Guardian Correspondent

LIVESTOCK and Fisheries ministry has provided 25,000 fingerlings to the National Service (NS) aimed at increasing fish production in ponds at the Service's 834 Chita KJ Camp in Morogoro Region.

The camp engages in fish farming and rice cultivation projects in the region.

Addressing reporters during his inspection visit of strategic projects by 837 Chita KJ, the Director of Aquaculture Development Division in the Ministry of Agriculture Nazael Madala said the ministry has done so after seeing efforts by the NS in the entire issue of high quality livestock development.

He said the fingerlings, from the parent stock will strengthen tilapia

Govt ministry offers 25,000 fingerlings to Chita NS camp

fish production done by the Chita NS Camp.

"As of now, the NS will have the capacity to produce 500,000 fingerlings that can produce six million fish, that will boost the country's fish production," Madala said.

He called upon Tanzanians to grab the opportunity in fish farming to increase the national income.

He said the main challenge hindering the country's fish farming sector is the lack of fingerlings, hence they decided to offer the parent stock of the fingerlings to boost tilapia production.

NS Agriculture and Fisheries Committee Chairman Col. Hassan Mabena said the NS was at the fore front to ensure farming and fishing projects develop in its various camps.

He said as for now they will embark on the production of quality rice seeds which he believes will help the community in better rice production. "In the NS we have mobilised ourselves to ensure we make strides in agriculture, we have started with 122,000 acres, but our aim is to cultivate many more acres to ensure the camps are self-sufficient in food as well as surplus to sell outside the NS.

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

MOROGORO Urban Member of Parliament (CCM) Abdulaziz Abood, has commended the job well done by President Samia Suluhu Hassan as she clocked her first 100 days in office.

According to the MP, in just 100 days, President Samia has recorded a number of commendable successes including attracting new as well as unifying Tanzanians.

Speaking to this paper over the weekend, Abood asserted that the demonstrated good directions for the nation following her efforts in stimulating economy growth and strengthening government systems.

He noted that if she has managed to bring all the changes within 100 days, Tanzanians should expect marvellous perform her in the future. He urged citizens to give her enough space and support to be able to successfully implement all the planned development projects.

Morogoro CCM MP commends President Samia Suluhu Hassan

"Tanzanians must be proud of having such a visionary and patriotic leader," said the MP noting she is a kind of a leader of observes the rule of law, good governance and democracy.

He said her kind of leadership has impressed many Tanzanians as well as international community.

"We have witnessed her meeting and holding talks with different society groups such as elders, youth, women's and religious leaders. This is clear indication that we have a good leader who cares about others," he said.

The Parliamentarian said that decision by President Samia to engage the private sector in economic activities is a commendable move since the government cannot single handily accomplish all its development plans which includes improving the welfare of citizen's and ensuring

economic growth. He also commended the government's move towards improving business environment and reducing bureaucracy in investment procedures, saying the decision has resulted in increased number of both foreign and local investors.

Samia served as the Vice President in the first term of the fifth phase government under the late President Magufuli.

She was sworn-in as the Union President on March 19 this year as the sixth President following the death of President Magufuli that occurred on March 17, 2021 due to heart failure.

Samia becomes the first female president in Tanzania and the entire East African region. She will serve the remaining period of the five-year term that began on November 5, 2020.



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF VARIOUS GOODS TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML) AT GEITA, TANZANIA

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The Company is in the process of procuring various goods and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply and delivery of goods below

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REFERENCE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF GOODS
GGME01245	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SPX (OEM) LIGHTININ SPARES
GGME01246	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF OXAIR (OEM) OXYGEN PLANT SPARES
GGME01247	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF AIRA (OEM) ELUTION HEATER AND OTHER CONSUMABLES
GGME01248	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF TADANO (OEM) FAUN CRANE SPARES
GGME01249	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF COMBUSTION & CHEMICAL (OEM) ASSAY & GOLD ROOM ACCESSORIES
GGME01250	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF JACQUES (OEM) APRON FEEDER SPARES
GGME01251	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF DELTA (OEM) LIGHTING PLANT SPARES & PERKINS ENGINE
GGME01252	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SEW (OEM) GEAR BOXES AND SPARES
GGME01255	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF JOHN DEERE (OEM) SPARES

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	55%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.25%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.25%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.25%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.25%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.25%
Company Shareholding Structure/Share structure of the company	1.25%
List of Directors (Names of Directors, Nationality and % Shareholding in their Company)	1.50%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	16%
Proof of OEM dealership/Agent letter	30%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Audited & certified financial statements (2018-2019)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
PAST EXPERIENCE	10%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered into with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	3.4%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	3.3%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	3.3%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA	25%
Ability to supply products that meet required OEM specifications	10%
Proof of supply of similar products – with references	10%
Evidence of technical expertise and after sales support	5%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than 0830 A.M 16TH JULY 2021 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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AMREF Health Africa pledges continued HIV support to the health sector

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

AMREF Health Africa has commended the government for collaborative approaches aimed at reducing HIV/Aids infection and drug abuse in the country, pledging continued support to the health sector.

The organization through its 'Afya Kamilifu Project' is supporting the ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children in Simiyu, Tanga and Zanzibar to implement HIV/Aids care and treatment clinical cascade

in an effort to achieve a 95-95-95 goal and HIV epidemic control.

However, in recognition of the link between injection of drug use or abuse and HIV which continues to be a risk factor transmission, Amref partners with the government to fight drug abuse.

"Amref as an important partner is committed to engage regional and national teams to ensure that methadone services are available to drug users in Tanga region" said Edwin Kilimba, Project Director.

He added the services are specifically at Tanga regional

referral hospital and at other 90 health facilities in all 11 District Councils in the region" said Edwin Kilimba, Project Director.

He said methadone has demonstrated multiple health benefits including the reduction in injection drug use and HIV acquisition, the utilization of methadone therefore becomes one of the HIV prevention method towards achieving the HIV epidemic control.

According to the director, since the establishment of methadone services in Tanga, Amref in

collaboration with the Drug Control and Enforcement Authority, the Ministry of Health and two Civil Society Organizations; Tanga Free Drug Foundation and Gift of Hope, have managed to reach and help 288 drug users. Through the funding from CDC/PEPFAR, Amref Health Africa has also participated in renovating facilities where methadone services are provided.

Due to strong relations between drug users and infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS, Amref Health Africa will continue to support the regional and national authorities to make sure that the services are available by Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE Arusha Society for the Protection of Animals (ASPA) has handed over animal health monitoring framework (AHMF) and agro-vets quality monitoring (AQM) to the ministry of Livestock and Fisheries in effort to improve veterinary services in the country.

AHMF is used for mentoring the

vets and para-vets during animal health services delivery while AQM is for monitoring the agro-vets facility and the services being provided.

ASPA, a non-governmental organization in Arusha handed over the tools in line with the ministry's request almost a year ago, for support in strengthening veterinary services.

Speaking on behalf of the Permanent Secretary in the ministry during a short handover ceremony held here, Dr Bedan Masuruli said the tools are very instrumental in improving veterinary services in the country.

He noted that the gesture is a result of the government request almost a year ago following the existing shortage of tools to test performance of laboratory centres.

The acting PS argued that the Veterinary Council of Tanzania (VCT) is responsible for regulation of the performance of veterinary

professionals, paraprofessionals and paraprofessional assistants, and for regulation of veterinary practice facilities but do not have such tools.

He added that after the government requested for the framework to access facilities, ASPA managed to test and it worked.

"We really needed the tools and we hope that it will help improve animal services and we thank ASPA for responding to the government request" said Dr Masuruli, adding that once adopted, animals' welfare will be improved.

He noted that in effort to start rolling the tools out, the government shall conduct an internship programme to equip veterinary officers with the right knowledge on the tools.

The government, he said, will thereafter conduct an assessment to see if the training helped the targeted officers before rolling out the system throughout the country.



Martha Mashiku (facing camera), a senior marketing and corporate affairs officer with UTT Asset Management and Investor Services, explains to visitors to the agency's pavilion at the ongoing DITF yesterday the advantages of investing in Umoja Fund. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala



Embassy of Sweden
Dar es Salaam

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Embassy is responsible for representing and promoting Swedish interests in Tanzania and has approximately 40 employees. The overall tasks of the Embassy include supporting business and trade, development cooperation as well as consular and visa services.

The strategy for Swedish development cooperation with Tanzania 2020 – 2024 focuses on four results areas i.e. 1). Democracy, the rule of law, human rights and gender equality; 2). Education; 3). Inclusive economic development; 4). Environment, climate and energy.

The current recruitment concerns a position as Program Manager in the development cooperation section, within results area one. The development cooperation section includes 18 employees.

PROGRAM MANAGER - GOVERNANCE

We would like to invite applications from suitably qualified candidates for the position of Program Manager responsible for governance with a focus on rule of law and gender equality

Scope and responsibilities:

In close cooperation with colleagues, you will contribute to Sweden's combined effort to implement the strategy 2020 – 2024, to achieve the overall objective of Swedish development cooperation of supporting people in poverty and under oppression to improve their living conditions. We strive to support change through a holistic multidimensional perspective on poverty. Follow-up and close cooperation with partner organisations are also at the core of our approach.

We are looking for a new person to welcome to our team that has good ability to collaborate and build trusting relationships with both colleagues and external partners. You also need to have the ability to lead yourself by self-sustaining, taking initiatives and pushing issues forward. To succeed in this role, you should have the ability to communicate effectively. Finally, it is important to be flexible; solution-oriented and capable of handling the unpredictable.

The position involves being responsible for the following main tasks:

- Managing contributions within the area of governance with a particular focus on the rule of law and gender equality.
- Be the focal point for gender equality at the Embassy.
- Contribute to the overall dialogue and coordination within the area of governance.
- Contribute to analysis as well as operational planning, implementation, follow up and reporting of the strategy focusing mainly on governance, rule of law and gender equality.
- Contribute to strategic communication in the field.
- Be an active team member at the Embassy contributing to the overall responsibilities of the Embassy.

Qualifications, Skills and Experience:

- At least a Law degree or equivalent
- At least 5 years of experience in development cooperation, including contribution management as well as follow up and dialogue with partners.
- Excellent command of written and spoken English and Kiswahili.
- Ability to engage in dialogue with different actors
- Ability to translate strategies and analyses into concrete actions with clear goals
- Ability to collaborate in groups towards common goals
- Basic knowledge of contribution management and administrative skills

To succeed in this role, you should have:

- Expertise in the areas of rule of law in Tanzania and gender equality.
- Experience from working for other international development partners

If you are interested in this job opportunity, e-mail us your CV (max. 5 pages) and cover letter explaining your suitability for the role. Please, do not include your certificates. Write "PM-Governance" in your e-mail subject line. The deadline is 16th July 2021. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

We regret the vacancy is not ideal for fresh graduates.

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NOTICE TO ALL SHAREHOLDERS OF MKOMBOZI COMMERCIAL BANK PLC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Twelfth Annual General Meeting of Mkombozi Commercial Bank Plc will be held on 31st July, 2021, at Msimbazi Centre Cardinal Adam's Hall Dar es Salaam from 9.00 a.m.

AGENDA

- 1.1 Opening of the Meeting
- 1.2 Adoption of the agenda
- 1.3 Confirmation of the minutes of the Eleventh Annual General Meeting held on 12th September, 2020
- 1.4 Matters arising from the Eleventh Annual General Meeting held on 12th September, 2020
- 1.5 To receive, discuss and adopt the directors' report for the year ended 31st December, 2020
- 1.6 To receive, discuss and approve the bank's financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2020 and adopt external auditor's report on financial statements of the bank for the year ended 31st December, 2020
- 1.7 To appoint statutory auditor
- 1.8 To receive update of the outcome of the Rights Issue.
- 1.9 Election of Directors
- 1.10 To set a date for the next annual general meeting
- 1.11 Any other business
- 1.12 Closure of the meeting.

Take further notice that:

1. A member wishing to attend the meeting must come with a copy of their receipt of purchased shares of the bank or a Share Certificate of the same.
2. A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint a PROXY to attend and vote on their behalf in accordance with the provisions of the Company's Articles of Association. A PROXY FORM must be deposited at the registered office of the bank so as to arrive not later than three (3) days before the meeting. The form should be in the following format:

"Mkombozi Commercial Bank Plc"

I/Weof, being a Member/Members of the above-named Company, hereby appoint of as my/our proxy to vote for me/us on my/our behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the bank to be held on the 31st July, 2021 and at any adjournment thereof.

Signed this day of 2021

3. All shareholders and/or representatives will be required to register before entering the meeting hall on the date of the meeting.

4. The booklets containing financial statements and other information of the bank will be available at the bank's branches a week before the meeting.

For further information contact the Bank's offices at:

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MAY, 2021

Govt speaks on co-operation with human rights defenders

By Alima Nkwong, HMC

THE government has reiterated its commitment to collaboration with human rights defenders in the establishment of a brave organization on human rights democracy whose contributions to the implementation of the five years national development plan will easily be pointed out.

Minister for Constitutional and Legal Affairs, Palamagamba Kabudi who represented the Prime Minister, Kasim Mjalaiwa made the statement in Dar es Salaam over the weekend when speaking during an event to commemorate the 7th anniversary of the Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC) challenged the coalition managerial organ to be more thoughtful when exercising their duties.

"I recommend you strengthen the managerial organs who will be more engaged in doing their duty, for we are all foot soldiers, where are the thinkers?" he questioned adding that we shouldn't allowed others to think for us

Kabudi appreciated the decision made by THRDC to involve in the implementation of the 5 years national development plan which he said is a prove that the Civil Society are also concerned in the development of the economy and encouraged them to continue working

"This is a high prove that you want to contribute to the economic growth of the country, continue working and obeying the laws of the country and cooperate with development partners in the implementation of the 5 years national development plan which will help enhance economic development" he urged

The minister also acknowledged that in the past relationship with the CSOs was affected this explains why the commission of human rights for human rights has been established by the constitution of Tanzania for the protection and preservation of human rights which before that was the permanent commission on enquiry

He called on right defenders to intensify investigation in rural areas like villages, district and the hinterland where some power drunkard leaders violate the human rights

"Most at times those in the rural areas suffer less from other forms of human violation of

rights but are mostly abused by their power drunkard leaders who used the ignorance of the people to abuse of their rights" he said

He therefore urged right defenders to educate people on their rights so that they themselves will know their rights and be able to defend them instead of always standing for them.

THRDC National Coordinator, Onesmo Olungurumwa while outlining the achievements of CSOs underscored that CSOs have hugely contributed areas like the provision of employment, provision of health services, education and to gender youth people with disabilities thus deserve to be recognized.

"CSOs are in the front line to support foreign exchange, they should be a segregated data and we hope that this celebration will strengthen the working environment between the government and the CSOs" he said while requesting that the government should consider launching a national committee that will manage the activities of CSOs

Olungurumwa mentioned that among the challenges faced by CSOs is an unfriendly environment like amendment of the CSOs act, large number of permits to conduct research, and demanded the government to reduce the SDL because CSOs rely on donors for funds for the running of their activities.

The Sweden Ambassador to Tanzania Andes Sjoberg encouraged this initiative undertaken by THRDC to celebrate this day and ensure to support in the pursuit of democracy right and also called on the government to be responsible because human rights defenders play a very important role in the development of the nation

"On behalf of the AU we encourage rights democracy and the government should be responsible because human rights defenders are catalyst to the development of the nation, I therefore salute the work the civil society has done so far and we look forward for a better way to work together" he intone

Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Office- responsible for people living with disabilities, Ummu Nderiananga recognized the role that CSOs play in community development especially in areas like protecting people with disabilities, youth, high learning institutions, NGOs and encouraged CSOs to be transparent in their activities if they want their role to be recognized.



Evarist Maganga, a grape farmer at Hombolo in Dodoma Region (R) has a word with a visiting Tanzania Chamber of Commerce Industry and Agriculture delegation led by Dodoma branch director Idd Senge (L) and Kemi Kalikawe in his farm at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

TWCC hails Samia Hassan leadership

By Getrude Mbagi

THE Tanzania Women Chamber of Commerce (TWCC) has commended the sixth phase government under President Samia Suluhu Hassan for investing heavily in creating conducive environment for investment, something which stimulates growth of more small and middle enterprises.

Mwajuma Hamza, TWCC executive director, expressed the gratitude in Dar es Salaam during the weekend at the ongoing 45th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF).

According to her, the women's chamber applauds President Samia for the several positive steps she has taken within the 100 days in office thus bringing a huge relief in trade and investment.

"We really appreciate the government for continuing to improve the business environment in the country, where many women have been able to set up

businesses and small industries that have increased improved their income and created jobs and as well contributed in the country's economic growth," Mwajuma told The Guardian in an interview at the exhibitions grounds.

She expressed TWCC enthusiasm to continue supporting the government's efforts to boost trade development for the country's industrialisation and economic growth.

The TWCC boss further pointed out that women are an important pillar in the development of any society, and that they have the potential to revolutionize the industry and trade if they are trusted and given the opportunity to do so.

Mwajuma also commended the Tanzania Trade Development Authority (Tantrade) and its partners for organizing the trade fair saying that this year's exhibitions are exceptional and well-arranged than it was in previous years.

"President Samia has improved

trust to investors by removing several challenges that were thwarting investment efforts in the country, we appreciate her for this, because having bigger investors in the country will also improve entrepreneurship as women will be able to sell their products to the big factories, supermarkets and others," she explained.

She said that TWCC will continue working closely with the government to ensure that more women in urban and rural areas are economically empowered to enable them contribute immensely in the country's development.

Tanzania Women Chamber of Commerce (TWCC) was established in 2005 by groups of Women with the aim of creating a platform to raise the voices for women entrepreneurs.

From 2005 TWCC has managed to achieve its goal by being an essential vessel for influence, opportunity, innovation, networking and capacity building.



THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND TRADE
EXPORT PROCESSING ZONES AUTHORITY



In reply please quote:

Ref. No. NO BC.642/686/01

Date: 2nd July 2021

NOTICE OF CLARIFICATION OF RENTAL CHARGE WITH EXPORT PROCESSING ZONES AUTHORITY (EPZA)

Notice is hereby given in respect to advertisement issued on 24th June, 2021 about godown and office space available with EPZA for rent. From the advert we wrote erroneously that rental charge for godown and office space will be at USD 4 and 7 per sq. meter per year respectively. The **correct rental charge is USD 4 and 7 per sq. meter per month respectively and not per year.**

The Export Processing Zones Authority (EPZA) hereby regrets for any inconvenience caused through that.

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JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Senior Program Officer, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion

1. Background and project description

Johns Hopkins University Center for Communication Programs (Referred as 'CCP') is an American NGO registered to operate in Tanzania as an Organization limited by guarantee and is domiciled in Tanzania. On 22nd January 2008, the Organization was issued a Certificate of Compliance No 1982 as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), having met the requirement of the NGO status.

Breakthrough ACTION is USAID's flagship social behavior change (SBC) project. It is a partnership led by CCP, in collaboration with Save the Children, ThinkAction, ideas42, Camber Collective, the International Center for Research on Women, and Viamo. The project works in partnership with governments, civil society and communities to implement creative and sustainable SBC programming, nurture SBC champions, mainstream new techniques and technologies and advocate for strategic and sustained investment in SBC.

2. General position summary/purpose:

The Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs (CCP) is seeking a Senior Program Officer for Gender Equality and Social Inclusion to provide technical assistance on gender integration and gender transformative programming and develop staff and institutional capacity in gender integration across the organization's global portfolio of programs. The Senior Program Officer will strengthen gender integration in CCP's flagship Social and Behavior Change (SBC) program (Breakthrough ACTION), as well as provide technical guidance to other CCP projects across the globe. The Senior Program Officer will also lead efforts to mainstream gender equality into CCP business practices, including hiring, promotion, supportive policies and anti-discrimination, ensuring connections with CCP's Anti-Racism work. The Senior Program Officer will contribute to the Center's overall strategic plan, business development and specific Center-wide initiatives, as well as working with the Communications Director to expand the promotion of the Center's work on gender equality and social inclusion. In all aspects of the work, the Senior Program Officer is expected to provide leadership and direction, whilst ensuring a collaborative, inclusive and participatory approach with CCP's diverse staff around the world in order to foster a culture of shared commitment to gender equality.

3. Minimum qualifications (mandatory):

- Master's degree (M.A., MHS, MPH) in relevant field required.
- Five years related experience in gender integration and SBC in international settings Required (see special knowledge, skills and abilities below for what is considered relevant experience).
- English language fluency in speaking, listening, reading and writing.

Preferred qualifications:

- Ten years related experience strongly preferred.
- French working proficiency strongly preferred.

4. Mode of application:

For the full Job Description, please follow the link: <https://springboardforbc.org/opportunities/138357>

Send email to spo.gesi2021@gmail.com Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.



Daud Mapunda (L), a nursing officer in charge of Muhimbili National Hospital's paediatric intensive care, briefs visitors to the hospital's pavilion at the ongoing Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair yesterday how to attend a child in need of urgent medical attention. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Business Development Authority (TanTrade) has entered into a special agreement with NBC Bank where the bank will finance the construction and renovation of large modern venues at the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair 'Sabasaba' in conjunction with the construction of the late John Magufuli's statue.

Speaking during a brief MoU signing ceremony which is worth 420m/- in Dar es Salaam yesterday, TanTrade CEO, Ambassador-designate Edwin Rutagaruka and NBC Bank Managing Director, Theobald Sabi said the move was aimed to revolutionize the ongoing Exhibition in the city which attracts thousands of participants from within and outside the country.

Ambassador-designate Rutagaruka said the agreement covers three years period, citing areas that will benefit from the

Tantrade and NBC seal pact to improve Sabasaba exhibitions

bank's funding to include a major renovation of the 'Sabasaba' hall, which extends over 1600 square meters so as to upgrade its status not only in the exhibition but also in the entire Temeke district.

"As a result of NBC Bank's efforts, the venue, which also serves as an exhibition pavilion, is the main attraction for international participants carrying international status and is where mineral exhibitions are held. In addition, it also serves as a venue for political and social functions including meetings and weddings," he said.

He mentioned other venues that will be associated with the funding to be the Rashid Mfaume Kawawa Conference Hall which is undergoing major renovations along with the renovation of the hall displaying Tanzanian

industrial products which will be renovated in the second phase of implementation of the agreement.

"All of this demonstrates NBC Bank's role in fostering a conducive business environment," said Ambassador-designate Rutagaruka, pointing at the presence of a bank-sponsored business clinics at the fair, including the presence of various commercial institutions and authorities like Tantrade, Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) and Business Registration and Licensing Agency (BRELA).

For his part, Sabi said it was a great honor for the bank to enter into such a partnership as it would provide an opportunity for them to fulfill their primary objective which is to continue serving its key stakeholders participating at the fair.

By Guardian Correspondent, Tabora

Agro-bank releases 160bn/- loans to 141 cooperatives

TANZANIA Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) has so far released 160bn/- loans to Co-operative Unions and Agriculture Marketing Co-operative Society (AMCOS) as strategic partners enabling them to transform their services.

The loans benefitted 141 AMCOS and seven co-operative unions in which 22,030,864,870.44/- went to AMCOS, 127,606,775,585.52/- for co-operative unions while 10,964,000,000/- released by the bank through Smallholder Farmers Credit Guarantee Scheme (SCGS).

"The loans meant a lot for transformations of agriculture and add value for crops production," a statement availed here by TADB shows, adding that co-operatives and AMCOS were strategic partners in transforming agriculture.

Speaking to journalists at the International Day of Cooperatives which was celebrated here at the national level over the weekend, the Chairman of Chato Co-operative Union (CCU), Deogratius Didi commended TADB for reviving cotton growing spirit in the lake zone.

"Since the bank started operations and I can speak that we cotton growers through our cooperatives have benefitted a lot through loans. Farmers are assured of reliable market of their produce and timely delivery of farm inputs," Didi said.

He said the bank has been empowering cooperatives so that they can run their services

more professionally and meet the farmers' expectations.

"The strong stability of CCU was a result of a loan from TADB. The bank for us is considered as a liberator for cooperative unions and AMCOS," Didi said, praising this year's celebrations, saying more financial institutions were present to market their services.

TADB has played a bigger role in transformation of cooperatives. The transformation made by TADB has made major interventions Coffee, fish and cotton projects in lake zone, paddy, dairy and sisal project in Eastern zone, sesame project in Tunduru and maize projects southern highland and sunflower projects in Central zone.

Minister: Involve local leaders in water plans

By Guardian Correspondent, Tanga

WATER minister Jumaa Aweso has directed the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) to ensure that they engage grass-root leaders when implementing various water plans projects so as to reinforce monitoring.

Aweso made the statement on Wednesday here during the annual water sector staff meeting where he noted that in the 2021/22 financial year, Tanga Region has been allocated 21bn/- for the implementation of water.

"Leaders in the grassroots level are very important to facilitate smooth implantation of water projects, so make good use of them because they are the ones who know well their areas and thus will

be able also to closely monitor the implementation and assess the value of the projects," he said.

He wanted the agency to ensure that it reinforces cooperation with the local leaders so as to address water shortages hitting various parts in the country.

"Any leader/executive in the ministry should always remember that he/she has a big role to ensure that all people in the country have steady supply of clean water, so let's go and work hard as there is no excuse,"

RUWASA manager in Tanga Upendo Lugongo said that the agency has recorded a number of achievements in the past two years where majority of residents in villages are now enjoying stable access to water services.

Hashimu Mgandilwa, Tanga District Commissioner (DC) commended the staff for working hard to bring changes in the water sector. "If we will organize ourselves and work hard to implement effective projects, then water blues facing our people for years will become history, this will also stimulate social and economic growth," he observed.

Reports show that, only 57 percent of Tanzania's population has access to an improved source of safe water, and only 34 percent of Tanzania's population has access to improved sanitation. Under these circumstances, the poor, particularly women and girls spend a significant amount of time travelling some distance to collect water.

Research foundation to support control of drug abuse and HIV/AIDS infections

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

HENRY Jackson Foundation Medical Research International (HJFMRI), an international non-governmental research organisation working in several countries in Africa has vowed to continue supporting the government controlling drug abuse and HIV/Aids infections.

The statement was made here by the organization's Country Director, Sally Chalamila, adding that HJFMRI, in Support of the U.S. Military HIV Research Program (MHRP) has been working in several countries providing care and treatment to people affected by HIV/AIDS and conducting research studies and has been actively involved in HIV and AIDS programming for over 30 years.

She said HJFMRI implements PEPFAR-funded HIV prevention, care, and treatment activities in the Southern Highlands Zone of Tanzania and country wide for TPDF providing resources, personnel, and technical support for service provision.

The program has expanded from supporting the Mbeya Zonal Referral Hospital to becoming a

hub for anti-retroviral treatment in the Southern Highlands Zone to community support through decentralized services.

Chalamila added that the overall objective of implementing clinical HIV prevention, care, treatment and research services in Mbeya, Rukwa, Katavi, Ruvuma, and Songwe regions in the Zone

She said the organization has also been working closely with the Drug Control and Enforcement Authority (DCEA) in effort to help control use of illegal drugs and has managed to 376 youths access medication assisted treatment (MAT) in Mbeya.

"We understand the relation between drug abuse and HIV/Aids infections that is why we have the MAT programme through which we also provide public education and awareness on the problems" she said.

She was speaking during the World Drug Day, nationally marked in Dodoma and was officiated by minister for Home Affairs, George Simbachawene on behalf of the Prime Minister, Kassim Mjaliwa.

Chalamila added that up to now her organization has reached at least 376 rehabs in Mbeya region, 40 in Tumduma who get methadone,

thanking the ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children and DCEA for enabling the programme.

She stated that in 2017 MAT clinic was launched at the Mbeya referral hospital, being one of the clinics through support from HJFMRI, and the second one in Tumduma, Songwe region, which started two weeks ago.

The director also observed that apart from MAT, other services provided at the clinics include TB and HIV/Aids, cervical cancer, sexually transmitted diseases and hepatitis treatments.

One of those undergoing rehabilitation treatments who is also peer educator, Salum Mwakilo, argued that illegal drugs do not have any benefits and only lead people to regrets.

The 26 years old resident of Mbeya said that most young people get into drugs mainly through peer pressure or frustrations.

Speaking exclusively to this paper during the meeting, head of Methadone department in Mbeya, Elius Bukuku said at least 376 people have been reached at take drugs daily, 360 being men and 16 women.



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF VARIOUS GOODS TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML) AT GEITA, TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring various goods and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply and delivery of goods below

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF GOODS
GGME01238	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF KSB (OEM) CENTRIFUGAL PUMPS AND SPARES
GGME01239	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF BRADKEN (OEM) GROUND ENGAGING TOOLS
GGME01240	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ROCKTUFF(OEM) SUBMERSIBLE PUMPS AND SPARES
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Memorable occasion of 20 years since death of Dr Omar Ali Juma

MANY people in Zanzibar and across the country have silently marked 20 years since third phase Vice President Dr Omar Ali Juma died, on July 4, 2001. On that day as it is still the case today, it was a day devoted to the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) where he officiated during the afternoon on that day, and then spent the evening with his family as usual, but death came knocking. It was a shock to the nation the following day to learn that the VP has passed away peacefully in the night, of heart ailment.

One event that will constantly be remembered in the legacy of Dr Omar was that fate designated him to be Acting Union President when the Civic United Front (CUF) moved to conduct a mass demonstration to mark 90 days from the date of a disputed general election, in October 2000. A number of diplomatic missions had objected to the proceedings but the United States, then in the final days of the Clinton administration (Democratic), waived aside those objections. It fortified the government's resolve, and in the demonstrations held January 26-27 2001, scores of people died as the demonstration was suppressed.

What is surprising in the chronicle is that the demonstration early 2001 was an event to climax an earlier demonstration 40 years back, in January 1961 as the independence movement gathered pace, also after disputed results of an election. The gerrymandering (creating more constituencies in pro-Sultanate areas) thus creating an artificial majority was inimical with a proper democratic vote, and this situation was only reversed with the January

1964 revolution. A whole new series of problems started, as those who were being excluded were now in power, but schism in the population remained in place, tormenting the state.

The solution to that situation was not yet in view in the days of Dr Omar and President Dr Salmin Amour, as at that time an adamant opposition dominant in the Zanzibar and having fairly effective presence on the Mainland was a thorn on the side of the state. One reason for fearing this opposition - and which actually drew the US Ambassador Dr Charles Stith to ignore polls objections - was that some of its sympathisers in civil society appeared to relish the terrorist strikes of Al Qaeda against US embassy buildings in Dar es Salaam and Nairobi. So it wasn't just the Zanzibar or Union authorities that took exceptions with CUF.

Efforts to bridge the gap between the two sides moved into high gear in the years that followed the January 2001 demonstration but took time to be effected on the ground. A government of national unity materialized nearly 10 years after that event, and it lasted only one term, and failed to come up the following polls owing to the same disputes. With the radical changes in the political landscape under the fifth phase Union presidency, opposition forces were tamed enough for them to brook participating in the government without sorting out the 'ifs and buts' of the general elections. With the sixth phase, more work needs to be conducted to widen opposition participation in the ranks of the government, as return to debating the constitution won't help much. No agreement can be reached as to weakening the presidency.

Litany of woes in public service calls for higher pace of reforms

WOES in the public service can scarcely be said to be decreasing, though to a certain extent firm leadership and improved electronic registers have narrowed the range of actions that an ill disposed person can do at any particular moment. There is greater scrutiny, oversight and intervention from the relevant quarters, which unavoidably implies that there is a net reduction in wrongdoing over time. This trend follows in academic expectation of greater institutionalisation, greater professionalisation and greater democratisation - implying a general rule of transparency, curbing traditional loyalties, feuds.

That is why one need not be alarmed by reports that forged academic papers, truancy and embezzlement of funds are some of the reasons employees in the public sector get fired. This is part of what transpired in a recent biennial general meeting of the Public Service Commission in the city on Friday, covering the 2019/2020-2020/2021 period. The commission handled 626 appeals lodged by sacked civil servants for various reasons, where disciplinary disputes led the list, but education queries weren't really far behind.

There were rather routine items like taking up further studies without permission, which boils down to refusal to grant such permission, often because those in higher positions look askance at more qualified individuals coming back to their posts. There are aspects where the interest of employer is at variance with the public interest, when individuals lacking the relevant qualifications are promoted. But often the reasons aren't far to seek, namely that traditional solidarities matter a lot, and are applied where feasible.

At least one reason for those

misunderstandings was a bureaucratic prerogative at most, which largely lacked foundation, for instance when the head of communications at the commission talked of the failure to produce form four certificates. If someone has been employed say ten years already, and on the basis of a diploma certificate and even a degree, why would such person have to produce a secondary school leaving certificate? Why do bureaucrats assume that people take care of those documents all their lives?

One relevant datum that the overall report noted was that 59 appeals were brought to the president, who agreed with the commission on 52 appeals and disagreed on seven others. It is possible that on the basis of the statistical notion of significance, rulings of the commission were on the whole seen to be fair, as seven out of 59 is not demonstration of unfairness. Still the commission found out that there is gross abuse of labour laws, rules and guidelines in the handling of disciplinary issues by employers. This is to say that the level of professionalism is low, traditional behavior is high, and we need much less of that.

At the time of independence there was strict adherence to rules in the civil service but we soon expelled Europeans and Indian UK citizens, and since nationals took over we have labored to observe standards. In 1967 and even more so in 1971 party rules became the workplace mainstay, with bureaucratic laxity and employee negligence the norm; since reforms started computers have replaced labour but there is still a dearth of professionalism. Amending citizenship laws would bring in fresh air from the outside world, as those moving in or feeling at home here will have greater reason to stick to standards, unlike at present.



Covid spreading in Africa at record pace, says WHO

GENEVA

THE Delta variant of coronavirus is driving the pandemic forward in Africa at record speeds, the World Health Organization (WHO) warned on Thursday.

Infection numbers have increased in Africa for six weeks running, rising by a quarter week-on-week to almost 202,000 in the week that ended Sunday, it said.

The continent's weekly record currently stands at 224,000 new cases.

Deaths rose by 15 per cent across 38 African countries to nearly 3,000 in the same period.

"The speed and scale of Africa's third wave is like nothing we've seen before," Matshidiso Moeti, the WHO's regional director for Africa, said in a statement.

The highly contagious Delta variant has been reported in 16 countries, accounting for 97 percent of samples sequenced in Uganda and 79 percent in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Oxygen demand in Africa is now

50 percent higher than at the peak of the first wave, a year ago.

"The rampant spread of more contagious variants pushes the threat to Africa up to a whole new level," Moeti said.

"More transmission means more serious illness and more deaths, so everyone must act now and boost prevention measures to stop an emergency becoming a tragedy."

The head of the DRC's fight against Covid warned meanwhile of "catastrophe" if the Delta variant keeps rapidly spreading in the

country.

"Our hospitals are overwhelmed, the morgues are overflowing, many politicians and university professors have been infected with the virus, and many have died," Jean-Jacques Muyembe, head of the National Institute of Biomedical Research (INRB), said at an online press conference hosted by the WHO.

African countries are suffering from a crippling shortage of Covid vaccines.

AGENCIES

Nigeria can and must climb out of the hole made by corruption

By Aigboje Aig-Imokhue

I was 13 years old in 1979, when Nigeria began to slip into a dark, frightening hole that seemed to have appeared overnight and from which it has yet to emerge: corruption.

Until that point, I had walked with a particular adolescent swagger - that of a young citizen of a newly independent nation that really mattered on the world stage; of a country whose voice carried loud and clear in the community of nations. To me, Nigeria was a country that produced wonderful writers, excellent athletes and brilliant leaders. It was the most populous African nation, one where English was spoken well and whose national IQ was one of the highest in the world. Life in Nigeria, while of course not perfect, was in so many respects good. And it was getting better.

My secondary school, looking back, provided a reflection of what was happening in Nigeria. In 1977, I was fortunate to attend an elite state-run secondary school, whereby any African standard I had access to first-class teachers, academic resources and sporting facilities. Then, that hole emerged seemingly from nowhere and into its bowels vanished so much of what was good about Nigeria.

Suddenly, my school was no longer a centre of excellence, but

an underfunded, overcrowded relic of past glory where standards had plummeted overnight. It was a microcosm of the insidious power of the corruption gripping Nigeria, where good was sucked into that forbidding hole and turned into bad.

A nation that had up to that point embraced merit in most things, at least those things my childish mind grasped, had done an abrupt about-turn and chosen instead to pursue mediocrity.

At that time, in 1979, Nigeria had just emerged from military rule, the only system of governance I had known since birth in 1966. Power was again handed to civilian authority - but it was not to last long before the military once again seized power in 1983 (and effectively held it again until the turn of the millennium).

In 1982, a year before the military seized power from our civilian government for the second time, I began my four years of university studies. Not much changed; certainly, things were not getting any better.

Indeed, if I thought that it was the civilians who could not manage our country properly, what followed when we returned to military rule proved that any civilian government is better than a military one. Dictatorship was not only bad socially and economically, but from a global point of view, Nigeria was a pariah nation unable to get its act

together and on its way to joining the club of failed African states.

Our military administrations from 1983 on are reckoned by some to have been the most corrupt of all, but perhaps Nigeria was so corrupted already that no one really noticed. Perhaps, the hole was now so deep already that it no longer really mattered if it got deeper.

Then the miraculous happened and in 1999, Nigeria returned to civilian rule. For the next eight years, because we had once again embraced meritocracy our country experienced a renaissance. Nigeria made more progress in that short period than it had in the preceding 25 years.

We began to climb out of that terrible hole, the one we had dug for ourselves. But then, just as we got our heads above the ground, we lost our footing and we started slipping back down again. Today, I believe, we are almost in the same position we found ourselves in 1999; we have wasted many of the opportunities and outcomes our eight-year renaissance had afforded us.

By now our country should be flying!

Consequently, I have found myself asking: does our apparent inability to climb out of the hole we are in mean that we Nigerians have accepted that we cannot do any better? That our lot in life, even though we can compete

intellectually with any nation on Earth, is much worse than we had dreamed it would be? That our children are consigned to being third-class citizens of the world (unless they emigrate and find opportunity elsewhere)?

Here is another question to ponder. When I was a small boy, our nation was 60-million strong. When that hole yawned open when I was 13, we stood at around 80 million. Today, we have more than 200-million people mired down there and in 30 years' time, there will be over 400 million in number. Would that not be the very definition of Hell?

These are the things I dwell upon, the fears that I have for my beloved Nigeria. But then, I look to the examples of other countries that have climbed out of their own holes of poor performance and, instead of basket cases, have become success stories: countries such as Malaysia, Indonesia, and China. Surely, if they can, we can, too.

That is the story that I want for my nation. I certainly do not presume to have all the answers - indeed, I might not have many - but I have resolved to employ the resources I have (financial and otherwise) to do my utmost to change Nigeria's sad narrative.

It is an investment in a brighter future for my country and all who live in it - and it is certainly well worth making.

START THE WEEK WITH CYNTHIA STACEY

The G7.....or similar forums...Have they any value?

JAMBO, cheers, greetings for the coming week, and it's nearly two years since this column bore the heading 'The whole world is a forum...but for whose benefit?'

Well, that was a G 7 meeting.... much criticised, and the latest one just finished recently, was vilified for being a waste of resources.

.... so to recap....backwards.... we've had the 39 Southern African Development Community (SADC) summit....the 7th Tokyo International Conference, on African Development, (TICAD) held every three years....then the African Leadership Forum, and of course, that over hyped G 7, which all took place around 2020.

...Plus many other mini meetings in various degrees of importance..... or of no importance at all.....except that the donor money was there to use!

But relating to the prestigious global blahs blahs, I wonder who first used the word 'summit', usually to describe the big guys, like the world leaders getting together, etc. Then of course you have the other well known 'biggies' like the World Economic Forum people at Davos in Switzerland, who are, as their banners have showed, ".....committed to improving the world".

.... what a mighty task, but they haven't quite managed it yet, so can keep on enjoying the annual fun a bit longer.....or forever really, with a nebulous brief like that and no time limit, who can define or decide when the improvement is complete!

Recalling this, I remember some years ago cutting out a headline from the local press, that stated "Sumaye wants world saved"....(that's



Mission accomplished ...or so they think. The G7 summit spokespeople who pass on their directives and mandates to the world, as they see it. But when will it be Africa's turn to do likewise? (File photo)

one up from improvement !) and I really liked the ambition of this massive request so briefly stated.... and no banner necessary! If correctly quoted, this was said by Frederick Sumaye, former Prime Minister of Tanzania, from 1995 to 2005.

.....Anyway, African leaders should surely have an advisory role at 'summit' level whenever they feel like giving it, and for a change, play their part in global development, from this continents perspective..... so join me in my rallying cry to commemorate Fredericka good man..... everyone shout Oh Yeah!

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Well, Professor D. Sachs from Columbia University, writing in an East African newspaper,

said of the recent G 7, "Yet again, we will see the boys club congratulate themselves for doing the bare minimum, when so much more is needed to address the challenges we face..... and SADAC have created an environment where big corporations enrich themselves at the expense of the people in the region, and have prioritised the perfect environment for the already super wealthy to become even richer".

He writes that "The G7 is particularly irrelevant now because its leaders don't deliver on their promises. They like making symbolic statements and not solving problems. Worse, they give the appearance of solving global problems while really leaving them to fester,

and this year's summit was no different".

The Professor tells us that "We don't need the G7 to solve the world's problems----it's a waste of resources. If it had to be held at all, it should have been conducted online; saving time, logistical costs and air plane emissions".

.....he thinks "G7 summits are an anachronism, and that political leaders need to stop devoting their energy to an exercise that is unrepresentative of today's global economy, and results in a near disconnect between stated aims and the means adopted to achieve them".

....quite right too....and amongst his recommendations are face to face meetings, more serious homework to link means and ends, more routine Zoom meetings to discuss what

really needs to be done, and greater reliance on the G20. (plus the African Union, as the group that can actually follow through)

.....well yes to that, and time to close, but let's hear the sentiments of one man who speaking at the African Leadership Forum at the State House, in Tanzania, in September 2019, said "We suffer from the remnants of a colonial mentality, that wealth is money, and we have failed to properly interpret the freedom we fought for, namely to use our resources to improve the lives of our people.".....

.....The words of the late President John Magufuli offering us a mighty declaration and surely worthy of another"Oh Yeah to that"!

Dalit and Muslim Indian women leading change in South Sudan

NEW DELHI

TWO Indian women, one Muslim and the other Dalit (former untouchables), separated by culture and geography, have found common ground in leading change in conflict-torn South Sudan.

Rama Hansraj, a Dalit, grew up in a humble railway colony in Secunderabad. Huma Khan, a Muslim, born and raised in the controversial north Indian city of Faizabad, now Ayodhya, home to the demolished Babri Masjid. Both agree their personal experiences of experiencing and seeing discrimination in India and the world led to their decisions to work in the international humanitarian field in conflict zones.

The women are activists and feminists who, through their experiences of struggle and years of work with India's most marginalised, decided to work in geographies and contexts which ordinarily many would avoid.

"What else do you expect someone, who has grown up five kilometres (three miles) away from the disputed Babri Masjid site in an atmosphere of constant conflict and communal strife, to want to pursue?" says Khan in an exclusive interview with IPS. She was answering a question on why she chose to work in countries like Iraq and Afghanistan instead of choosing a more comfortable position.

In her last role in South Sudan, Khan was the senior women's protection advisor, leading the section on conflict-related sexual violence at the United Nations mission in South Sudan (UNMISS). She is now a senior human rights adviser to the UN in Bangladesh.

Hansraj, country director of Save the Children in South Sudan, shared with IPS how her work on the ground in India and her interactions with the development sector motivated her to take up positions outside the country and institutions with decision-making powers.

"For us Dalits, access to basic facilities like education and land is a challenge. We face discrimination even in disasters," she says while sharing her experience of working post-Tsunami in India.

Here she saw how Dalits, affected by the disaster, were not even allowed to stand in the same queue as others to receive basic aid.

"We started working on developing donor principles in disasters, highlighting the fact that they need to look at the vulnerabilities within the response and how the beneficiary selection needs to be more inclusive. That is when I saw that not working in these bigger organisations was not going to help us," recalls Hansraj.

Khan spent many years in Gujarat as an independent activist living in resettlement colonies after the communal violence of 2002. There she worked to help rebuild communities and assist in the case of a gang rape survivor. Her lived experiences made her



Rama Hansraj

"unapologetically Muslim".

She recalled how she refused to share the stage at an event organised by an international NGO where women were made to "unveil" as a symbol of freeing them.

"It was a month after 9/11 that I had a study-cum-work trip planned to the US which I did not want to cancel," Khan says. "I have had an object thrown at me and been called 'Taliban' while walking down a street in the US because I had covered my head to escape the cold."

Hansraj has been part of anti-caste movements for as long as she can remember, and shared caste discrimination crosses borders and continents and is not only an "Indian problem".

"Caste travels where Indians travel, and the international development sector is no exception. Indians abroad always assume I am upper caste, because otherwise how could I be in such high positions, being a Dalit," she says with sarcasm.

Both Hansraj and Khan were Ford Foundation fellows and got their initial international academic ex-

posure with the fellowship.

One of the driving factors for both moving from India to take up challenging positions in countries like Yemen (for Hansraj) and Darfur and Afghanistan (for Huma) was their disappointment with the development sector in India and its treatment of Muslim and Dalit communities.

"Even if you're working for a Dalit organisation, the funding decisions were still with those upper caste people sitting in the international NGOs, who basically made decisions for us," says Hansraj.

"Even today, most positions of power in the development sector are occupied by upper caste individuals who decide what to fund and what not to, instead of letting us decide on our own issues."

Khan, who co-founded the feminist rights and advocacy group AALI in India, also felt the space to grow, especially for a Muslim woman in the development sector in India, was shrinking, with those who occupied powerful positions continuing to do so for decades.

Both women worked in South Sudan for close to three years. When Khan left the country late last year, she became a senior human rights adviser to the UN in Bangladesh. Hansraj continues to head Save the Children in South Sudan.

South Sudan is the youngest country globally, gaining its independence from the Republic of Sudan in 2011. The country experiences constant

instability and conflict since then.

Both Khan and Hansraj, in leading roles, have held interactions, negotiations and led advocacy and action-oriented processes with the leadership in the country, with tribal chiefs and community elders alike.

Constant armed rifts and coming face to face with former armed groups where negotiations were needed to either release abducted women or children, or both did not deter them.

"My team and I were able to facilitate the process of the release of women who were abducted, many as sexual slaves, in the Western Equatoria region of South Sudan. To deal with the leadership in the capital city of Juba was one thing, and to negotiate with the commanders on the ground had challenges of threat for us and especially for those women," recalls Khan. The negotiation led to the release of dozens of women and children, many of whom were subjected to repeated rape, sexual slavery and forced marriage by members of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement-in-Opposition (SPLM-IO).

"For me, my identity and my experiences as a marginalised person mean I can identify myself with conflict-affected communities and communities that have been deprived of their basic freedoms, like South Sudan," says Hansraj.

Hansraj shared how she lived in constant fear of being raped when she was in the country in 2015-2016, having witnessed compound break-ins and rampant sexual violence. "Women and children are abducted in the process of cattle-raiding here. There is intercommunal violence. In India, women and children from Dalit communities were abducted and trafficked for centuries into forced labour and sex work," she says.

Hansraj feels she imported herself into a context, which is so similar and heart wrenching that sometimes she finds herself caught between emotions and practicalities. **IPS**

Stopping marine plastic pollution a key IUCN congress goal

St David's, Wales

DOCUMENTED images of albatross chicks and marine turtles dying slow deaths from eating plastic bags and other waste are being seared into our consciences. And yet our mass pollution of Earth's seas and oceans, fuelled by single-use plastics and throw-away consumerism, just gets worse.

Plastic debris is estimated to kill more than a million seabirds, 100,000 marine mammals and countless sea turtles every year. Plastics, with all their benefits and promises, have revolutionised societies and economies since their development in the 1950s, but now some 8 million tonnes end up in the oceans every year.

Waste plastic, making up to 80% of all marine debris from surface waters to deep-sea sediments, breaks down into micro-plastics which enter the digestive systems of sea and land animals and humans. Invisible plastic is in the water we drink, the salt we eat and the air we breathe. Experts are still working out the long-term impacts, such as cancer and impaired reproductive systems.

The fishing industry, nautical activities and aquaculture also leave a massive legacy in terms of ocean waste, poisoning and ensnaring sea life.

Hasna Moudud heads a small NGO in Bangladesh, working to protect coastal areas where vast rivers pour into the Indian Ocean, providing livelihoods and food for millions.

Her NGO, Coastal Area Resource Development and Management Association (Cardma), plants coastal trees, protects olive ridley sea turtles in a conservation hatchery in the Bay of Bengal, and helps women in cottage industries, using cane grass to make



Plastic bottles and bottle caps are among the most frequent items found along Mediterranean shores.

mats instead of plastic.

"Oceans are always neglected," she tells IPS. "Small NGOs like myself take risks to save whatever we can of the fragile ecosystem that is left for our future generations."

But to combine her NGO's efforts with those of others, Moudud says she is "praying" to attend the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2020 in Marseille this September where government, civil society and indigenous peoples' organisations from around the world will join discussions to set priorities and drive conservation and sustainable development action.

Meeting every four years - with this Congress delayed by the Covid pandemic - member organisations of the International Union for Conservation of Nature, vote on major issues to shape human-

ity's response to the planet's conservation crises. This particular Congress in Marseille is offering both in-person and virtual participation options, allowing those unable to make the trip to Marseille for the full Congress the opportunity to join discussions and provide their feedback.

Moudud's NGO is a co-sponsor of Congress Motion 022: "Stopping the global plastic pollution crisis in marine environments by 2030."

The broad resolution goes to the heart of the waste plastics issue. It notes that global production is due to increase by 40% over the next 15 years from current levels of around 300 million tonnes and that the world's "predominant throwaway model" means that over 75% of the plastics ever pro-

duced to date are waste, "notably because the price of plastic on the market does not represent all of the costs of its lifecycle to nature or society".

Recalling previous international efforts to set goals for ending marine plastic litter, the motion calls on the international community to reach a wide-ranging global agreement to combat marine plastic pollution. This would entail, among other measures, eliminating unnecessary plastic production, in particular single-use plastic waste; recycling and proper prevention of leakage into the environment; and public awareness campaigns.

Activists say previous international efforts to curb plastic pollution have been toothless. Moudud is among many who want mandatory and enforceable measures, accusing big business of what she calls "manipulative practices through sponsorship and malpractice without helping build the natural world".

"No one is looking or holding the polluters responsible," she says, calling for a toughening up of the resolution. "I am deeply involved in everything IUCN

does to help save the natural world and sustainable living."

Steve Trott, project manager for IUCN-member Watamu Marine Association which is tackling plastic pollution in their Marine Protected Area in Kenya, says Motion 022 clearly sets out the threats posed by plastic waste to marine and coastal environments, economies and human health and well-being.

"Watamu Marine Association and EcoWorld Recycling based on the Kenya coast embrace the IUCN call for action," Trott told IPS.

Pushing circular economy initiatives, their NGO has created dynamic plastic value chains through partnerships between the hotels industry and local communities, sponsoring beach clean-ups and collecting plastic waste for recycling. This provides a second source of income for community waste collectors while local artists are also up-cycling plastic waste.

Reflecting one of the main themes of IUCN's membership structure bringing together civil society and indigenous peoples and government authorities, Trott says Watamu is following a "win-win model which can be replicated and up-scaled, sending out an 'Act Local, Think Global' message to inspire others". He hopes to attend the Congress in Marseille if all goes well.

The Plastic Waste Makers index, a study by Australia's Minder Foundation, identifies 20 companies producing more than half of all single-use plastic waste in the world. Some are state-owned and multinational corporations, whose plastic production is financed by major banks. The report notes that nearly 98% of single-use plastic is made from what is called virgin fossil fuels - plastic created without any recycled materials.

Single-use plastics explain why fossil fuel companies are ramping up their production as their two main markets of transport and electricity generation are being decarbonised. By 2050 plastic is expected to account for 5%-10% of global greenhouse gas emissions.

Humankind possesses unprecedented levels of knowledge but also the accompanying responsibility, knowing that oceans are in the poorest health since humans started exploiting them.

Single use plastics - and the estimated 130 million tonnes that are dumped each year around the world - have dominated studies and discussions on waste. Plastic bottles, food containers and wrappers, and single-use bags are the four most widespread items polluting the seas.

One element woven into similar narratives of how to tackle the world's burning environmental issues - such as carbon emissions, species loss, and plastic waste - is the potential fix offered by technology. Motion 022 refers to the need for more investment in environmentally sound plastic waste collection, recycling and disposal systems as well as forms of recovery. A study led by biologist Nikoleta Bellou at the Helmholtz-Zentrum Hereon institute focuses on inventive sea-cleaning solutions to date, including floating drones. But her paper suggests that it could take about a century to remove just 5% of plastics currently in the oceans using clean-up devices because plastic production and waste are accumulating so fast.

Activists welcome IUCN's intervention on plastic waste pollution and the strong mandate a successful and unanimous motion can convey to governments and international institutions.

But they also caution against taking too narrow an approach towards tackling marine pollution at the September 3-11 Congress.

Eleonora de Sabata, spokesperson for the Clean Sea Life project, co-funded by the European Union's LIFE programme, told IPS that the narrative needs to shift away from single-use plastic to single-use everything. "Technology" has come up with so-called 'bio' plastics as a replacement for some plastics but only to create a whole suite of problems of their own.

"It's the throwaway culture that creates problems, whether plastic or not. Green washing and sloppy leadership are filling our world of single use," she argues.

Washing our consciences by simply substituting single-use plastics with other single-use items, such as supposedly biodegradable bags and cutlery, are not the answer.

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Sunlight, salt and pounding waves grind marine litter down to plastic grains.

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CAPITAL RADIO

Minister showcases its achievements recorded in 100 days of President Samia Suluhu Hassan

By Guardian Reporter

THE Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries has unveiled several achievements recorded within 100 days since Samia Suluhu Hassan was sworn in as the sixth President.

The activities were lined up to be executed in the 2020/2021 financial year and most of those tasks were based on President Samia's directives in various forums to improve the livestock and fisheries.

The minister in the portfolio, Mashimba Ndaki, said during the 100 days, the ministry is building two deepwater wells in Iringa District Council (Usolanga) and Mpapa (Manyoni). Its construction has reached 70 percent and 30 percent respectively. The ministry has rehabilitated three dams of Chamakweza (Chalinze), Kimokoua (Longido), and Narakauo (Simanjiro).

According to Ndaki, the ministry has set aside 32,044.21 hectares of land for grazing in three districts of Tanganyika, Nsimbo and Mlele.

"During this period, the government has provided training and licensing to 340 butchers in Dar es Salaam's Kinondoni and Temeke abattoirs. We've also provided equipment to 34 skin inspectors in Mwanza, Simiyu, Shinyanga and Mara regions. The idea here is to ensure that skins/hides meet standards needed by industries," he said.

"The Magena livestock market in Mara Region has been opened to facilitate livestock trade between Tanzania and Kenya. Also, the construction of the Buzirayombo secondary livestock auction in Geita Region has reached 50 percent. The aim is to improve livestock trade within and outside the country," he said.

According to Minister Ndaki, a total of 146 indigenous cattle in Iringa Region and 152 cattle in Singida Region were analyzed to identify and maintain indigenous cattle breeds.

The Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries (Livestock Sector) on behalf of the United Republic of Tanzania and the Ministry of Agriculture, Zanzibar's Ministry of Irrigation, Natural Resources and Livestock met and agreed to develop practical cooperation at departmental and institutional levels under those Ministries to strengthen the sector on both sides of the union so that they can contribute more to economic growth and human development.

So far, Tanzania has 33.4 million cattle; 21.3 million goats and 5.65 million sheep, more than 1.85 million pigs, 47.4 million indigenous poultry and other non-conventional species such as donkeys and rabbits.

On fisheries, the minister said: "The fishing industry is one of the economic sectors in the country. Fishing activities contribute to food security,



Improved cattle breed key in developing the country's livestock sector. File Photo

nutrition, income generation, poverty reduction, foreign exchange and contributing to GDP."

Some of those achievements are the completion of the construction of three offices of Fisheries Management Groups (BMU) in Pangani (Kipumbwi), Mkinga (Zingibari), and Bagamoyo (Dunda) districts, the minister said.

Other achievements include improving the enabling infrastructure for fishing activities by commencing the construction of six fish markets in Lake Victoria Zone, construction of the Mbamba Bay-Nyasa fish market in Ruvuma Region, and plans to rehabilitate Ferry international fish market in Dar es Salaam starting this month.

The government has set aside 50bn/- in the 2021/2022 budget for the construction of the Fisheries

Port in Mbagani - Bagamoyo area;

The launch of the Gender Desk in the Fisheries Sector to enable women to participate effectively in the blue economy through the Fisheries Sector and new Regulations for the Management and Development of deep seas fisheries have been prepared and published in Government Gazette no. 334 dated April 23, 2021;

The ministry is also promoting investment opportunities available in the fishing industry through national conferences comprising guests from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the People's Republic of China, and the United Arab Emirates.

"In addition, this led on June 22, 2021, for the first time the Deep Sea Fishing Authority (DSFA) to collect a total of US \$ 800,000 equivalent to 1.84bn / - payment for deep seas

fishing licenses for 22 vessels after foreign ships to stop taking Tanzanian licenses in 2017/2018 caused the government to lose revenue and DSFA to fail to operate itself," he said, adding:

"We've purchased twelve boats and six engines for strengthening the protection of fishing resources," he said.

According to Ndaki, Tanzania Fisheries Research Institute (TAFIRI) has successfully enabled 100 fishermen in the Indian Ocean coast to fish effectively by providing them with information on marine fish stocks.

DSFA completed the preparations and enabled the Ministers responsible for the United Republic of Tanzania and Zanzibar Fisheries Sector to sign the New Seas Fisheries Regulation and Development

Regulations of 2021 and came into force on April 23, 2021. The authority has completed the protection of fishery resources and illegal fishing-related activities in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) which it manages by using its ship tracking systems were on April 23, 2021 it captured and secured the Hg boat flying the Iranian flag containing 859.36 kilograms of drugs.

To take advantage of the Blue Economy opportunities through the aquaculture industry, the government has allocated 18bn/- which will be used to build, rehabilitate and expand infrastructure in six aquaculture development centers in Mwamapuli (Tabora), Ruhila (Ruvuma), Kingolwira (Morogoro), Nyengedi (Lindi), Machui (Tanga), and Rubambagwe (Geita).

This measure will help alleviate the problem of shortage of quality fish fry by increasing production from 2 million chicks to 8 million per year, improving the provision of extension services especially providing practical training to at least 3,000 people to encourage and enable fish and other aquaculture productively and profitably and expand the scope of extension services, as well as establishing 40 demonstration fish farms to be managed by youth and women's groups.

"This is the beginning of the implementation of the ambition of having demonstration farm in every council across Tanzania to promote fish farming for improved nutrition, income generation and economic growth."

The minister said that in order to encourage the development of marine living resources, seaweed farmers in the Mkinga (Tanga) and Mchinga (Lindi) areas as well as Bagamoyo - Coastal reef breeders have purchased equipment worth 15m / - to increase production.

Govt to provide sunflower seedlings subsidy to farmers

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE government is working on a special plan to start providing sunflower seeds subsidy to farmers so as to improve production of the crop in the country.

Deputy agriculture minister, Hussein Bashe, said that the ministry was determined to increase the availability of improved sunflower seeds at a tune of more than 3,900 tonnes, compared to 886 tonnes estimated to be produced during the year 2021.

He said the government also eyes to heighten production of sunflower from 790,000 to a total of 1,600,000 tonnes, something which will also spearhead the country's efforts to minimize importation of edible oil.

Bashe said that the target is aimed to ensure a total of 35 sunflower oil industries in the country have capacity of processing at least 650,000 tonnes, with 741 other small scale factories to process a total of 1,111,500 tonnes.

"We are working tirelessly to mobilize all potential edible oil resources the country has been endowed with in order to overcome the challenge of acute shortage of cooking oil within the country," Bashe said.

He added that the parent ministry would motivate and supervise contract farming among the farmers and sunflower processors in order to propel for vast cultivation of the crop. "At ministerial level, we are planning to implement several useful strategies

to ensure increased research on improved sunflower seed varieties, development of agriculture infrastructures as well as provision of deserved extension services towards the sunflower growers," he detailed.

Statistics show that Tanzania imports more than 365,000 metric tons (MT) of edible oil annually which costs the government at least 443bn/-.

The National Coordinator for Sunflower Research, Frank Reuben told The Guardian in an interview that the institute has already developed a key

road map to produce a total of 45 tons of Pre-basic and basic seeds, to be distributed to different seeds companies for mass production.

He briefed, in order to implement the robust initiative successfully, TARI has set to work in partnership with several companies and institutions.

They are the Agriculture Seed Agency (ASA), BioSustain Tanzania Limited, TERMAR, RUDDI, AGRI-SEED Technologies, Southern Highland Seed Growers, Lima Africa, Inades, Agricipays Tanzania Ltd, and

registered farmers working with Clinton Foundation and World Vision Tanzania.

"The companies will be responsible to produce at least 4,500 tonnes of seeds, to be certified by the Tanzania Official Seeds Certification Institute (TOSCI)," he stated.

He expressed that, according to the set schedule, the seed tons to be produced will be used to produce 2 million tonnes of sunflower grain for processing.

"This programme is expected to play a paramount role

in helping the county contain a shortage of edible oil, as well as reduce importation of sunflower seed varieties," he insisted. On June 13 this year, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa launched the national strategic campaign for the mass investment and production of sunflowers in the country.

In his keynote speech at the Social Training Centre -RC Mission, in Singida Region, the premier said the campaign was meant to ensure the country overcome edible oil shortage within a period of two years.

Water project provides relief to locals in Mara's Masanga village

By Special Correspondent

ACCESS to clean, sufficient, on-sight and affordable water presents a major challenge for billions of people around the world.

The World Health Organization estimates that 785 million people lack even basic drinking-water service, while a quarter of the world's population only has access to contaminated sources, the cause for widespread water-borne diseases. Of great concern is access to safe water and adequate supply for health care facilities.

In response to this challenge the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development in 2020 launched a project aimed at addressing the situation regarding water, sanitation and hygiene, called "WASH", in Catholic health care facilities around the world.

The project carried out a worldwide survey and then developed strategies and concrete responses for those greatest in need. The project continues today in partnership with Catholic Relief Services, Caritas Internationalis, and Global Water 2020, among others, to network knowledge, best practices, and funding on a vital issue for all.

The Catholic Church runs almost half of all health care facilities around the world where they are practically non-existent, due to poverty or inability for regions to provide healthcare in remote areas. Access to clean, dependable,



on-sight water is essential for providing these services. Without clean water, sinks, soaps, toilets and hygiene procedures, billions of patients, care staff and families are placed at risk because there is no foundation or infrastructure for decent, safe, quality care.

"Fresh drinking water is an issue of primary importance, since it is indispensable for human life and for supporting terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. Sources of fresh water are necessary for health care (...).One particularly serious problem is the quality of water available

to the poor. Every day, unsafe water results in many deaths and the spread of water-related diseases, including those caused by microorganisms and chemical substances. Dysentery and cholera, linked to inadequate hygiene and water supplies, are a significant cause of suffering and of infant mortality.

A concrete example of this reality can be shared by Daughter of Charity Sister Bibiane Bokamba who heads a Church-run health center and dispensary in Masanga, Tanzania, a remote town in the northwest bordering Kenya. She also runs a "DREAM

Center" health facility next door. DREAM is a health program established by the Community of Sant'Egidio, in collaboration with the DREAM Foundation, to treat and prevent HIV/AIDS in Africa, but over the years the scope has widened to promote universal health in Africa with DREAM standing for "Disease Relief through Excellent and Advanced Means".

The facilities run by Sister Bokamba are the only ones to be found in the area with the nearest town a three-hour distance by car. The centers provide close to 400 medical visits per month, in addition to basic

care and counselling for those seeking it. Close by there is also a primary school. The economy in the area and sparsely populated small villages is mainly agricultural, with survival a major challenge for most. Until just over a year ago, water needs were desperate, given that they did not have enough wells or ways to collect water. In addition, assuring safe drinking water was not possible. But then Sister Bokamba worked with the community to get involved in upgrading the water and sanitation infrastructure by partnering with several charitable NGOs working in the field, also in conjunction with the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development.

Thanks to these efforts, more than fifty thousand people now have access to clean water, which supplies the health and Dream centers, essential for their services. Sister Bokamba says now, "We have clean water. We made a well. We bought the tank also to collect water from the rain, so we can keep it and use it" The rainwater collection helps them get through the dry summer months, something that was not possible before a new well was drilled with three tanks linked to it. While the situation has greatly improved, she is hoping to add more wells, since the needs for the population are great.

"We need to add more water. We can build a well like we did at the hospital. So I think we need to be helped again for the water." At the same time, the water supply for the health and Dream centers has saved countless lives. "So our hospital is helping a lot of people", Sister Bokamba says, and "everything for us is a really big help for the population".

The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development released last year a document entitled: "Aqua fons vitae - Orientations on Water, symbol of the cry of the poor and the cry of the Earth". The text looks at the social teachings of the popes, local churches and underscores the importance of water for all as an essential resource that must be safeguarded. Sister Bokamba can relate to it wholeheartedly, based on her own lived experience and that of those she serves in Masanga, Tanzania.

Peter Fabricius, ISS Consultant

Turning blind eye to Eswatini has led to delayed response to violence, potential atrocity

THE insurgency in northern Mozambique should have taught southern Africa the obvious lesson that it's safer, cheaper and more effective to resolve conflicts before they explode.

Early warning systems are designed to avoid taking such drastic and precarious action – and SADC has such a system. But does it heed early warnings? In Eswatini, for example?

Low-level protests have been simmering there for weeks. They escalated on Saturday into serious rioting that has continued since then.

Eswatini is rife with rumour, in large part because the government shut down the internet. On 28 June, King Mswati was widely reported to have fled the country.

Nevertheless, the crisis shows signs of spiralling out of control. Eswatini's periodic episodes of protests against autocratic rule have in the past eventually burnt themselves out.

The fundamental problem and the common denominator in these disturbances is the country's democracy deficit. Eswatini likes to present itself as a democracy and even has a constitution that says as much.

Instead of the conventional multi-party variety of democracy, Eswatini has the tinkhundla system. Fifty-nine tinkhundla or administrative subdivisions across the country each elect one representative – chosen on merit, not party affiliation.



It has been rumoured that King Mswati of eSwatini (pictured) has fled the country. This has been denied by eSwatini's acting prime minister. (Photo: Gallo Images) Less

filiation, as parties are forbidden – to the House of Assembly. This is the lower chamber of the bicameral Parliament.

In practice, however, Mswati remains an absolute monarchy, not a constitutional one, so the rest is all essentially window-dressing or democratic opera.

In a country where democracy is meagre, such democracy as is on offer arguably becomes more important. The current explosion of protests appears to have been detonated by the government denying even this partial democracy.

Three dissident Members of Parliament (MPs) had called for the prime minister to be elected instead of appointed by the king. Many ordinary citizens began delivering petitions to their MPs supporting the call.

On Saturday, protests erupted in the rural town of Siphofaneni, about 50 km south-east of the capital Mbabane, over this repressive measure.

ices and vehicles. And then spread to other towns.

Masuku blamed the local MP, Mduzuzi 'Gawuzela' Simelane, a vocal reformist, for stoking the flames by agreeing to receive his constituents' petitions, despite the ban.

He insinuated that the ban on physical delivery of petitions was more about Covid-19 than anything else and gave an email address for delivering grievances.

Covid-19 does seem to have been a background factor in the unrest. Mswati may not have physically fled the country, but he's been noticeably absent from the public space to protect himself from infection.

tute, and this has further weakened Mswati's grip on the country, including in Parliament where the dissenters have become increasingly vocal.

The political opposition has called on the region, particularly South Africa, to intervene but Pretoria hasn't responded.

It also called on SADC to intervene, as did Simelane. The disturbances are surely early warning signs of more serious conflict and instability in Eswatini.

The SADC Protocol on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation empowers it to "seek to resolve any significant intra-state conflict" and says SADC's early warning system is intended "to facilitate timely action to prevent

the outbreak and escalation of conflict." This may include preventive diplomacy, negotiation, conciliation, mediation, good offices, arbitration or adjudication.

Wu Tianyi: 'Guardian of life' on Qinghai-Tibet Plateau

By Du Yifei,

WU Tianyi, 86, is a member of the Chinese Academy of Engineering and former research fellow with the Qinghai Province Cardiovascular and Cerebrovascular Disease Specialist Hospital.

As a pathfinder of Chinese hypoxia physiology and high altitude medicine, Wu has worked on plateaus for over six decades. He made international standards on the prevention and treatment of altitude sickness, initiated studies on high altitude adaptation in Tibetans, and diagnosed and treated more than 10,000 Tibetan patients.

Responding to the call of the nation to build the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, Wu came to the north-western province of Qinghai for work in 1958, where he saw many constructors fall ill and even sacrifice their lives due to anoxia and low pressure.

Back then, high altitude medicine was still an area that no one in China had ever stepped onto, so he determined to get somewhere in this specific field.

To find the cause for altitude sickness and acquire more reliable information, Wu went on



Wu Tianyi (L) has a checkup for a patient from an ethnic minority group. File photo

field trips to remote places with extremely high altitudes.

At that time, transportation infrastructure was still poor on the plateau, so he and his colleagues had to ride horses and have yaks carry instruments and devices.

Fighting with altitude stress, Wu slept in tents and lived on frozen bread and snowmelt.

During the past decades, he has left his footprints in most of the high-altitude areas in Qinghai, Gansu and Sichuan provinces, as well as Tibet and Xinjiang Uygur autonomous regions.

He has collected millions of pieces of scientific data, laying a solid foundation for the study of high altitude medicine.

Different from general medical studies, high altitude medicine would place researchers in harsher natural environments. Wu has had 14 bone fractures during his field trips. Once four of his ribs were broken, with one almost piercing into his heart.

In early 1990s, Wu designed the largest comprehensive hypobaric-hyperbaric chamber in China which was able to simulate pressure ranging from 12,000 meters above the sea level and 30 meters under it.

After conducting animal experiments, Wu volunteered to be the first human going into the chamber, taking high risks. "I designed it, and I must be the first to try it," he said. Due to a lack of operational experience, the operator of the chamber decompressed

it too fast, which led to an acute headache of Wu and an eardrum rupture.

Even so, Wu continued the experiment after his eardrum was recovered, but his hearing ability was very much impacted.

Later, his experiment results were massively applied. During the construction of the Qinghai-Tibet railway, which features the highest elevation in the world, Wu made a series of prevention and treatment plans for altitude sickness, as constructors must maintain high work intensity at an altitude of over 4,500 meters.

Under his suggestion, 17 oxygen generation stations and 25 hyperbaric chambers were built up along the construction route, which successfully rescued nearly all who were struck by acute altitude sicknesses, including encephaledema and pneumoedema.

No death was caused by altitude sickness among the 140,000 railway constructors, which was a miracle and earned Wu the title of the "guardian of life."

Today, Wu, in his eighties, is still working on the plateau region wearing a cardiac pacemaker. Every time someone persuades him to retire, he would refuse and say that the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau is where his career lies.

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UPGRADING

Dar's National Institute of Transport applauds China over transformation plans

By Guardian Reporter

PLANS to transform National Institute of Transport into a university backed by Chinese grant of US\$62 million for a few African institutions of higher learning are at advanced stage.

NIT Rector Professor Zacharia Mganilwa said in Dar es Salaam last week that Tanzania is among beneficiaries of the Chinese governments' five mega transport universities project to improve logistics for trade and investment for better partnership with the continent.

"We thank the Chinese government for their support in upgrading our institute into a transport university. We are now waiting for them to sign a contract as that the project can move to the next stage of implementation," Prof Mganilwa said.

He added that a new NIT University of Transport will come to life soon thereafter as China which also financed the construction of TAZARA railway line backs training of highly skilled man-

power to manage transport and logistics in the country.

The NIT chief further noted that the transport university will incorporate College of Railway and Road Engineering Technology, College of Aerospace Science and Technology and College of Transport and Allied Sciences.

"The Chinese' Southwest Jiaotong University did the feasibility study for the upgrading of NIT into a transport and design of the campus," he underlined saying it will serve countries in East and Central Africa.

Prof Mganilwa pointed out that under the deal, the university will also receive modern high-tech teaching machines and equipment to cater for the needs for rapidly changing and logistics industry with disciplines in aviation, railway, maritime and road network.

Tanzania which through Dar es Salaam Port serves several landlocked countries needs highly qualified personnel to manage its transport and logistics industry. Beneficiaries of the Chi-



NIT rector, Professor Zacharia Mganilwa addressing journalists in Dar es Salaam last week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

nese back plan also include Kenya, Uganda, DR Congo, Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda, Malawi and Zambia.

The deal will also involve expansion of Lindi Campus for Maritime Studies and Petroleum Technology; KIA Campus for Aviation training

while 800 acres of land in Dodoma City are earmarked for another transport training facility.

"NIT as a higher learning institution is undertaking deliberate measures to ensure availability and sustainability of experts in the transport and logistics industry," he added while noting that the

experts to be trained will include pipeline engineers, pilots, aircraft maintenance engineers, maritime engineers, aerospace engineers, offshore engineers, mechanical engineers, automobile engineers, safety engineers, locomotive and rolling stock engineers and railway signalling and telecommuni-

cation engineers.

The decision by China to build five mega transport universities in Africa was revealed at the Johannesburg Summit and the 6th Ministerial Conference of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) which was held in December 2015.

CENSURE

China halts Kenya loans amid debt reprieve bid

NAIROBI

CHINA has frozen disbursements of active loans to Kenyan projects in the wake of differences over Nairobi's bid to extend debt repayment holiday to December. Chinese-funded projects are facing a cash crunch, with contractors reporting delayed payments from banks like Exim Bank of China.

Executives at State-owned firms say the projects risk delays due to the funding hitch. Sources familiar with the delay say the Chinese lenders, especially Exim Bank, are uncomfortable with the terms of the Kenyan request for extension

of the debt service suspension beyond June.

"Payment to contractors working on Chinese projects and paid under direct method have delayed since last month. We are told Chinese banks are not settling invoice because of the moratorium," said a CEO of a State corporation who spoke on condition of anonymity. The direct method involves Kenyan firms with Chinese loans sending notices for supplier payments to Chinese banks through the Treasury.

China is one of Kenya's biggest foreign creditors, having lent Sh758 billion as at April 2021 to build rail lines, roads

and other infrastructure projects in the past decade. Yesterday, the Chinese embassy in Nairobi acknowledged the funding hitch, adding that the matter was being addressed by officials of the two countries.

"To my knowledge, the relevant parties of the two sides are in close communication on specific issues under the DSSI framework," said Huang Xueqing, the Chief of Information and Public Affairs section at the embassy, said in email response to the Business Daily questions on delayed release of loans.

"They are in communication with each other on this matter also under the framework of

DSSI (Debt Service Suspension Initiative (DSSI)." Kenya's Treasury officials denied delays in release of Chinese loans, saying the country had received positive response from all countries where they sought an extension of the debt repayment relief.

"Not true," Finance Cabinet Secretary Ukur Yatani said. "I am not aware. All creditors have been very responsive," Director of the Public Debt Management Office Haron Sirma said. In January, China and other rich countries under the under the Debt Service Suspension Initiative (DSSI) gave Kenya a six-months debt repayments relief.

The impact of the Covid-19

pandemic has battered Kenya's tax revenue collection at a time when more of its debts are falling due and as it is still grappling with gaping fiscal deficits. Now, Kenya is seeking deals to suspend debt service with the rich nations under the Paris Club and other creditors, including China, covering the six months to the end of December.

The G20 countries, including Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France Germany, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Spain and the USA, rescheduled payments of Sh32.9 billion in principal and interest due between January and June to the next four years with a one year grace

period. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has disclosed that Kenya had sought an extension of the debt relief from G20 countries to December, saving an additional Sh39 billion (\$361 million).

While China is a G20 member and a signatory to the deal, a large proportion of its loans to Kenya has been made on a commercial basis by government agencies, quasi-public corporations and by state-owned banks, such as China Development Bank and Exim Bank of China. China has sought to negotiate its debt relief deals separately, but applying the same terms as the G20 countries

while reserving the right on size and which loans will attract the moratorium.

The World Bank had estimated that Kenya could save Sh55.9 billion from China between January and June under the DSSI deal in principal and interest payment freeze. But China announced that Kenya would be granted a Sh26 billion (\$245 million) relief.

It is unclear how much relief the government was asking for and which specific loans were waived. But parliamentary disclosures indicated a portion of the relief came from the standard gauge railway financier China Exim bank.

DIGITISATION

Industry touts blockchain tech as catalyst to lift intra-African trade

JOHANNESBURG

THE burgeoning blockchain technology will soon have a stimulating effect on intra-Africa trade, especially as the continent emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic, industry players say.

The insiders say blockchain technology provides a decentralised layer of trust between parties, which is critical to trading, and will soon be a key catalyst to economic growth on the continent. The caveat comes at a time the continent is implementing the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement (AfCFTA), which, if successfully implemented, will create a single African market of over a billion consumers.

Louis du Plessis, head of trade finance at RMB, says despite the laudable ambitions of AfCFTA, intra-African trade is yet to gain momentum, and digitalisation, especially use of blockchain technology, can uplift trade on the continent. "In Europe and Asia, intra-regional trade is well above 50%. It lays bare the enormous potential for much higher volumes of trade on the African continent.

"There is no reason to think intra-African trade couldn't rise 20% to 30% within the next five years with the use of digitalisation and blockchain. It will help circumvent the long-running factors which have held trade back, such as costly processes, a lack of finance, and a lack of trustworthy systems that those trading with other countries can rely on.

"Over the last two years, we have seen significant growth in blockchain projects across the whole trade value-chain, including trade finance, supply chain, shipping and freight, as well as digitalisation of trade documents."

Africa is mellow

Similarly, Carel de Jager, a consultant at the Blockchain Academy, says Africa is ripe for blockchain adoption, especially in the payments landscape, which has no real barriers to implementation. "If regulatory guidelines that foster innovation and freedom are adopted, it would place the continent in a very favourable position to lead the world by example," he says. De Jager believes blockchain-facilitated payments are very mature and plug-and-play solutions already exist that can be implemented with little effort.

"These alone have the potential to massively benefit the continent. Africa has thousands of payment methods, but they are often bound to geographical jurisdictions and, therefore, don't speak with each other. There is lots of friction that erodes value when payments are attempted to bridge these networks. Money trails are often opaque or non-existent. A blockchain rail works seamlessly, and can include smart conditions like escrow or multi-party authentication for free."

However, he cautions that most use cases of blockchain technology other than payments and escrow would require further development and a well-defined policy or regulatory framework before they can be used at scale.

Bureaucracy rules
For Farzam Ehsani, VALR co-founder and CEO, blockchain technology is a solution to many problems that are "fundamentally related to inefficient work flows or poor governance", including trade on the continent. He, however, also cautions that while blockchains may help in some domains, "we have a lot of work to do to improve our governance structures in society which will ultimately determine the extent to which we can progress as humanity."



An illustration of blockchain technology.

Stock markets on edge over Delta virus variant, Fed policy

MBABANE

Eswatini's biggest mobile operator, MTN, has been sued after the company cut off users' access to the Internet on 29 June in line with a government directive.

JSE-listed MTN Group, which owns 30% of MTN Eswatini, said on Friday that it is one of several respondents cited in the legal action. Others include the state-controlled Eswatini Mobile and Eswatini Telecommunications as well as acting Prime Minister Themba Masuku and his communications minister. Eswatini was previously known as Swaziland and its government is an absolute monarchy.

MTN confirmed that the legal action is aimed at "the immediate restoration of Internet services in the country". The action was brought by the Institute for Democracy and Leadership (Ideal) as well as several youth organisations.

The matter was heard by the high court on Eswatini on Friday and the respondents were granted leave to file papers next Tuesday, 6 July.

"The application follows a directive on 29 June from the Eswatini Communications Commission to MTN Eswatini and other operators to suspend access to social media

and online platforms until further notice," MTN said. "After carefully assessing the directive, and in line with its licence conditions and the group's digital human rights due diligence framework, MTN Eswatini implemented the directive."

The government ordered the operators, including MTN, to suspend access to social media – and the Internet generally – after the impoverished landlocked nation was rocked by pro-democracy protests. Protestors are demanding the departure of King Mswati III and the implementation of a democratic dispensation.

BAILOUT

SBL's stimulus packages likely to change how Tanzanian bars run businesses

By Guardian Reporter

PUBS in the country are headed for better days as Serengeti Breweries Limited comes up with a 2.3bn/- stimulus package to help them navigate challenges being posed by the coronavirus outbreak.

Under the two year project dubbed, 'Raise the Bar,' which was unveiled in Dar es Salaam last week by SBL Managing Director, Mark Ocitti, the brewer targets to protect staff and customers who frequent bars from the Covid-19 pandemic.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam during the launching, Ocitti said SBL which is a subsidiary of London Stock Exchange conglomerate, Diageo Plc, is committed to ensure that bar workers and their patrons are protected from the virus as the world struggles to economies and businesses battered by Covid-19 pandemic.

"Our strategy is to support government's efforts in calling on people and businesses to practice better hygiene standards to prevent all communicable diseases," Ocitti said while noting that the 'Raise the Bar' project is designed following a survey done by Diageo to bar owners to identify key priorities to support their reopening.

Under the deal, top priorities included, among others, valuable equipment to transform services by allowing adequate social distancing, hygienic measures and digital support.

He said the project will also offer training to bar workers and owners to equip them with knowledge on how to stop communicable diseases in addition to providing working materials such as chairs, tables, tents and other accessories needed by pubs to allow patrons practice social distancing and access to clean



Serengeti Breweries Limited's corporate affairs director, John Wanyancha, speaks during the launch of 'Raise the Bar' project in Dar es Salaam last week. Photo courtesy of SBL

water and soap.

"Our bars and eateries constitute a critical part of our hospitality and service industry with their universe employing over thousands of people and benefitting many more indirectly. We have launched 'Raise the Bar' project bearing in mind that most outlets have re-

corded business slowdown as a result of this health crisis," the SBL MD added.

Tanzanians naturally enjoy socializing, and it's common for people to meet for drinks after working hours or at weekends. However, with the advent of Covid-19, socialization has been slowed down which

has affected pubs earnings.

The uncertainty of possible infection through contact has led some people to opt for a 'stay-at-home' (or work-from-home) policy, and 'self-isolation'-which have had a considerable impact on bar visits and, ultimately, alcohol consumption.

Like other countries worldwide, the effect of the pandemic in Tanzania has been a reversal in the gains that bars had made on sales before the surge of Covid-19. SBL, through 'Raise the Bar' will provide a stimulus package to support and jumpstart their recovery.

Some 2,000 outlets pubs and liquor selling outlets are set to benefit from the project during the two year period of implementation. These outlets will be categorized depending on their size, which will determine the level of support given.

"The 'Raise the Bar' project seeks to support local bars and outlets to ensure that they first meet the basic Covid-19 safety regulations, as outlined in the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health," said Kelvin Tegwa who attended the launch as a representative of beer distributors and bar owners.

He commended SBL for coming up with the initiative saying it will transform the way that bars are operated hence making patrons confident to visit them as the virus surges globally.

"Bars and alcohol businesses, in general, have been affected by the pandemic, and we have experienced a dwindling number of customers due to fear to contract the virus. With support from SBL customers, will get confident and come back in safe better environments," Tegwa said.

The program is open to any bars, pubs and alcohol selling outlets in three specific cities of the country. In order to qualify for the stimulus, bars should be legally registered, with a valid license that allows the sale of alcohol and must be in operation for at least 12 months before the onset of Covid-19 in the country.

The application window for the project which is now open can be done online on Diageo Bar Academy website.

EXPANSION

Paratus Africa readies to open datacentres in Zambia, Namibia

LUSAKA

THE Paratus Group has announced it is ready to open its datacentre in Lusaka, Zambia. The company says COVID-19 has greatly accelerated the pace of reliance upon unlimited and quality internet connections.

It quotes DT Global, referring to the 2020 World Bank study of 10 000 enterprises, including micro, small, and

medium-sized businesses in 51 emerging and developing economies, which states that 'around half of private firms had significantly ramped up their use of the internet to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19.'

Paratus Group says that with this increased shift to working in the digital data space, business data security is compromised, "and this is why shifting to an off-site datacentre is the safest solution

when safeguarding company information."

Barney Harmse, Group CEO for Paratus says, "Our datacentre rollout is just the next phase in supplying customers with the best possible services. When COVID first hit our continent, we had already put services in place to meet their changing needs, so they could always confidently connect and access their data securely. With two operational

datacentres in Angola and the upcoming launch of our latest datacentre in Zambia, we have the experience to offer services to businesses and multinationals in the region, giving them access to the latest best technology and 24/7 security."

The Paratus datacentre in Angola has been in operation since 2019. Flavio Bressan, Director of Marketing in Angola says, "We have been running a well-equipped datacentre

for the past two years. During this time, we have been able to identify, discuss and fix issues; introduce new products; measure our performance; audit our customers; and be able to offer everything businesses need to run an entirely secure off-site business."

The datacentre in Zambia is scheduled to open in July. MD of Paratus Zambia, Marius van Vuuren is confident about its success. "We have really

pushed the boundaries for this DC, and we have ticked every box of requirements and assurances. We will store and protect client data 24/7; house and physically protect all equipment and computer systems; handle the off-site migration; and offer an array of add-on services and features."

The company has also announced the pending launch of a datacentre in Namibia.

MD of Paratus Namibia, Andrew Hall says, "Such is the demand that, despite being in the construction stages, we have already signed up a large number of tenants. This is testament to their confidence in Paratus providing them with total data security." The datacentre in Namibia will be Tier 3 by design and will incorporate green building design elements, to reduce environmental impact.



Paratus Zambia's managing director, Marius van Vuuren.

Uganda suspends operations of eight labour export companies over 'irregularities'

KAMPALA,

THE Ugandan government has suspended operation of eight labor export companies over human trafficking and forgery of documents, a spokesperson said here on Monday.

Frank Mugabi, the spokesperson for the Ministry of Gender, Labor and Social Development, told Xinhua by telephone that the recruitment companies were involved in forgery of documents submitted

to the ministry for the renewal of their operations, trafficking in persons and receiving money from potential migrant workers without deploying them abroad.

"Some of these companies have been involved in forgery of documents, faking bank guarantees and some were trying to take people out (abroad for jobs) without due clearance from the ministry of labor and security (agencies)," said Mugabi.

"Some of them have accumulated claims; they have been receiving money from people and not deploying them for all the promised jobs. That is not acceptable."

"You are only allowed to pick money from people for facilitating their transfers abroad when the jobs are available."

Mugabi said the ministry has terminated the license renewal of Top Notch Recruitment Services Limited, Fly International Jobs and Sa-

hara Recruitment Agency Limited over submitting forged documents of tax clearance and faking bank guarantees.

He added that the operations of Al-Saud Agency Limited, Middle East Consultants Limited, Eagles Supervision Limited, Forbes Enterprises Limited and Ridar Uganda Ltd Recruitment Agency have been suspended over alleged trafficking in persons and accumulated claims.

DIGITISATION

Dis-Chem gets serious regarding e-commerce

JOHANNESBURG

HAS launched on-demand delivery for online shoppers, offering delivery of a catalogue of 7 000 items within 60 minutes.

JSE-listed Dis-Chem, one of South Africa's largest pharmacy groups, has launched on-demand delivery for online shoppers, offering delivery of a catalogue of 7 000 items within 60 minutes. The items cover healthcare, nutrition, beauty, cosmetics and electrical items.

"The launch of Dis-Chem's DeliverD service will be trialled in selected stores across Johannesburg and other major metropolitan areas before being extended to other regions aligned to Dis-Chem's footprint," the company said in a statement on Thursday. "Initially, a limited range of front shop products - health, nutrition, beauty, cosmetics, electrical and baby ranges - will be available during the trial pilot phase," Dis-Chem said.

"Dis-Chem DeliverD complements our existing online offering, and this development taps directly into understanding what our customers want, central to which is convenience. We have seen significant online growth in the past 12 months and the ongoing customer demand for quick, same-day online service was a key driver behind the introduction of this offering," said executive director Saul Saltzman.

Saltzman said delivery times will

depend on customer needs, location and the availability of slots. "The trial phase will give loyal Dis-Chem customers the opportunity to try the service and provide feedback which, in turn, will allow Dis-Chem to refine the offering."

Dis-Chem DeliverD will initially be available to customers situated within 10km of the following stores during the trial: Atholl Oaklands (BluBird), Ballito Lifestyle Centre, Boksburg North, Brooklyn, Canal Walk - Century City, Cape Gate, Carlswald, Cavendish/Claremont, Centurion Mall, Clearwater Mall, Cornubia Mall, Farrarmere, Ferrdale, Garden Route Mall, Hazeldean Square, Hillcrest, Linksfield, Lynwood Lane, Mall of Africa, Montana (Kollenade), Nicolway Centre, Northgate, Paarl Mall, Rosebank Mall, Somerset West Mall, Table Bay Mall, The Club Surgical, The Point Centre (Sea Point), Whale Coast Village Mall, Willowbridge Centre and Woodmead.



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PROGRESS

Global taxation nears historic deal amid last-minute hurdles

WASHINGTON

THE Biden administration and global allies scored a major victory Thursday in their push for a more balanced international corporate tax system, but still face multiple significant obstacles to completing an ambitious plan that has been years in the making.

The boost came during a round of talks hosted by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, where 130 countries and jurisdictions backed a plan to set a minimum corporate tax rate and establish a new regime for sharing the taxes imposed on the profits of multinational firms.

Even as governments hailed the news – US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen called it “an historic day for economic diplomacy” – the agreement remains well short of a done deal. A handful of countries refused to sign on. Most importantly, resistance came from three European Union members, any of which could prevent the 27-member bloc from implementing the plan.

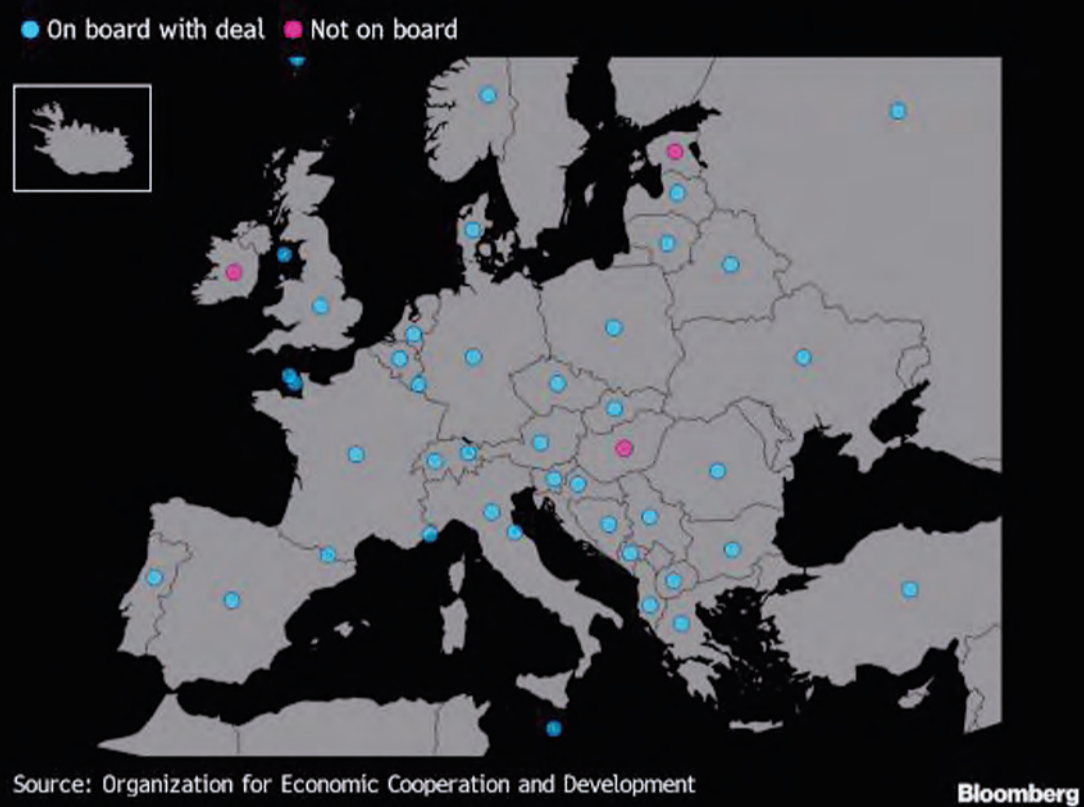
The US Congress could also prove a major obstacle, since the legislature’s approval would be required to formalise Washington’s participation in the system, and President Joe Biden’s Democratic party holds razor-thin majorities that are at risk in next year’s midterm elections.

“This will level the playing field and make America more competitive,” Biden said in a statement, calling on Congress to pass his tax proposals. Multinational companies “will no longer be able to avoid paying their fair share by hiding profits generated in the United States, or any other country, in lower-tax jurisdictions,” he said.

Thursday’s deal leaves several details in the proposals unresolved, including important questions over how and when some countries’ unilateral taxes on tech firms’ revenue will be rolled back. All that casts next week’s meeting of Group of 20 finance ministers in Venice in a new light, freeing officials to focus more on topics such as containing the Covid-19 pandemic rather than struggling to reach a deal on

European Holdouts

Ireland, Hungary and Estonia are among the nine countries globally that have held back from signing on to a new framework for multinational companies



taxes. It could also represent a chance for senior officials to get on immediately with unfinished tax business.

“This will be the kickoff to the last stretch” leading up to the G-20 leaders’ meeting scheduled for October 30-31 in

Rome, said Lilian Faulhaber, a law professor at Georgetown University who specialises in international tax issues. “Venice gives them an opportunity to see exactly where are the areas of work that remain.”

Minimum rate

The overhaul is aimed at helping countries share the spoils from multinational firms like Facebook Inc. and Alphabet Inc.’s Google, with implementation targeted for 2023. The rules would curtail tax avoidance by making global en-

terprises pay an effective rate of “at least 15%.” They could also give some smaller countries room to collect more from foreign firms by taxing business activity within their borders, though other small nations could see tax revenue fall.

Several key countries that had been question marks agreed to the terms, including India, China and Turkey, according to the OECD. In fact, Argentina and Turkey came on board at the last moment, according to officials familiar with the negotiations, and the technical details may leave room for further concessions to developing economies.

Japan’s finance minister acknowledged there were some countries in disagreement, but he said there was still time to bring them on board and their opposition wouldn’t necessarily derail the path toward a final deal. “We’re going to carefully work to convince the remaining nine countries to join us for a final agreement of all nations by October,” Taro Aso said Friday.

China’s position

India’s finance ministry on Friday flagged that “significant issues” still need to be addressed about the tax rules, adding that it expects a consensus agreement by October. China’s Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin side-stepped several questions seeking clarification on the government’s position on the tax agreement during a regular press briefing in Beijing Friday.

“China is willing to uphold multilateralism with all countries and inject new impetus into the global economic recovery,” he said. “We hope we can better accommodate the interests of developing countries and properly handle the concerns of all relevant parties.”

Most of the remaining holdouts can effectively be ignored without endangering the deal – except for EU members, because implementing the new rules there would require an EU directive, a legal act that must be approved unanimously by all 27 members.

That means Ireland and Hungary, which refused to back the plan, could effectively veto adoption in the EU, or at least force the bloc to resort to exceptional and untried legal measures for implementation. Hungarian Finance Minister Mihaly Varga said in a statement on Friday that the 15% rate is too high, but that his government would continue “constructive” talks.

FOSSIL-DANGER

Unrelenting coal demand poses huge challenge to climate goals

SYDNEY

COAL prices across Asia are surging to records, underscoring a challenge for governments seeking a faster energy transition: the dirtiest of fuels they’re racing to phase out is enjoying booming demand.

Power plants are rushing to secure adequate electricity supplies as a hot summer adds to demand from the region’s post-pandemic industrial revival. On top of that, output in some key producer nations has been hurt, while high natural gas costs mean there’s no cheaper alternative for utilities to turn to.

All that has sparked a coal rally in Asia, the centre of demand for the fossil fuel. The price of physical coal cargoes in Australia’s Newcastle and China’s Qinhuangdao ports have soared more than 50% this year to their highest ever. Futures are also up, with those in Australia jumping almost 50% and prices in China more than doubling. “Coal prices just keep on punching higher,” said Sydney-based Peter O’Connor, an analyst at Shaw & Partners. “We’re close to the top in terms of pricing, but I don’t think we’re there yet.”

The rally is highlighting coal’s enduring role in the world’s energy mix, particularly in Asia’s large and growing economies, despite a broader push for more aggressive action to tackle climate change. Coal accounted for more than a third of global electricity generation in 2019, according to BloombergNEF. The top three consumers – China, India and the US – are all forecast to burn more this year.

“We can see fairly robust pricing toward year-end,” Sakkie Swanepoel, group manager of marketing at Exxaro Resources, the South Africa-based miner and coal producer, said on a Tuesday conference call. “We do not see prices just falling off the cliff.”

Here’s what’s driving the rally in key markets:

China

Much of the tightness in the market can be traced back to China, which produces and burns half the world’s supply. Power demand is surging as factories take on orders to supply rebounding economies, and domestic mine output has been slowed by safety inspections after a series of deadly accidents and extra scrutiny because of the Chinese Communist Party’s 100th anniversary celebrations.

Power plants are looking to imports to fill the gap, with June deliveries expected to top 30 million tons for the first time this year before rising again in July and August, according to analysts at Fengkuang Coal Logistics. The country still refuses to allow Australian purchases amid a geopolitical rift.

Even with government efforts to cool the market – such as releasing stockpiles and pressuring state-owned suppliers not to let bidding get out of hand – prices will hold at elevated levels this summer, especially as the spot market is facing a “pretty serious” shortage, said Huatai Futures Ltd. analyst Wang Haitao.

Australia

Producers have shrugged off the loss of a key export market after diplomatic tensions saw China halt Australian coal purchases from late last year. Cargoes of premium thermal coal have quickly found alternative buyers, while suppliers of mid-quality power station fuel and steel-making coal are poised to benefit as India and parts of Southeast Asia ease Covid-related restrictions, Australia’s government said in a report this week.

Benchmark prices for higher-quality physical coal at Australia’s Newcastle port have jumped 66% this year to a record of \$136.38 a ton, according to China Coal Resource. Newcastle coal futures on Thursday rose to \$131.45 a ton, the highest since March 2011.

Those gains haven’t translated into advances for some Australian producers. Yancoal Australia has declined 18% this year to Thursday’s close, while Coronado Global Resources has slumped 20%. “Coal is going up, and yet people don’t want to invest in coal,” O’Connor said. “There is a dislocation between coal prices and equities.” Companies including Whitehaven Coal Ltd. have also faced lengthy legal battles over expansion plans.



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WORLD

Trump bashes New York charges against company, adviser

SARASOTA

FORMER US President Donald Trump on Saturday condemned New York prosecutors for bringing charges against his namesake company and longtime financial adviser, using a campaign-style rally to air a host of grievances.

"It's really called prosecutorial misconduct. It's a terrible, terrible thing," Trump told thousands of supporters gathered outdoors in Sarasota, Florida.

The Trump Organization and its chief financial officer, Allen Weisselberg, pleaded not guilty on Thursday to what a New York prosecutor called a "sweeping and audacious" tax fraud, arising from a probe into Trump's business and its practices.

Weisselberg and other executives were accused of receiving perks and benefits such as rent-free apartments and leased cars, without reporting them properly on their tax returns. The outcome of the investigations and other lawsuits facing Trump could impact whether he decides to run again for

president in 2024. "They've mobilized every power of government to come after me, my family, my wonderful employees and my company solely because of politics," Trump told the crowd.

The rally was billed as a Fourth of July celebration with fireworks, the latest in a series of appearances as the former president tries to keep Republicans' focus on him.

Trump used his speech to denounce the policies of his successor, Democratic President Joe Biden, and repeat his false claim that he lost the 2020 election due to fraud.

He urged his supporters to back his allies in their midterm campaigns as Republicans fight to take back control of Congress from the Democratic Party next year.

Trump dwelt heavily on Biden's policies along the US border with Mexico and rising crime, two issues that Republicans hope to use to their advantage in the 2022 midterm elections.

Trump's image took a beating after the deadly Jan 6 attack on the US Capitol



Former US President Donald Trump

by his supporters. But some 53 percent of Republicans believe Trump won last year's election and blame his loss on illegal voting, and one quarter of the overall public agreed Trump won, a May 17-19 Reuters/Ipsos poll showed.

Buildup To 2024

Trump, 75, has dangled the possibility of running for president again in 2024, and his latest rallies mark an effort to keep his base energized and in his camp. "We are looking at the election, more than looking at it," said Trump of 2024, prompting cheers from the Sarasota crowd.

Many Republicans see an appealing option for a 2024 party nominee in Florida's 42-year-old governor, Ron DeSantis. A longtime Trump ally, DeSantis has been at the forefront of Republican-led fights against strict anti-coronavirus lockdowns, racial justice protests and expanded ballot access.

In a straw poll of potential 2024 candi-

dates at a conservative conference in Denver in June, DeSantis finished ahead of Trump, 74 percent to 71 percent.

DeSantis' office has said the governor is focused on winning reelection in Florida next year, not aspiring to national office.

Lindsay Gordon, a 35-year-old Sarasota resident who works in retail, said it was her third time attending a Trump rally and she was excited to show her support for the former president. She said she hopes Trump runs again, but thought DeSantis might be a better, less-polarizing alternative.

"I think DeSantis would probably have a better opportunity seeing as he's younger," Gordon said. "Because he's still new and fresh there's still a chance to get people to understand where he's coming from. There isn't as much of this negativity." **Agencies**

European Left Party president praises CPC for respecting different cultures

BRUSSELS

THE Communist Party of China (CPC) respects different cultures and promotes multilateralism, which is very important, President of the European Left Party Heinz Bierbaum said in a recent joint interview with Xinhua and People's Daily.

In 2017, Bierbaum (pictured) first visited China to attend the CPC in Dialogue with World Political Parties High-level Meeting, which attracted over 600 representatives from nearly 300 political parties

and organizations.

Bierbaum said the approach taken by the CPC is based on multilateralism, recognition of different cultures and peaceful cooperation. "I think that's a way international politics should work. That is to say, coming together, discussing the problems, trying to find solutions."

China's practice in building socialism with Chinese characteristics has navigated China's struggle to tackle poverty with great success, and envisions a multi-polar world that is not dominated by one single pow-



er, Bierbaum said.

Moreover, the focus on improving global governance and building a community with a shared future for mankind will

have greater impact across the globe, as the world is now in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and trying to recover from the economic slump, he said.

Unfortunately, there is a trend of stigmatizing China that is ongoing in European politics, he noted, stressing, "I will clearly say that we as the Left are against the stigmatization of China."

"We are in favor of collaboration and international relations based on cooperation, and not on confrontation," he added. "I think we are witness-

ing the birth of a truly multi-polar world and nations are seeking a place in it."

The European Left has maintained exchanges with the CPC. One topic that Bierbaum considered important to discuss with the CPC is the social-ecological transformation of industries.

China and Europe, as two major markets in the world, have also been leading the global green efforts, and the two sides should strengthen cooperation in this area, said Bierbaum. **Xinhua**

Kremlin says US is behind provocation with British destroyer

MOSCOW

PROVOCATIONS similar to the one involving the British destroyer HMS Defender in Russia's territorial waters off Crimea are masterminded in the United States, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said yesterday.

"I think our intelligence certainly knows who made a decision there [in the situation with the British destroyer]. But certainly I think such operations are basically planned by senior partners from overseas," Kremlin told Moscow. Kremlin Putin TV program on Rossiya-1 channel.

According to him, "in this case the destroyer was just a tool of provocation."

"And President Vladimir Putin explained that thus some weak spots are sounded out both in the system of monitoring the border integrity and

the response system. This is a deliberate and well-planned provocation," he stressed.

Respond to provocations

Russia will respond harshly to provocations similar to the incident with the British destroyer, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov (pictured) told. "This is indeed so," Peskov said, agreeing with a stance that in such situations Moscow will act harshly.

He commented on a remark that Russian President Vladimir Putin's reaction "was very harsh and it is clear that no provocations should be repeated, the response will be in accordance with the charter that says - to sink."

Meanwhile, the Kremlin spokesman noted that he does not back the discussion on such doomsday scenarios. "But obviously, the reaction will be certainly harsh," he



stressed.

"And most importantly, as the president said, that information that the reconnaissance plane obtained is not that information that they sougled to get, but this was that information that the Russian side believed it necessary to provide," Peskov said.

The Kremlin spokesman also noted that during this Q&A session Putin revealed

the number of the reconnaissance jet's tail number. "Someone even joked [during the event] that the president will now give the first and last names of this plane's pilots and even their address," he said.

Russia's Defense Ministry reported on June 23 that the Black Sea Fleet jointly with the border guards of the Federal Security Service (FSB) halted a violation of the state border by the UK Navy's guided missile destroyer Defender off Crimea's Fiolent Cape.

The British warship ventured three kilometers into the Russian territorial waters. A Russian guard ship fired warning shots while a Su-24M bomber dropped bombs in the UK warship's path to chase it out of Crimean waters.

The Russian Defense Ministry slammed the UK destroyer's operations as a gross viola-

tion of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and urged the British side to investigate the warship crew's actions.

London claims that the destroyer was conducting an "innocent passage through Ukrainian territorial waters." According to the UK, the Russian military did not fire any shots at the destroyer but conducted "a gunnery exercise."

On June 30, Putin said at his annual Q&A session that the situation with the British destroyer was a complex provocation "held both by Britons and Americans."

The Russian leader pointed out that the British warship ventured into Russia's territorial waters in the afternoon while early in the morning, at 07:30, a US strategic reconnaissance plane took off from a NATO airfield on Crete in Greece. **Agencies**

Boost for digital transformation in Africa as Huawei pens deal with ATU

NAIROBI

THE African Telecommunications Union (ATU) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with tech giant Huawei that will see African countries and organizations build capacity for ICT transformation.

Under the agreement, Huawei will provide training on skills development, including reskilling and up skilling for ATU members.

The MoU will also see the two organizations collaborate to support local innovation, share information on latest trends, challenges and solutions in Africa and globally, and expand the digital economy as well as rural connectivity, in the continent, through furthering research.

A 2019 report by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) on digital economies established that Africa and Latin America together account for less than 5 per cent of the world's data centers. If left unaddressed, the report concluded, divides will worsen existing income inequalities.

This, coupled with the fact that in least developed countries (LDCs), only one in five people use the Internet as compared with four out of five in developed countries, is part of the motivation for the Huawei-ATU partnership.

Speaking during the signing ceremony held recently in Nairobi-Kenya at the ATU headquarters, Mr. John OMO, Secretary-General of the ATU, praised Huawei for their contribution to Africa: "Huawei has transformed connectivity and made a major contribution to the continent through its investments in digital infrastructure, ICT skills, environmentally-friendly connectivity solutions, and cutting-edge technologies for rural areas.

The organization is a trusted development partner of Africa. The document we are signing today aims at strengthening this partnership." He added: "Africa has a tremendous opportunity to fully grasp the potential from new technologies".

The two organizations have a long history of working together and this new agreement will support African countries, regulators, and citizens benefit from the transition to a digital economy, adopt new technologies, promote secure and resilient networks, and gain the digital skills necessary to drive their economies forward.

Samuel Chen, Vice President at Huawei Southern Africa region thanked the ATU for leadership and promotion of ICTs in Africa: "The ATU is playing a critical role in the region supporting member countries with their policies and strategies, sharing best practices, building capacity and driving innovation and we are delighted to be able to support them".

He noted: "We have connected hundreds of millions of Africans to secure, high-speed broadband and cloud solutions in the last two decades and earned the trust and support of our customers and regulators; we look forward to doing even more".

According to the MoU, the partners will also start offering cutting-edge trainings to ATU members, access to global experts to discuss the latest technologies and trends, and collaboration on research to help progress the continent's digitization. **Agencies**



Left to right: Samuel Chen, Vice President at Huawei Southern Africa region, John OMO, Secretary-General of the ATU

Remainder of partially collapsed Florida condo to be demolished as death toll rises to 24

WASHINGTON

THE remainder of the condominium in Surfside, Florida, that partially collapsed last week will be demolished as soon as Sunday, a local fire official said Saturday as the death toll from the disaster rose to 24.

Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Assistant Fire Chief Raide Jadalalah told affected families during a morning news conference that the remaining part of the Champlain Towers South would be brought down "as soon as possible. First thing tomorrow."

He added that the plan is contingent upon further discussions, as a follow-up meeting will be held in the afternoon to finalize details of the demolition.

Also during the briefing, Miami-Dade Mayor Daniella Levine Cava said two more victims were found in the rubble, bringing the death toll to 24 while there are 124 people who remain unaccounted for.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis said Tropical Storm Elsa's expected arrival in South Florida has made the demolition of the still-standing part of the building necessary. **Agencies**

Zhang Guimei, a CPC member igniting hopes for impoverished girls in mountainous areas

ZHANG Guimei, who has dedicated her 40 years to education at China's southwestern border, is a "mother" for more than 170 children, and a principal motivating young girls from impoverished families in mountainous areas.

Trying to cut the intergenerational transmission of poverty, she has ignited the hopes of many with the light of education.

Zhang was born in Mudanjiang, northeast China's Heilongjiang province in 1957. When she was 17, she came to Yunnan province, which lies in southwest China, with her elder sister, responding to the call of the

country to support the development of border areas. When she first arrived there, she worked a job in the forestry industry. However, she stumbled into teaching and started a career as an educator ever since.

After Zhang's husband passed away in 1996, she went from Dali to teach in Huaping county, Yunnan's Lijiang. Five years later, she established a children's home and worked as a part-time president of it. The organization adopted a total of over 170 children, and Zhang had to take care of them only after coming back from work. The children call her mom though she has never given birth to a child.

Teaching at a middle school in Huaping county at that time, she saw many girls drop out of school due to poverty. It saddened her very much and made her realize that an educated female is able to cut the intergenerational transmission of poverty and change the future of three generations. In 2002, Zhang started her preparation to build a free all-girls high school, in hope of changing the destiny of the girls in the mountain and lifting them out of poverty.

In 2007, Zhang went to Beijing for the 17th Communist Party of China (CPC) National Congress as a deputy. Her report titled "I have a dream"

delivered at the meeting made her dream of building a free all-girls high school known to all. Later, both the Lijiang and Huaping governments sponsored her with a million yuan.

A year later, Zhang's school was completed, becoming the first free all-girls high school in China.

The school, born to fight against poverty, is a shelter for a number of girls in mountainous areas. Before it



was established, the enrolment rate of high school entrance exams in Huaping was less than 50 percent. However, the figure surged to over 90 percent last year, and the county has been leading in the enrollment rate of college entrance exams in Lijiang for years. In the past, rural females in the county would choose to marry and get pregnant at a young age, but today, more and more of them are going to high schools for education. During the past 13 years, the school has nurtured over 1,800 students who have made it to universities.

With no offspring and property, Zhang lives in a dormitory building

with her students. She has donated all her cash awards, donations from others, and most of her salaries, which added up to more than a million yuan, to the children in mountainous areas and other people in need.

Zhang suffers from 23 diseases, including heart disease and emphysema, but she is still working selflessly. She gets up at 5:00 am and is always the first to arrive at school. She also checks how the classes are going three times a day. Zhang has made over 1,600 family visits annually for the past 12 years, covering a total distance of 110,000 kilometers. **People's Daily**

No EU or NATO summit raised question of fate of Assange - Russian ministry

MOSCOW

OFFICIAL spokesperson of the Russian Foreign Ministry Maria Zakharova, after one of the witnesses admitted the accusation of perjury in the case against the founder of WikiLeaks Julian Assange, drew attention to the fact that the leaders of the EU or NATO countries did not touch on the fate of the journalist at any of the summits.

In an interview with Stundin, Sigurdur Ingi Thordarson, a key witness in the US Department of Justice case against Julian Assange, admitted that he fabricated parts of his testimony.

"And after all, not a single EU or NATO summit has even touched on the fate of Assange," she wrote in her Telegram channel. Zakharova recalled that the investigative journalist is now in a UK prison.

"The term of his imprisonment, according to UK law, has long expired. But who cares about it in the West when there are so many interesting things east of liberalism," she said.

According to Zakharova, this story is a bad look for Western liberal values. In addition, the methods, she noted, are not entirely legal. "We are talking about outright pressure, blackmail, and judicial forgery. But for the American repressive power machine, the methods are justified by the goals," she said.

In the United States, 18 criminal charges have been brought against Assange, on which he faces up to 175 years in prison.

He is charged with crimes related to a major case of disclosing classified information. Since April 2019, the founder of WikiLeaks has been in a UK prison awaiting a final decision on his extradition to the United States.

On January 4, a court in London ruled that his extradition to the US authorities would be unlawful, since Assange, who suffers from autism and clinical depression, is ready to commit suicide and will carry out his plan if he ends up in a US prison.

The judge's conclusions were based on evaluations by psychologists and experts. At the same time, the judge recognized the charges against Assange in the United States as completely legitimate and well-grounded.

At the moment, the American prosecutor's office is trying to challenge the decision to refuse extradition, and Assange, who was not allowed by the court to leave prison on bail, remains in custody.

Agencies

Cardinal among 10 indicted by Vatican for financial crimes

VATICAN CITY

A PROMINENT Italian cardinal was among 10 people sent to trial in the Vatican on Saturday charged with financial crimes including embezzlement, money laundering, fraud, extortion and abuse of office.

Cardinal Angelo Becciu, formerly a senior official in the Vatican administration, as well as two top officials at the Vatican's Financial Intelligence Unit will go on trial on July 27 over a multi-million euro scandal involving the Vatican's purchase of a building in one of London's smartest districts.

The trial will inevitably bring a swirl of media interest to the tiny city-state surrounded by Rome, and appears to underscore Pope Francis' determination to cure the rot in Vatican finances, even if it involves messy public hearings.

Becciu, 73, whom the pope fired from his senior clerical post last year for alleged nepotism, and who has always maintained his innocence during a two-year investigation, becomes the most senior Vatican official to be charged with financial crimes.

The pope personally gave the required approval last week for Becciu to be indicted, according to a 487-page indictment request seen by Reuters. The Vatican announced the indictments in a two-page statement.

The charges against Becciu include embezzlement and abuse of office. An Italian woman who worked for him was charged with embezzlement and the cardinal's former secretary, Father Mauro Carlino, was accused of extortion.

Becciu said in a statement that he was a victim of a "machination" and reaffirmed his "absolute innocence".

Carlino's lawyer said his client was innocent, had been "acting under orders", and had saved the Vatican millions of euros. He said starting a trial so soon did not give defence lawyers enough time to prepare.

Two Italian brokers, Gianluigi Torzi and Raffaele Mincione, were charged with embezzlement, fraud and money laundering. Torzi, for whom Italian magistrates issued an arrest warrant in April, was also charged with extortion.

There was no immediate response to attempts to reach their lawyers, but both men have consistently denied wrongdoing.

Four companies associated with individual defendants, two in Switzerland, one in the United States and one in Slovenia, were also indicted, according to the document.

Police Raid

The investigation into the purchase of the building became public on Oct 1, 2019, when Vatican police raided the offices of the Secretariat of State, the administrative heart of the Catholic Church, and those of the Vatican's Financial Information Authority (AIF).

The then-president of the AIF, Rene Bruehlhart, a 48-year-old Swiss, and AIF's former Italian director, Tommaso Di Ruzza, 46, were charged with abuse of office for allegedly failing to adequately protect the Vatican's interests and giving Torzi what the indictment request called an "undue advantage".

Di Ruzza was also accused of embezzlement related to alleged inappropriate use of his official credit card, and of divulging confidential information.



Game-changer: HIV generic drug for babies distributed in Africa

DUBAI

AID agencies have distributed a strawberry-flavoured tablet for children living with HIV in six African countries, the first generic pediatric version of a key anti-retroviral, global health agency UNITAID said yesterday.

UNITAID and Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) funding procured 100,000 packs of the dolutegravir formulation across Nigeria, Malawi, Uganda, Kenya, Zimbabwe and Benin, UNITAID's spokesman Herve Verhoosel said in statement to Reuters.

Some 1.8 million children worldwide live with HIV, but only half receive any treatment, often hard to administer due to the bitter taste or incorrectly dosed by crushing adult pills.

Some 100,000 children die of AIDS annually. "With the recent delivery of the formulation in those 6 first countries, this project is now reality," Verhoosel, who is visiting the United Arab Emirates, said of the initiative first announced last December.

He said this procurement is designed to kickstart demand and that major donors have "rapidly moved to sustainable onward procurement, which will enable national scale-up and widespread access for all eligible children at an unprecedented pace".

The first-line HIV treatment is recommended by the World Health Organization from the age of four weeks and 3 kilos (6.6 pounds), but it had been out of reach for babies because of the lack of appropriate formulations.

UNITAID and CHAI had reached a pricing agreement with the generic drugmakers Viatris and Macleods for the dispersible pediatric formulation of dolutegravir.



In this file photo dated Sept 13, 2013, a laboratory technician at the AIDS Research Center of the Treichville hospital in Abidjan explains HIV viral load testing after the launch in the Ivorian capital of the UNITAID-funded project OPP-ERA, which aims at improving HIV monitoring through more affordable access to VLT for HIV patients and early infant diagnosis. (AFP)

The estimated cost for combination therapy will now be some US\$120 for a child's annual treatment, against US\$480 currently, making it a "game-

changer" for poorer countries, UNITAID said.

Verhoosel said a partnership with Medicines Patent Pool allowed for vol-

untary licensing agree-

ments across 121 coun-

tries.

Agencies

KAMPALA

KENYA Airways has cut the number of flights to and from Uganda's Entebbe International Airport due to low passenger traffic and surge of COVID-19 cases in the east African country, an aviation spokesperson said on Saturday.

Vianney Luggya, communications officer for Uganda Civil Aviation Authority, told Xin-

Kenya airways cuts number of flights to Uganda

hua by telephone that Kenya's national carrier has reduced the number of flights from 12 a week to nine over low loads of passengers due to strict government pandemic containment measures.

"It's a normal thing because right now passenger traffic is low compared to what it was



before COVID-19. So when passenger traffic is low, airlines

normally make decisions based on what they think," Luggya (pictured) said.

The development comes weeks after RwandAir suspended its flights to Entebbe International Airport, about 40 kilometers south of the capital Kampala until further notice due to a surge in novel corona-

virus cases in the country.

Uganda is currently grappling with the virulent second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, which continues to devastate the country.

As of July 1, Uganda had registered 82,852 cases of COVID-19, with 54,845 recoveries and 1,910 deaths since the first case was reported in March last year, according to the ministry of health figures.

Xinhua

China is certified malaria-free by WHO

THE World Health Organization (WHO) on Wednesday officially granted China a malaria-free certification. The UN health body called it a notable feat for a country that reported 30 million cases of the disease annually in the 1940s.

WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus congratulated China in a press communique. He said China's success was hard-earned and came only after decades of targeted and sustained action.

"China's tireless effort to achieve this important milestone demonstrates how strong political commitment and strengthening national health systems can result in eliminating a disease that once was a major public health problem. China's achievement takes us one step closer towards the vision of a malaria-free Western Pacific Region," said Takeshi Kasai, Regional Director, WHO Western Pacific Regional Office.

The WHO grants the certification of malaria elimination to a country or a region when it has reported no indigenous malaria transmission for three consecutive years, established an effective and rapid detection and monitoring system for the disease, and set up a plan for malaria prevention and control.

China has seen no locally transmitted cases of malaria for four consecutive years since 2017, and officially applied to the WHO for the certification of malaria elimination last year.

In the press communique, the WHO detailed China's practice and experience of eliminating malaria. Chinese scientists discovered and extracted artemisinin in Chinese herbal medi-



cine, and the core compound of artemisinin-based combination therapies is the most effective antimalarial drugs available today.

This discovery earned Chinese scientist Tu Youyou the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine. China is also one of the first countries in the world to extensively test the use of insecticide-treated nets for the prevention of malaria.

Besides, China has established a national infectious disease reporting system and a laboratory testing network for malaria, and improved the monitoring systems of malaria vectors and drug resistance of plasmodium.

The country further reduced its malaria caseload through a strict adherence to the timelines of the "1-3-7" strategy and the "3+1 defense line" at border areas.

The "1" signifies the one-day deadline for health facilities to report a malaria diagnosis; by the end of day 3, health authorities are required to confirm a

case and determine the risk of spread; and, within 7 days, appropriate measures must be taken to prevent further spread of the disease.

The "1-3-7" model has been promoted worldwide and officially incorporated into the WHO's technical document.

Pedro Alonso, Director of the WHO Global Malaria Programme spoke highly of China's achievements and experience in eliminating malaria.

He said over many decades, China's ability to think outside the box served the country well in its own response to malaria, and also had a significant ripple effect globally.

The Chinese government and its people were always searching for new and innovative ways to accelerate the pace of progress towards elimination, he added.

According to data released by the WHO, there were 229 million cases of malaria worldwide in 2019 and 409,000 deaths.

People's Daily

UAE passes Seychelles to become most vaccinated nation

JAKARTA / DHAKA

THE United Arab Emirates has overtaken Seychelles to become the world's most vaccinated nation, according to Bloomberg's vaccine tracker.

The Persian Gulf nation has so far administered 15.5 million doses, enough to cover 72.1 percent of its mostly expatriate population of 10 million based on a two-dose regimen. The Seychelles has administered enough doses to cover 71.7 percent of its population of just under 100,000.



Cases in the UAE have remained elevated, though. Last week, the US raised its travel warning for the country to its highest level, citing a "very high level" of coronavirus. Saudi Arabia has temporarily prohibited travel and the UAE has been on a "red list" for travel to the UK since January.

Daily infections have hovered at around 2,000 since March from a peak of about 4,000 in February. The UAE, though, tests more people per capita than most nations and has one of the lowest fatality rates in the world.

Agencies

UNCTAD: Global tourism losses seen reaching US\$4 trillion

LOS ANGELES

THE pandemic's hit to tourism could wipe more than US\$4 trillion from the global economy by the end of this year, a United Nations agency warned in a report released on Wednesday.

The UN Conference on Trade and Development, or UNCTAD, came up with the estimate for the combined losses for 2020 and 2021 in recognition of the threats to the tourism industry's recovery posed by the inequitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines and the resulting sluggish vaccination programs in many developing countries.

"The world needs a global vaccination effort that will protect workers, mitigate adverse social effects and make strategic decisions regarding tourism, taking potential structural changes into account," UNCTAD acting Secretary-General Isabelle Durant said.

The agency said in the report that 2021 was on track for a tourism-related economic loss of between US\$1.7 trillion and US\$2.4 trillion.

Compared with 2019, international arrivals at destinations around the world plunged 74 percent in 2020, or about 1 billion trips, resulting in a US\$2.4 trillion cut to global gross domestic product. In many developing countries, the number of international tourists fell by 80-90 percent.

The UNCTAD expects a similar loss to the US\$2.4 trillion figure from last year, "depending on the uptake in COVID-19 vaccines", it said in the report, which was jointly produced with the UN World Tourism Organization.

At the beginning of the pandemic last year, the UNCTAD estimated that a 12-month lockdown would result in a US\$3.3 trillion loss to the global economy, which included indirect costs. Ultimately, lockdowns have been applied unevenly and for varying durations by governments. With the pandemic in its second year, international travel remains mired in its slump.

Trying conditions

For most destinations, 2021 began under even more trying conditions than in 2020, with an average global decline of 88 percent in the first quarter of 2021, compared with the pre-pandemic level, the report said.

Almost half the tourism experts interviewed for the UN report don't expect the sector to fully recover to the pre-pandemic level in 2019 until at least 2024.

Developing countries, where the ranks of international arrivals have plunged by an estimated 60-80 percent, have borne the brunt of the pandemic's impact on tourism, the UN agencies said.

These nations have also been hurt by the "asymmetric rollout of vaccines", which "magnifies the economic blow tourism has suffered in developing countries", the agencies said in a statement. Developing countries could account for up to 60 percent of the global GDP losses, they said.

The tourism industry is expected to recover faster in some countries with higher vaccination rates, such as Israel, the United States and Britain, but for many developing countries the outlook isn't as bright, the UN report said.

SPORT



Hip Hop artist, Nickson Simon alias 'Nikki wa Pili', has been appointed as Coast Region's Kisarawe District Commissioner.

Hip Hop artists make successful move to leadership

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

LAST month, popular Tanzanian Hip Hop artist, Nickson Simon alias 'Nikki wa Pili', was sworn in as Coast Region's Kisarawe District Commissioner, after being appointed by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to lead the district.

Simon has replaced Jokate Mwegelo, who was transferred to Temeke District in Dar es Salaam.

The rapper from Arusha-based group known as 'Weusi' is becoming another Hip Hop artist in the country holding a major leadership position.

These are just some of the artists who have been in the past and present leadership posts.

1. Joseph Mbilinyi -Chadema MP

This is the first Hip Hop artist to have graced the parliament by popular votes in 2010.

He won the Mbeya Urban Constituency parliamentary seat via opposition party, Chadema.

In 2015 he was the leader in the election of more voters than any of the 257 MPs elected in the general election that year.

Mbilinyi, alias 'Sugu', managed to get 108,566 votes out of 166,256 that were cast, leaving the others sharing 57,690 votes.

2. Joseph Haule 'Professor Jay'

In November 2015, Haule became another hip hop artist to win a parliamentary seat via Chadema party, through Morogoro's Mikumi Constituency people's votes.

Haule won 32,259 votes, with his closest rival, Jonas Nkya, garnering 30,425 votes.

Unlike Mbilinyi, despite Haule winning the legislature he continued to come up with songs as well as perform at major concerts.

He has continued his previous career even when he lost his seat in the 2020 General Election and now he has a hit song called 'Utaniambia Nini'.

3. Hamis Mwinjuma 'Mwana FA'

In the October 2020 General Elections Mwinjuma also won the Muheza Constituency parliamentary seat in Tanga with 47,578 votes, while his closest rival, Yosepher Komba, received 12,034 votes.

Accordingly, a person will see from 2010, 2015 to 2020 every general election has been bringing in a Hip Hop artist to parliament and they have now started gracing district offices.

What is the relationship between Hip Hop music and leadership?

Speaking on this agenda, prominent rapper Farid Kubanda, alias 'Fid Q', said

that the music artists seem to be gaining leadership positions around the world as Hip Hop is imaginative music.

The musician added the genre is often based on presenting what is going on in the community.

"Hip Hop artists often sing about the challenges that exist in the environment around them, so that leads the community to see that they are the right people for leadership through the use of art to raise their voices, to speak for those who do not have the opportunity to talk about their challenges," he stated.

"Hip Hop doesn't prepare its artists to be leaders, but when you become a hip hop artist you automatically find yourself a leader because it's a fanatic game, so when you have a fanatic you can't be a follower, you have to be the leader," he disclosed.

And the newly appointed Kisarawe DC, Simon, in an interview towards the General Election in October last year, said he believes every artist, regardless of the type of music or art he or she makes, can become a leader, but it will depend on how he or she portrays himself or herself in the society.

"You can be a Hip Hop artist but people tested you and found you have no constructive ideas, we all see Vick Kamata is a singing artist but she has become an MP. So I see it as a self-centred desire, I don't see it as related to being either a Hip Hop artist or not," he says.

He noted: "I also see that singing artists are strong if they decide to vie for leadership they can do well, but as I said it will start with a musician. They can trust you as an artist, can they trust you as a leader?" he queried.

Rapper Kala Jeremiah says Hip Hop is not just music, it has its foundations and system, so artists living in those two areas have a great opportunity to shape themselves and look fit to be leaders.

"Hip Hop has always been about leadership, leadership is all about listening to or seeing someone's challenge and it's about you, now when you want to be a Hip Hop artist you have to talk about other people's challenges. In doing that you find yourself standing as their leader," he disclosed.

Tanzanian budding female rapper, Claudia Lubao, better known as 'Chemical, who is the winner of the best research at the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) 2020/21, noted it all boils down to how one has set himself up, as even those who do Hip Hop sometimes change and make other types of music.

"When it comes to leadership I see it as a person's commitment and how he planned to get it, so I do not want to say that Hip Hop is the most effective than any other type of music, no! What a person is determined to do and what priorities he has set, if one has set himself a good environment to be a leader in the future, he will succeed in achieving that," she disclosed.

SPORTS

Annadil Seifee cricketers outplay Caravans B squad in DC Kazim

By Guardian Reporter

MUFADDAL Patel put impressive bowling displays to steer Annadil Seifee to a memorable two-run win over Caravans B in an exciting 2021 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) Division C clash which took place recently.

The youthful bowler had a six-wicket haul, consequently seeing to it the clash's eventual winners solidly defend their total.

It was an extremely remarkable performance by the young prodigy, winning the game single handedly for his team with the six wickets from just 2.5 overs, when Caravans B outfit was highly expected to comfortably win the match.

Annadil Seifee went on to record 112 runs, dropping eight wickets in 20 overs, once they got the chance to start batting.

They were pegged back early on with opener Mufaddal Moiz's early exit, leaving fellow opener, Hussein Jiwajee, pushing his team's total with a series of good knocks.

Jiwajee had the side reaching 36 runs after 7.3 overs, he exited with 21 runs to his name, cracking a four in his spell.

There was yet more blow for Annadil Seifee, given other key players, Juzer Hassuji, Juzer Ghor, Ammar Patwa, and Adnan Karimjee had brief spells.

Hassuji, famed for executing big shots, was one run short of two-digit figure, blasting a four, whereas Patwa notched six runs.

Ghor, one of the top order batsmen, ended five runs short of two-digit figure.

Taher Essajee, slotted in at number four, chipped in with 18 runs, which included two fours.

Mufaddal Patel and Khuzeima Burhanpur ended with bat in hand, chipping in with three runs not out and 11 runs not out. Praveen Puthanpurayil ended with two wickets in four overs, as Caravans B team sought to limit Annadil Seifee's total to a manageable target.

Caravans B then gave their all in the chase, which though waned with three runs needed for them to notch victory.



Annadil Seifee Cricket Club's Mufaddal Patel (L) gets the man of the match prize from Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA)'s official, Mwanaidi Ibrahim, shortly after the cricketer's club played Caravans B side in this season's Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML) Division C duel which took place recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF DAR ES SALAAM CRICKET

Annadil Seifee's bowling unit sought to frustrate Caravans B side's chase early on after getting opener, Vineeth Chandran, out with five runs to his name.

The top order performer went for a big shot as he was out to see to it the squad gets off to a good start but he was dismissed by Patwa.

Ghor went for a catch to dismiss Chandran from Patwa's bowling, leaving Caravans B squad with 35 runs after 4.6 overs.

The other opener, Praveen Puthanpurayil, showing composure and went on to record 26 runs including three fours and a six.

He had Caravans B team reaching 52 runs after 9.2 overs once he was dismissed.

Prabhu Subramani had Caravans B squad once again seeking to be in control once he took the crease given he scored 36 runs.

Subramani got his hands on the bat shortly after Vivek Goyal's early exit and he had time to nail three fours.

Anand Ram did not have much time to make his presence count, registering 10 runs.

The cricketer was the second of Annadil Seifee's Mu-

faddal Patel's victims, as the latter started running riot. There was not much that the remainder of Caravans B squad's batting unit could do, given Annadil Seifee's bowling unit compounded the batting side's woes.

Mufaddal Patel's bowling exploits ended with the batsman giving away 12 runs in the 2.5 overs, which had him deservedly securing the best player of the tie prize.

Adnan Karimjee as well played part in Annadil Seifee's efforts to foil Caravans B outfit's chase, ending with two wickets.

Barbara's argument is speculative, not controversial

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC and Yanga fanaticism is very unique and amazing due to the character and history of both clubs.

When it comes to issues affecting the two sides, it is easy for one to see either a person or a soccer fan make statements and comments that he or she would not normally be able to express.

It is easy for a person to see either a Simba or a Yanga fan praise either something or an event, even if it either does not deserve to be praised or it is bad and inappropriate, as long as it is done by his side.

A soccer fan can see such a supporter criticize and mock a worthy initiative just because it is either done by or refers to the other side.

The love for the two biggest and oldest teams in the country is so extreme that even those who probably have a broad understanding of football or higher education, decide to put aside the mantle and wear the one worn by those who are below them academically and are marginalized.

We can attest to this by looking at the debate that erupted recently after Simba SC Chief Executive Officer, Barbara Gonzalez, expressed her views on her Twitter page about the difficulties that clubs find living with unskilled players that are not willing to prove their worth.

"It's very dangerous to hold on to players who are not passionate about success and the hunger to play," Barbara wrote.

Barbara's logic has sparked controversy. There are people, who support it, but she has also found critics who have opposed the statement.

It is not a sin for the argument to be challenged but, in the case of Barbara, many criticize her for fanaticism simply because she is a Simba executive and probably they are not fans of the club but still she shows neither weaknesses nor shortcomings of the argument she raised.

A large group of critics claim that Barbara should not have made such comments in public due to her position



Simba SC Chief Executive Officer, Barbara Gonzalez.

at the club and in doing so it is as if she is attacking the club staff who are under her control.

But if a football fanatic looks closely at Barbara's argument, her message may be interpreted by many as referring to Simba players but in reality it touches many Tanzanian players on their discipline, effectiveness and their contribution to their respective teams.

A large group of domestic players have been facing the problem of not valuing themselves and knowing their role in the team.

The players feel they are the only ones who have the right to earn from the team without them producing.

They receive high salaries and other benefits in the team probably without even making a significant contribution or supporting the team.

They feel it is their right but they do not feel they should be responsible for making sure the teams are doing well through winning fixtures they play.

This leads to many of them being dissatisfied with their commitment and thus placing a heavy burden on the club in serving them without incorporating anything through them.

In other words, an individual can interpret that our clubs have been serving many players who do not benefit the outfits.

Unfortunately for a long time our clubs have been nurturing players, who do not seem to volunteer for the

team, and are eating free salaries and allowances while a few of their peers are sweating for the success that at the end of the day seems to be universal.

In today's world where football is a business, clubs continue to have such unscrupulous players and live like ticks, it is something that should not be perpetuated and the time has come for clubs not to give them priority and show them the way out rather than continue to lose because of them.

Our football will not be able to make progress if our players do not seek to emulate foreign professionals, who are playing and doing well, and instead will continue to go backwards as we continue to complain without taking action.

Tanzania now lacks a large number of players, who play professional football in the competitive leagues in Africa and around the world, not because of the limited abilities of domestic players but because of this laziness and satisfaction that Barbara has shed light on.

They do not see the need for them to ply their trade elsewhere because there is a simple and stress-free life for them when they fail to either do well or commit, compared to where they do not want to go.

Let us not look at Barbara Gonzalez's argument as she only focused on Simba. She has shown a chronic problem that exists for all clubs from the Premier League to the lower national divisions.

Spinazzola Euros over after suffering torn Achilles

MUNICH

ITALY left-back Leonardo Spinazzola has been ruled out of Euro 2020 after tests on Saturday confirmed he had suffered a torn Achilles tendon.

The 28-year-old has been one of the standout performers for Italy and was impressive again in the 2-1 quarterfinal win over Belgium as he was named star of the match – for the third time in four matches at the tournament – despite being forced off on 80 minutes with the injury.

Spinazzola was sprinting down the left wing alongside Belgium's Thorgan Hazard when he pulled up and immediately signalled to the bench that a change was required.

He undertook an examination at Sant'Andrea University Hospital in Rome where it was confirmed he had suffered a torn tendon in his left Achilles.

"Unfortunately, we know how it's gone, but our Azzurro dream continues and this is a great opportunity to show that nothing is impossible," Spinazzola wrote on Instagram on Saturday. "I can only tell you that I will be back soon! I am certain!"

Despite leading Italy to a first major tournament semifinal since 2012, manager Roberto Mancini said after the match he was "sad" following Spinazzola's injury.

Spinazzola, who started his career with Juventus but made his name during a loan spell with Atalanta, plays for Roma and has been dogged by injuries throughout his career.

In January 2020, he saw a move to Inter Milan fall through due to an issue with a medical.

After the victory in Munich over



Belgium, the in-flight entertainment in Italy's returning flight turned out to be the Spinazzola Serenade.

The loud singing and enthusiastic cheering wasn't for either of the two players who scored, but for Spinazzola, who prevented a goal that could have tied the game.

"Ole, ole, ole, Spina! Spina!" the Azzurri players sang to their injured teammate, some banging on the overhead lockers to keep the beat.

"It's a big loss for us," said Lorenzo Insigne, who scored Italy's second goal on Friday. "It's very sad to see and we're all trying to get behind him."

Italy face Spain in the Euro 2020 semifinals at Wembley on Tuesday with Chelsea left-back Emerson Palmieri expected to replace Spinazzola in Mancini's starting lineup.

(Agencies)

Clash with European season creates Olympic soccer headache

LONDON

OFTEN the event that connects an Olympic host city with the rest of the nation, soccer could be a source of trepidation rather than excitement in Japan.

Players spreading across the country is far from desired as Japan is trying to stage a Games that limits the risks of COVID-19 infections spreading.

Of the seven stadiums, five are away from the Tokyo area, with Sapporo about a 100-minute flight north of the capital.

With crowd sizes restricted, too, Japan's men won't get to experience the joy of the packed Maracanã that provided one of the signature moments of the Rio Olympics, when Neymar's penalty clinched gold for the host nation.

Japan has little pedigree in Olympic men's soccer, winning its only medal – a bronze – at the 1968 Mexico Olympics.

The country's most recent brush with glory came at the 2019 Asian Cup before a surprise loss to Qatar in the final. Even though men's soccer squads at this Olympics are mostly players under the age of 24, Japan isn't using a youth team coach for the Olympics. Hajime Moriyasu, who has been in charge of the senior team since 2018, will coach at the Olympics as well.

Moriyasu has opted for versatility with players who can adapt to different roles, including Kou Itakura, who plays for Dutch club Groningen at either center back or midfield. Soma Yuki of Nagoya Grampus can play at fullback on either flank.

"We prioritized players who can create opportunities single-handedly, play solid defense at the individual level," Moriyasu said, "and make runs for the team."

While Kubo Takefusa of Real Madrid is on the squad, the winger has yet to play for the Spanish giants' first team and has instead spent periods on loan.

OLYMPICS CLASH

The clash of the Olympics with the start of the European season makes it hard for teams to often take their best players. So, Japan will be with-

out its biggest star. Forward Takumi Minamino is with Liverpool trying to regain the Premier League title.

Egypt also want to be able to call on Minamino's Liverpool teammate Mohamed Salah, especially given there is an African Cup of Nations starting in January. It's unclear whether he will be able to lead the team in Japan.

The Egyptians are in a group with Spain, Australia and Argentina. The Olympics is the only major title Lionel Messi has won with Argentina, at the 2008 Beijing Games. But the out-of-contract Barcelona forward is not one of the three permitted over-age players in the Argentina squad at a time when he looks to resolve his club future and has been involved in the Copa America in this offseason.

WORLD CUP WINNER

France will be looking to become dual Olympic and world champions. While Florian Thauvin has a World Cup winner's medal from 2018, the winger will be hoping to appear in Japan for more than the one minute he played in Russia. He only came on at the World Cup in one game as a late substitute for Kylian Mbappé. Even though the Paris Saint-Germain star failed to score in June as France exited the European Championship in the round of 16, he won't get a chance to quickly make amends given his absence from the Olympic squad.

MANDATORY RELEASE

The one country where clubs have to release players for the Olympics is Spain. That means six men from its Euro 2020 team will get a chance to deliver Spain's first soccer gold since 1992, including senior national team starting goalkeeper Unai Simón.

IVORY COAST BACK

The only time the Ivory Coast men have competed at the Olympics was in 2008 when they faced Messi's Argentina before going out in the quarterfinals. They will be hoping to secure the release from Manchester United of Amad Diallo and Franck Kessie from AC Milan. The Ivorians have a fearsome opponents in their group with the defending champions from Brazil, Germany and Saudi Arabia.

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Denmark show they're no underdogs at Euro 2020

By Rob Dawson, ESPN Correspondent

THERE might be a temptation to think Denmark are riding a wave of goodwill at these European Championships after the world watched Christian Eriksen collapse on the pitch three weeks ago, but their run to the semifinals of Euro 2020 is being driven by more than just destiny and fairytale.

There was nothing mysterious about their 2-1 win over Czech Republic on Saturday. Denmark are good players, well coached by Kasper Hjulmand, and are able to score goals of high quality and equally defend with grit. Denmark are ranked as the 10th best team in the world for a reason.

Still, what they have been able to achieve without Eriksen, their best player, remains remarkable. There were Denmark players in tears as they warmed up for the restart of their opening game with Finland after having seen Eriksen leave the pitch on a stretcher, barely conscious. Many of them, understandably, seemed to play out the 1-0 defeat in a daze. Against the Czechs, however, there was energy and determination and, at the final whistle, there were tears of a different kind.

Before the tournament, Denmark had not won a knockout game at the Euros since winning it in 1992, when they were asked to replace Yugoslavia at a week's notice. Now they have a semifinal at Wembley to look forward to. They have already won there once this season, beating England 1-0 in the Nations League in October.

Underdogs? Yes. Rank outsiders? Not a chance.

"It's hard to put into words," said Denmark goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel afterwards.

"The Czech Republic is an insanely difficult team to play against. We played well in the first half, but the second was difficult. We can fight and fight, and we did. It was a great re-



Denmark were dark horses entering the tournament but their run without Christian Eriksen shows their spot in the semifinals is no fluke. (Agencies)

lief when the final whistle came."

Played in sweltering heat in Baku, Azerbaijan, Thomas Delaney gave Denmark the perfect start after five minutes with a header angled into the net from Jens Stryger Larsen's corner. It was not without its fortune after replays showed Czech Republic should have been given a goal kick after the ball came off Kasper Dolberg, but there was nothing lucky about Denmark's second.

Patrik Schick's fifth goal of the tournament – a clever volley ushered into the far corner – gave Czech Republic hope they could pull off a comeback similar to those of Croatia against Spain and Switzerland against France, but Denmark managed the second half like they've been in this position a thousand times before.

The back three repelled what eventually became an aerial assault, and Den-

mark could have added at least one more had they been more clinical on the break.

"Denmark are a great team," said Czech Republic captain Vladimir Darida. "They defended well, and the early goal helped their tactics. It is so hard to get into them. It is just a pity."

"There is nothing we should be ashamed of. We showed good performances, fighting spirit, we fought like the lions on our crest. That was obvious in today's match also."

"It is a pity we could not equalise, because I believe that it would have turned our way then."

Without their star man Eriksen, Denmark's strength lies in the collective. Maehle's cross for Dolberg's goal was one of the passes of the tournament, but there was plenty more in the performance that won't make the highlight reel.

There was Andreas Christensen risking a bloody nose to challenge Tomas Soucek and prevent the West Ham midfielder from heading in an equaliser, and Schmeichel racing out to smother a chance which had fallen to Tomas Holes.

Dolberg's finish was superb, but so was his stooping header to clear a Czech free kick from his near post, and then his sprint out to block a subsequent cross in. Denmark are not short of support at these Euros, but they are not lacking in talent and work ethic, either.

Kane's England poised to heal decades of heartbreak

ROME

TOURNAMENT knockout games involving England aren't supposed to be like this. For a country used to nerve-shredding nights of fine margins that, let's be frank, often end in agonising failure, the sight of Gareth Southgate's side breezing into the Euro 2020 semifinals with a 4-0 win over Ukraine in Rome was an almost unbelievable departure from history.

There was a vaguely similar feeling three years ago at the same stage of the 2018 World Cup when England beat Sweden 2-0, but that afternoon did not possess the same serenity as this. It all felt so fragile then. This time, England's display was merely the consequence of Southgate and this galvanised group of players feeling at home at this rarefied level, delivering on their various statements of intent – and nobody more so than Harry Kane.

The Tottenham Hotspur striker was substituted in England's opening game against Croatia after a subdued display that led to speculation over whether he should still lead England's attack. Five games later, he was taken off after 72 minutes at the Stadio Olimpico with a brace under his belt, UEFA's Star of the Match award and one eye on a late run at the Golden Boot.

Before Kane got off the mark in this tournament in Tuesday's last-16 win over Germany, he reflected on how he struggled to sustain his form at the 2018 World Cup, where he still ended up as top goal scorer.

"I felt maybe in Russia I started on fire, scored loads of goals, then maybe didn't have my best performances in the most important games: the quarters and the semifinals," he said. "So, coming into this, physically, I wanted to make sure I was peaking at the right time and obviously we won't know until Tuesday night if that's the case, but that's the way I feel it's going."

We know now. On a muggy night in the Italian capital, where temperatures remained around 25 degrees Celsius at a 9 p.m. local kickoff, a fast start was essential. England played with a high defensive line, squeezed their opponents and scored within four minutes.

Kane finished the move with a smart



Harry Kane has three goals in his past two games on England's run to the Euro 2020 semifinals. (Agencies)

run and finish, but Raheem Sterling made it happen. Harry Maguire spread the play out wide to Sterling. Luke Shaw's overlapping run attracted a Ukraine defender away, allowing space for Sterling to run infield, bounce off a challenge from Mykola Shaparenko and slip a superb ball through to Kane, who did the rest.

Five years ago at Euro 2016, Sterling declared himself "the hated one" as the winger bore the brunt of England's underperformance. He faced criticism before this tournament, too, after an underwhelming end to the domestic season with Manchester City, the fans' fall guy in the clamour to include Jack Grealish and Phil Foden in England's starting lineup.

"Teams have to go on a bit of a journey and they have to go through some pain sometimes to be able to progress," Southgate said after the match. "We've

had some great nights over the past four years but we've also had some painful nights and we've learned from all of those experiences. That has definitely helped us prepare for another tournament and prepare for the individual games, the understanding of each other and how we want to play, and also the recognition that moments like tonight, we didn't want to take a backwards step. We wanted to really grasp the opportunity rather than hope that we might win or let fate have a chance to play its part. I thought the players were decisive and ruthless all night."

Along with Kane, Sterling is now surely the first name on Southgate's team sheet. Ukraine simply did not know how to handle him, and together with Shaw, he formed a formidable pair on the left flank while Jadon Sancho, in his first meaningful minutes of the finals, justified his surprise selection on the

right with Bukayo Saka unavailable due to a knock.

Shaw had been heavily criticised by Jose Mourinho during their time together at Manchester United and also this summer with the Portuguese working as a pundit for a United Kingdom radio station. The 25-year-old chose to fire back in an interview last weekend – "Hopefully he can find his peace with that and finally move on and stop worrying about me" – and he backed that up on the pitch with two superb performances against Germany and now Ukraine.

A minute after half-time, Shaw delivered a superb set piece for Maguire to plant a header past Ukraine goalkeeper Georgiy Bushchan that almost took the net with it. Maguire's selection in Southgate's final 26-man squad was widely questioned given he had been injured since May 9 due to an ankle problem, but he has grown in stature as his fitness returned.

Shaw delivered again four minutes later, this time picking out Kane unmarked from close range to head his second. Kane went 463 minutes for England without a goal. He now has three in two games and took his tally in major tournaments to nine, one behind Gary Lineker's all-time England record of 10.

"Whenever you are playing you want to be the best you can be and try and become the best that there has been," said Kane. "Major tournaments are massive for our country, massive for our nation. I love being involved in them. It would be great. Gary was an amazing player, a great English striker."



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Yanga fans jubilate shortly after their outfit's last weekend's Vodacom Premier League tie against age-old rival, Simba SC, which took place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam. Simba SC lost 1-0 to Yanga. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Dar golfers set to feature in 2021 Corporate Masters golf tournament

By Guardian Reporter

COUNTDOWN to the prestigious annual golf tournament for the corporate fraternity, dubbed 'Corporate Masters', has officially kicked off at the Gymkhana Club in Dar es Salaam last Friday.

The showpiece opened with a putting competition, along with a get together attended by over 50 stakeholders of the sport within the Tanzanian corporates.

The Corporate Masters golf tournament 2021, which is slated for August 7 at the Gymkhana Club's course, will be the second annual tournament since its inception in 2020.

This year's tournament has attracted sponsorship from various corporate companies including CRDB and GARDAWORLD.

Speaking to the media at the launch event, chairman for the committee of coordinators of the Corporate Masters golf tournament, Kelly Kairuki, said the tournament is meant to bring together the business fraternity and give them a platform to not only play golf, but also exchange ideas about business, as well as networking.

Kelly noted: "Golf is a sport that can be played for hours in a day, meaning we get time to speak with fellow golfers while playing."

The official added: "This is why we came up with the idea of introducing the Corporate Masters tournament to give the business fraternity a platform to not only enjoy golf, but also network and exchange business ideas while at it."

He called on golf enthusiasts from corporate companies and institutions to register to participate in this year's Corporate Masters golf tournament before August 7 at the Gymkhana Club.

A representative from the Ministry of Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Milinde Mahona, who was representing the ministry's Permanent Secretary, Hassan Abbas, at the event, called on golf enthusiasts from corporate companies and institutions to take part in the golf tournament.

Mahona stated this would help growth of the sport in the country as well as increase investment in sports in the country.

Coach Didier Gomes slams Simba SC's first-half display against Yanga



Simba SC fullback, Shomari Kapombe (3rd L), dribbles past Yanga players (L-R), Deus Kaseke, Adeyun Saleh and Zawadi Mauya, when the squads locked horns in the last weekend's Vodacom Premier League tie, which took place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam. Simba lost 1-0 to Yanga. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

By correspondents Michael Mwebe & Ismail Tano

SIMBA SC head coach, Didier Gomes da Rosa, resisted the temptation to criticise his players after their awful first-half display as they went down 1-0 to age-old rivals, Yanga, in a Vodacom Premier League match in Dar es Salaam on Saturday for their first league loss since October last year.

Midfielder Zawadi Mauya scored the only goal of the encounter early in the first half to force Simba SC to delay their title celebration.

Simba SC still needs three points from its final four games to seal a fourth Premier League championship in four years.

The manner of the loss was shattering for Simba SC, whose fans seemed to have turned out in big numbers at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in anticipation of seeing their team clinch the top flight title by beating their city rivals.

Instead Yanga were the side, who not only took all the bragging rights but also confirmed their appearance in CAF Champions League next season.

"We didn't play very well and were not very committed in the first half. The second half was better, very good. We had some opportunities to score. We dominated the second half. We missed the first half. It was our mistake today," Gomes told reporters after his first league defeat as Simba coach, having won 12 of his 14

previous games.

He noted: "We are very sad, we could have won the league in front of our fans in a big match. We are very disappointed. We were not present in the first 30 minutes, and didn't play well. It is the first time we conceded 12 corner kicks in the first half."

"We watched many Yanga games, we expected this system. What I didn't expect was how we started the match. We made mistakes and did not turn up until the second half. The second half was very good but it is not a win today. The next game against KMC FC will be very important to win the league."

Gomes now faces the task of juggling his Simba squad after being handed a tough week-long schedule that involves taking on KMC FC on Wednesday and Coastal Union three days later.

In another development, Yanga's head coach, Nassredine Al Nabi, has revealed the plans his squad used to defeat Simba SC in the Vodacom Premier League clash.

Nabi made the plan known when he spoke to reporters after his team had completed the task of collecting three points against their age-old rivals.

The Tunisian tactician stated: "Simba are a good team, all we did was read their quality to stop them and make the most of their shortcomings to shut them down

and we have succeeded."

He disclosed: "My players have tried their best to apply the instructions we gave them. We will be happy for a while before we prepare for the Federation Cup final game later this month, we know they will come with the intention of revenge and that is why we have to plan."

It should be noted that Simba only needed a draw to be officially crowned Premier League champions for the fourth consecutive season.

The leaders would therefore need to wait until the next match after their hometown rivals refused to let the former lay their hands on the Premier League trophy with victory in the match.

In the match attended by President Samia Suluhu Hassan, Yanga's only goal was scored by midfielder Zawadi Mauya in the 11th minute with a shot taken from 21 meters after he had pounced on a rebound.

A right foot shot taken by midfielder Feisal Salum 'Fei Toto' was blocked by Simba defenders and onrushing Mauya made the most of the rebound.

With the 1-0 win, Yanga are firmly sitting second, having collected 70 points.

Simba SC continues to sit at the top of the league standings with 73 points, as they prepare to play the next game sixth placed KMC FC at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium on Wednesday.

Mining firm now to build 2bn/- modern stadium in Geita

By Guardian Correspondent, Geita

GEITA Gold Mining Limited (GGML) has released more than 2bn/- for construction of a sports stadium, which will include a football ground, athletics, and other infrastructure.

Speaking on behalf of GGML at the signing ceremony of the contract for the construction yesterday, the company's project manager, Moses Rusasa, said the mining company would provide timely funding to complete the project on time.

He said payment is among issues that are delaying the project, that is why GGML assured the regional leadership that the payment process will be done quickly to complete the project.

He also said GGML will continue to work with the government in various fields.

In addition, the Chairman of Geita Town Council, Constantine Moranda, commended the mining company for setting out to construct modern stadium and urged the contractors to do the work quickly.

Elaborating on the project, Geita Town Council Acting Executive Director, Felix Nlallo, said Geita Town Council has allocated 10.4 hectares (104,570 sqm) for the construction of a state-of-the-art stadium which will also include areas for commercial and car parking.

He said the stadium will be built by EFQ COMPANY LTD and MUGOO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY JV of Mwanza.

"This project, which is funded by GGML through the CSR community accountability budget, will be able to accommodate seated 12,000 spectators when completed and will be built at a cost of more than 2bn/-," he said.

Geita District Commissioner, Willison Shimo, called on the project managers to do the job in accordance with the standards and conditions of the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF).

The EFQ Company Limited and MUGOO Construction Company Limited JV's representative, Juma Nywataya, said the company will operate on the basis of a four-month contract period.

Geita Regional Football Association (GEREFA) secretary general, Pius Kimisha, appreciated the construction of the stadium as it will stimulate the development of sports in Geita.

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16:30 #HASHTAG
17:00 5SELEKT
17:55 Kurasa
18:00 eNewz
18:30 Music/Soap
19:00 EATV SAA 1
19:45 MJADALA
20:00 DADAZ (r)
21:00 UJENZI
21:30 5SPORTS LIVE
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