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Mwanza moves to cut maternal, child deaths to two digits by 2022

By Lusekelo Philemon

MWANZA regional authorities have unveiled plans to reduce maternal and child deaths to two digits in the next three years as part of efforts to meet the global target of reducing the mortality to fewer than 70 per 100,000 live births by 2030.

The move is also in line with ongoing countrywide campaigns to cut maternal and infant mortality from the current 556 to 292 per 100,000 women and infant mortality from the current 25 to 16 per 1,000 by 2020.

Statistics issued by the Regional Medical Officer, Dr Thomas Rutachunzibwa showed that in 2017 maternal deaths stood at 195 and last year dropped to 151 deaths, while from April to September this year, recorded maternal deaths were 78.

"Our aim is to reduce the deaths from the current three digits to two digits in the next three years as we're aiming to a single digit," Dr Rutachunzibwa said when speaking to a group of journalists, who visited his office last week.

He said that regional authorities have put in place a number of strategies to scale down maternal deaths in the Lake Zone region, with a population of more than one million.

Scaling up family planning services is one among strategies to reduce maternal deaths, the regional chief physician noted.

Education on family planning is provided in most health facilities across the region.

"To us this is an important aspect as family planning creates a platform for women to understand key issues on child spacing and safe maternal health," he said.

"Through the family planning programme, health workers educate expectant mums on the dangers of using labour-inducing herbs—one of the contributing factors to maternal deaths in the region," the medic intoned.

Dr Rutachunzibwa noted that construction of 14 new health centers and renovation of 24 others contributed to addressing maternal health problems and curb deaths in the region.

"In every district, two health centers provide surgery services. This reduces distances for expectant mums earlier having to reach district health facilities for delivery."

"We're also building capacities of our healthcare workers. In this we're empowering them with best ways of providing healthcare services to expectant mums in health facilities," he stated.

"This year, we've sent 20 of them for training and last year we sent 17 for the same purpose..."

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He also tasked top district and regional officials to find means of dealing with cattle rustling as it retards development of individual incomes and anguish for families



President John Magufuli is accompanied by Rukwa regional Sheikh Rashidi Akilimali, Istiqama Community national chairman Seif Ali Seif and other religious leaders when inaugurating Istiqama Bomani mosque in Sumbawanga on Monday. Photo: State House

By Correspondent Crispin Gerald

PRESIDENT John Magufuli yesterday ordered the Rukwa regional police commander and the Nkasi district commissioner to pay 15m/- compensation within five days to a widow who lost several head of cattle to a rustler.

The president ordered the two leaders to mobilize the funds urgently and pay the lady without fail. This was after she complained at a rally where he inaugurated the 75-km Sumbawanga-Kanazi road which has cost more than 91bn/- in

government funds.

The woman informed the president that she lost 25 cattle in the theft and reported the matter to police but the suspect was freed and subsequently fled. She then sought help from the DC but nothing came out of it.

The president initially said that the victim should be paid 12.5m/-, which is the actual value of the lost cattle, but then soon changed his mind before ending the rally at Namanyere.

"Pay her 15m/- within five days without fail; I don't care

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PCCB mulls case studies on varsity 'sextortion'

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) is set to conduct a major study to ascertain the magnitude of 'sextortion' in higher learning institutions and employ effective measures to tackle it.

Sextortion is a form of corruption in which people entrusted with power - such as government officials, judges, educators, law enforcement personnel or employers - seek to extort sexual favours in exchange for something within their authority to grant or withhold.

The National Anti-Corruption Strategy and Action Plan Phase III (2017-2022) (NACSAP III) coordinator Stephen Agwanda told The Guardian in an interview yesterday that preparations for the survey will start soon.

He said PCCB was finalizing some procedural requirements for the issue, noting that this

exercise is aimed at showing weaknesses in the systems that pave the way for the entrenchment of sextortion.

The review will point at some vulnerable areas contributing to the problem such as preparation and correction of examinations, he said, highlighting that a few institutions will be selected as case studies.

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Dodoma picked for AfDB cities uplift pilot project

By Guardian Reporter

DODOMA is amongst five African cities selected for the pilot phase of the Cities Diagnostics for 2019-2020 focusing on understanding and improving key environmental issues and urban sustainability.

A statement released yesterday by the African Development Bank (AfDB) said the diagnostic tool includes two baseline studies covering disaster risk and vulnerability as well as urban footprint growth.

The programme which was launched on



Monday shall involve conducting an opinion survey covering accessibility and quality of municipal services for water, sanitation and electricity.

"Drainage, solid waste management and other measures of quality of life in cities are included. The tool can measure and assess inclusiveness and resilience parameters, strategies, municipal resource mobilization, investments and public accounts administration," it elaborated.

Other cities selected for the programme are Antananarivo (Madagascar), Bizerte (Tunisia), Conakry (Guinea), and Libreville (Gabon).

The AfDB, its Urban and Municipal Development Fund (UMDF) subsidiary and the Korea-Africa Economic Cooperation (KOAFEC) organized a workshop last month to review cities diagnostic methodologies with city managers and international urban development experts, the statement noted.

"Urban opportunities far outweigh the challenges," the statement quotes Prof Davis Mwamfupe (pictured), the Mayor of Dodoma, delivering a message to the Cities Leadership Workshop in Abidjan, capital of

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Combating of Corruption Act no 11 of 2007, demands the institution to conduct reviews of corruption trends and disseminate the findings to stakeholders for implementation," the coordinator underlined.

"However, since our system review is scientifically structured, PCCB will select some higher learning institutions as case studies due to limited resources. It is our hope that the findings will give a clear picture of the magnitude of the problem," he affirmed.

In a study entitled "Fighting Sextortion on Female Students in Higher Learning Institutions in Tanzania: A Human Rights Based Approach," Rosemary Mukama said study showed that some male academicians engage in unethical, immoral, and unprofessional behavior towards female students.

Furthermore, the findings showed that in some circumstances some male academicians are exposed to sexually suggestive moves

from female students who feel uncertain in their studies and start imagining offering sex for exam favours.

She however noted that there was no evidence that female academicians were also predators of sex for academic favours even though some may engage in voluntary relationships with male students, if rarely.

Mukama, a lecturer in the Department of Economic Law at Mzumbe University and an advocate of the High Court noted that the majority of higher learning institutions do not have proper mechanisms to deal with the problem.

The study recommended, inter alia, that higher learning institutions formulate and abide by correct gender policy frameworks and provide periodic education on gender-based violence to academic staff and students.

Another idea is establishment of statutory mechanisms for reporting, investigating, disciplining and where relevant adjudicating on gender violence issues.

Govt inaugurates strategies to curb anthrax, brucellosis

By Guardian Reporter

THE Deputy Minister of Livestock and Fisheries, Abdallah Hamis Ulega yesterday launched national strategies for prevention and control of anthrax and brucellosis in humans and animals.

The two strategies were developed by the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries (MLF) with technical support by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

The launch, which was held at the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) following a panel discussion titled 'Animal Sourced Food: Implication for Public Health and Nutrition', was part of the week-long celebrations to mark the World Food Day which come to the climax on October 16.

FAO representative to Tanzania, Fred Kafeero, director of preventive services in the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Dr Leonard Subi and MLF's director of veterinary services Dr Hezron Nonga were among those who attended the launch event.

"This rhymes well with this year's World Food Day them that our actions are our future and that healthy diets are an essential tool for ensuring a zero hunger world," he said, adding: "Our mission is to ensure that animals contribute to food and nutrition security."

Deputy Minister Ulega revealed that MLF has recently embarked on country wide livestock diseases control programmes so as to increase the quantity and quality of animal source food. "The Government is providing dipping services for livestock to control pests and diseases. We're also finalizing regulations for compulsory vaccinations of animals to ensure that the animals and their products are free from diseases and therefore assure people with healthy diets," he pointed out.

Deputy Minister Ulega, noted that despite these improvements, the current per capita consumption is below the FAO recommendations and explained that the government in collaboration with other partners will continue providing public campaigns and supports towards improving dietary consumption of animal source food.



Former President Jakaya Kikwete addresses a symposium held at the Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Academy in Dar es Salaam yesterday as part of the countdown to the 20th anniversary of Father of the Nation Mwalimu Julius Kambage Nyerere's death. Photo: Selemani Mpochi

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how and where you get it," he said.

Dr Magufuli reached the decision after receiving a report from the widow, who claimed that her cattle were stolen and the thief was arrested, but then he was released on bail. She said that after that police bargained with her that the man who stole the cows pay her 500,000/- per cow.

However, she didn't agree with the payment so she forwarded the matter to the DC, the RC's office and the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB), but no action was taken.

President Magufuli directed the two officials to pay the lady after they failed to help her in her case though the case reached their offices.

He ordered Agriculture minister Japhet Hasunga and his Livestock and Fisheries counterpart, Luhaga Mpina, to follow up the challenge of cattle thefts in the district that continues to deny people their rights.

He also tasked top district and regional officials to find means of dealing with the thefts, saying they retard development and individual incomes.

The presidents called upon residents of the district to desist from cattle thefts among themselves, saying the incidents contribute to a rise in unnecessary disputes.

He also wondered why a police officer in the district who was in charge of the livestock unit was being transferred to another station after failing to handle the issue of the widow who lost her cattle.

The president then ordered Home Affairs minister Kangi Lugola to stop the practice of transferring officers confirmed to have done wrong instead of taking them to martial courts as provided for under the Police General Orders.

"If you keep on transferring people like that, it only means that we are transferring the problem to another area," he said.

President Magufuli meanwhile ordered district and regional leaders to set out one day in the week to attend to complaints from the people and come up with solutions.

He also tasked regional leaders to come up with measures to address the high rate of early pregnancies in the area. "Why are the men behind these pregnancies not taken to court?" he asked.

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there are more than 400 workers who have undergone short and long term courses on Maternal and Child Health (MCH) services.

"This shows how we're serious on this," he said, elaborating that every three months, a team of experts from different levels chaired by the regional commissioner meets to deliberate on a number of issues related towards improving MCH services in the region.

"We want to involve everybody in this campaign," he said, citing Sengerema one a role model in scaling up education on MCH services in the region.

"We also partners with chiefs and the religious leaders in an effort to enhance maternal health, adolescent sexual reproductive health and many other issues in order to improve the health of our people at the community level," says Dr Rutachunzibwa. Cecilia Mrema, Reproductive and Child Health Coordinator (RCHCO), said that life saving drugs such as ferrous sulfate, mesoprostol and oxytocin are now available in all health facilities across the region.

"These drugs are important in reducing maternal mortality and thus need to be available in health facilities all the time." The region has also formed reproductive healthcare committees at the community level.

"These committees have helped us to bring down maternal deaths in the region as they have been doing well in this area," Mrema affirmed.

She also cited the use of community radio as an effective tool towards encouraging women to access health facilities as early as possible and encouraging men to be part of the campaign as change agents.

"We've formed a clinical auditing team that moves in all health facilities and audit all procedures that are involved in MCH services. This idea saves mothers and the unborn," she declared.

"Responsible maternity healthcare is our slogan that compels healthcare workers to provide competitive services to expectant mothers in all health facilities," she stated. This move came after realizing that many expectant mothers prefer home delivery due to abusive language they kept encountering with often poorly trained midwives in health facilities.

"So, the slogan has been useful in encouraging

expectant mothers to use health facilities during delivery," she said.

Mwanza Regional Commissioner John Mongella (pictured) commended the role played by the central government by supporting the construction of 14 new health centers which gobbled up 6bn/.

It also enabled the building of two district hospitals, one at Isanzu area in Ilemela municipality and Nyeunge in Buchosa town, Sengerema District, costing 3bn/- in the past three years.

"To us, this is a big achievement in our campaign to reduce maternal deaths to a single digit in the near future," the RC underlined.

"In the past the challenge was availability and accessibility of healthcare services, but now this is no longer an issue. And we want to see these health facilities provide all the services needed for expectant mothers," he emphasized.

"We're also working on polishing up skills of medical practitioners so that they properly assist expectant mothers in their health facilities," he pointed out.

The 2015-16 Tanzania Demographic and Health Survey and the Malaria Indicator Survey (TDHS-MIS) show that Mwanza, one among six regions of the Lake Zone records high maternal mortality, high fertility rate, low contraceptive prevalence rate (CPR) and high HIV prevalence rate than the national rates.

While the national CPR stands at 32percent, Mwanza uses 18 percent and it has around 53 percent of births at health facilities. The Lake Zone fertility rate is 6.4 children per woman where 36 percent of children are stunted.

The neonatal mortality rate stands at 24 for every 1,000 live births while the HIV prevalence in the region is 7.2 percent, in contrast with 4.7 percent national prevalence rate, the report shows.

Tanzania's maternal and child deaths rate is one of the highest in the world at 556 per 100,000 live births. For comparison, the ratio for all developing countries is 240 per 100,000 live births, and that for all developed countries is 16 per 100,000.

About 66 percent of mothers don't have postnatal check in first two days after birth, while unsafe abortion is also associated with high levels of morbidity, the report indicates.

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Côte d'Ivoire. Amadou Oumarou, director of the bank's Infrastructure and Urban Development Department

said that the new City Diagnostics tool will enable city managers and development partners "to have a clear understanding of the situation in all the various sub-sectors of a city and enable us to prioritize our work."

The Mayor of Bizerte, Dr Ben Amara Kamel stressed the challenge of limited municipal budget resources for capital infrastructure and services investments as well the difficulty of recruiting qualified municipal staff to cities, especially given Bizerte's ambitious projects such as 100 per cent clean energy by 2030. Participants from Conakry and Libreville also mentioned problems of city

governance, the low level of municipal tax collection, poor sanitation and solid waste management.

The five pilot cities exchanged experiences at a panel headed by Ellis Juan, senior advisor at UMDf and former head of the emerging and sustainable cities program (ESC) under the Inter-American Development Bank. Juan highlighted some of the key lessons learned in Latin America as they are relevant to Africa.

The City Diagnostics programme is fully funded by the UMDf, which supports African cities and municipalities to improve their resilience and manage urban growth and development through better planning, governance and efficient public services, as well as improving the quality of life in urban environments in Africa.

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PUBLIC AUCTION:

UNIVERSAL AUCTION CENTRE under instructions received from British High Commission & Canadian High Commission we shall sell Vehicles, Generator, Household & Office furniture's by public auction on Saturday October 12, 2019 commencing at 10:00 am. The auction will take place at Golden Resort Sinza, Lion Street.

Furniture and Computer Bidding Start at 10:00am; Sofa set, Sofa Bed, Chest drawer, Book Shelve, Office table, Chairs, File Cabinet, Beds, Mattress, TV, Washer, Dryer, Water Dispenser, A/c split units, Photocopy, Computer set, etc.

Vehicles & Generator Bidding Start at 11:00 hrs.

Unit	Make	Model	Year	Duty
1	Land Rover Discovery 4 S/ Wagon	Diesel Engine	2012	Not Paid
2	Land Rover Free lander 2 S/ Wagon	Diesel & Petrol Engine	2012	Not Paid
1	Mercedes Benz Saloon	WDB Diesel Engine	2002	Paid
2	Isuzu P/Up double cabin	4JB1 Diesel engine	2006/7	Not Paid
1	Toyota Surf Station Wagon	1KZ Diesel Engine	1995	Paid
1	Generator 27 KVA	Perkins Diesel Engine	2001	Not Paid
3	Air Conditioner (Central Cooling Unit)	Cooling - 19.08 KW.	-	Not Paid

All items may be inspected at Golden Resort Sinza, Lion Street from October 10 to 11, 2019 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

AUCTION CONDITIONS:

- The winning bidder for Furniture has to make full payment to cashier immediately. For Vehicle or Generator winning bidder must pay 25% to cashier immediately and the final payment in full within 4 working days. For payments not made within 4 working days, the Vehicle or Generator will be offered to the next highest bidder and the advance payment will be forfeited.
- Payments via CRDB Bank VISA & Master Cards will be accepted.
- All items are sold on "as is" basis with no guarantee.
- Duty and all taxes are the responsibility of the buyer.
- Bidder will remove the items after all payments and duties
- All persons entering the premises must obtain a Bid Number at the entrance.

For further information contact:

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INVITATION FOR THE APPLICATIONS FOR VACANT TOURIST HUNTING BLOCKS ALLOCATION IN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS (WMA's) FOR THE HUNTING PERIOD 2020 - 2025

[Made under section 31 (7) of the Wildlife Conservation Act No. 5 of 2009 and Regulation 55 (2) of WMA Regulations of 2018]

MAGINGO Authorized Association of Lindi Region, ILUMA Authorized Association of Morogoro Region and INDEMA Authorized Association of Manyara Region are inviting applications to conduct hunting business from interested outfitters companies in their hunting blocks for the hunting period starting in 2020. Block names, size of the blocks (Km2) and other information are as indicated in the table below.

SN	AA	WMA	BLOCK	SIZE IN KM SQ.	CATEGORY	ECOSYSTEM	APPLICATION FEE (USD)
1	INDEMA	MAKAME	TALAMAI	1,534.02	II	TARANGIRE - MANYARA	2,000
2	MAGINGO	LIWALE	NAIMBA PLAIN	400.86	II	SELOUS-MIKUMI	2,000
3	ILUMA	ILUMA	BOMA ULANGA	375.00	II	SELOUS-MIKUMI	2,000

Application forms are available at CWMAC office located at Mikoroshini Street, Msasani Area, Dar es salaam. Also they can be obtained on CWMAC's website (www.twma.co.tz).

Applications (filled application forms, application fee bank pay in slip and all other supporting documents should be sent to the respective AA through postal address indicated in the table below or to CWMAC office not later than 31ST October 2019

S/N	AA MAILING BOX	AA BANK ACCOUNT
1	Jumuiya ya Hifadhi ya Wanyamapori ya Makame, P.O. BOX 158, KITETO, MANYARA	A/C NO.5013300149 KIBAYA BRANCH, MANYARA
2	Jumuiya ya Hifadhi ya Wanyamapori Magingo, P.O. BOX 86 LIWALE - LINDI	A/C NO. 7032300087 NMB LIWALE BRANCH, LIWALE
3	Jumuiya ya Hifadhi ya Wanyamapori Iluma P.O. BOX 619, IFAKARA	A/C NO. 0152261893100 CRDB IFAKARA BRANCH, MOROGORO

Interested applicants are strongly advised to visit respective blocks before applying. Terms and conditions articulated in the Wildlife Conservation Act No 5 of 2009, Tourist Hunting Regulations (2015) and WMA Regulations (2018) shall be observed.

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Management of shared resources to dominate SADC ministers meet

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

MANAGEMENT of shared natural resources and trans-frontier Conservation will be at the top of the agenda when ministers responsible for tourism, wildlife, environment and natural resources from the Southern Africa Development Community member states convene in Arusha next week to hatch new initiatives in conservation cooperation.

Speaking here yesterday, the Regional Commissioner for Arusha, Mrisho Gambo said the eight-day events will bring together more than 500 delegates from the 16 SADC countries who are to gather in the city between the 18th and 25th of October 2019.

“Arusha, as it is well known, plays an important role of being the tourism capital of Tanzania,” stated RC Gambo, adding that, the meeting will also open new doors for investors in travel industry from the SADC region coming to pitch camp in the country’s northern circuit.

It was reported, at the threshold of the SADC Ministerial meeting that regional cooperation is necessary when countries share conservation areas.

“Trans-frontier Conservation Areas play a critical role in conservation and support biodiversity through the provision of extended, contiguous protected areas,” reads part of the statement made available to the Guardian.

When it comes to environment, the SADC member states jointly address Natural Resources issues within the Southern African region by focusing on four key Trans-frontier Conservation Areas including Forests; Wildlife; Water; Fisheries.

The SADC conservation dossier reinforces the protection of especially forests mapped within the 16 member states to ensure that the region supports rich biodiversity and contribute to poverty reduction through environment protection and addressing climate change mitigation in a variety of ways.

When it comes to fauna, SADC conservation strategies reinforce the importance of Wildlife for local subsistence and livelihoods, adding that this segment contributes significantly to regional tourism activities.

The SADC Ministerial meeting in Arusha will also address the issue of Water resources now that it has been described as fundamental and scarce means in the region that requires regional cooperation to accommodate competing needs for water allocation, use and water quality management, as well as hydroelectric power generation.

But alongside water, SADC ministers find fisheries to be the future and reliable food supply but which calls for improved handling and processing, aquaculture to be able to form yet another poverty alleviating industry.



TPB Bank’s Director of Marketing and Business Development, Deo Kwiyukwa (L), has a word with client Ansilla Chingwi Settebe (C) at an event held in Dar es Salaam yesterday to mark the bank’s Customer Service Week. Right is Kijitonyama branch manager Emmanuel Kimola. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Zanzibar ‘determined’ to reduce maternal and infant mortality

By Guardian Reporter

THE Zanzibar government is expected to unveil a strategic plan in reducing mother-child deaths at birth because the current death rates are still unbearably high.

Speaking to reporters about the plan, the Zanzibar Deputy Minister for Health, Harusi Said Suleiman

said the plan will reduce mother-child deaths at birth in the country.

He said the plan will proceed in tandem with the launch of five-year maternal health strategic plan that will encompass the acquisition of key services including medical equipment and medical personnel. said the government aim is to eliminate mother-child

deaths at birth by 2023 so as to improve the health of both mother and child in the country.

He said in addition to other efforts taken by the government, still mother-child deaths at birth is still a big challenge due to some expectant mothers not attending clinic at appointed dates, whilst other continue to give birth at

home. Suleiman said statistics show that every year an average of 80 expectant mothers die from complications when giving birth, the situation that has been holding back government efforts.

In another development, the Deputy Minister said in the strategic plan, his ministry will also launch a new ambulance boat

that will offer service to expectant mothers to reach at hospitals in time.

He said the boat will make its trips among small islands in Pemba including the island of Gando to ease difficulties faced by expectant mothers. He added that the boat has cost more than 200m/- to purchase, hence it is imperative

it is well used for the purpose intended.

The coordinator of maternal health Wanu Bakari Khamis, called on parents to attend clinic in time to get some understanding in attending to expectant mothers.

He said 2015-18 statistics show that 377 expectant mothers die out of 100,000 births whereas the

government’s goal is to reduce that figure down to 130 by 2023.

The strategic plan in reducing mother-child deaths at birth is expected to be officially unveiled at Idrisa Abdulwakil Hall in Kikwajuni, Zanzibar, and will be followed by the launching of the ambulance boat at Verde Maruhubi Hotel beach.

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Zanzibar vows to continue empowering civil servants

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR government has vowed to continue with its various efforts of empowering civil servants with better working skills for the purpose of building their capacity to perform at greater heights.

Isles' principal secretary of the Office of the President and Chairman of the revolutionary council, Salum Maulidi Kibanzi made the remarks, when wrapping up one-month food preparation and hospitality training course conducted by experts from China National Research Institute of Food and Fermentation Industries Corporation Ltd.

Kibanzi said: "The government will continue with its various efforts to see to it that our working staff are provided with short and long term training, as is applicable, for the purpose of building their capacity to perform at greater heights."

He said that the issue of staff professional upgrading has been insisted by Zanzibar President Dr Ali Mohamed Shein, in his speech which he delivered at the Commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the Zanzibar Revenue Board's establishment.

He urged participants of the training to keep away from "doing business as usual" in executing our duties. "As this opportunity has come your way, it

is very important to make maximum use of it by bringing about beneficial achievements in your workplaces for the welfare of the entire country. "It can be done, play your part."

"Your commendable learning behavior has obviously depicted a brilliant image of our hospitable and exemplary personality traits to our lecturers from the People's Republic of China and people of other nations."

He also lauded participants of the third phase on having the opportunity of undergoing the training for a longer time.

"It is obvious that through the hands-on activities which you have performed in your demonstration, this time your capability has moved to higher levels and that is the outcome of the training extension. Hence, I urge you to demonstrate your utmost capacity at your workplaces and share your expertise with your colleagues who did not have this opportunity," the official said, adding:

"I hope that the new skills you have gained will significantly boost your morale and revitalize your eagerness to work hard. I am sure that there will be notable and productive changes at your workplaces, as the direct results of this programme."

He also commended the Consul General of the People's Republic of China to Zanzibar, His Excellency Xie Xiaowu, and all members of staff in his office for their efforts to solidify the existing historical relations between China and Zanzibar.

He said Zanzibar values highly the efforts undertaken by the People's Republic of China in supporting a number of initiatives in Zanzibar including this capacity building programme.

It is gratifying to see the two countries have been working closely together to ensure that this programme is coordinated and conducted successfully each year, Kibanzi said.



Dora Nyambalya (R), a human resources officer with TBL's Mwanza plant, presents sanitary pads yesterday to teachers Jacqueline Joseph (L) and Rhoda Magege of the city's Mtoni Secondary School. The donation resulted from an initiative by members of the company's staff in Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Mbeya and Mwanza targeting secondary school students. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

NBS: Annual headline inflation for September registered slight decline

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE annual headline inflation rate for the month of September, 2019 has decreased to 3.4 per cent from 3.6 per cent recorded in August 2019, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said yesterday.

Releasing the statistics yesterday, the acting director of population census and social statistics, Ruth Davison said the decrease of the headline inflation explains the speed of price change for commodities for the year ended September, has decreased compared to the speed of price change recorded for the year ended August, 2019.

She said the overall index went up to 115.92 in September, 2019 from 112.12 recorded in September, 2018, adding that food and non alcoholic beverages inflation rate increased to 4.0 per cent from 3.7 per cent recorded in August, 2019.

"Annual inflation rate for food consumed at home and away from home

for the month of September, 2019 has slightly increased to 5.1 percent from 5.0 percent in August 2019" she said.

On the other hand, the 12 month index change for non food products in September, 2019 had decreased to 3.1 person from 3.5 per cent recorded in August, 2019.

The acting director observed that the annual inflation rate which includes food and energy for the month of September, 2019 has decreased to 2.7 percent from 2.9 percent recorded in August, 2019.

She said the overall index has decreased to 115.92 recorded in September 2019, from 116.01 recorded in August 2019, noting that the decrease of the overall index is mainly attributed to the price decrease for food items.

Some of the food items that contributed to such a decrease include sardines by 2.5 percent, fruits (1.1), vegetables (1.2), peas (4.0), cocoyam (3.7) and round potatoes (4.2).

In comparison with other East African countries of Kenya and Uganda,

she said the annual inflation rate in Kenya has decreased to 3.83 percent in September, 2019 from 5.00 percent recorded in August, 2019.

In Uganda, the annual headline inflation rate for the month of September, 2019 has decreased to 1.9 percent from 2.1 per cent recorded in August, 2019.

VP Samia exhorts African countries to put in place proper strategies to further address climate change and its impacts

By Aisia Rweyemamu

VICE President Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday called on African countries to put in place proper strategies to address climate change related impacts.

The VP made the call when speaking at the official opening of the Africa Climate Talk (ACT 3), organised by University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) through Mwalimu Nyerere Professorial Chair on climate change in collaboration with Institute of Resource Assessment (IRA).

In her speech read on her behalf by Minister of State in Vice President Office (Union and Environment) George Simbachawene, Samia stressed the need for adaptation measures to be given equal priority, as agreed in the Paris Agreement.

The VP said no society is immune to the impacts of climate change, but people living in developing nations are disproportionately vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change.

She cited that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has concluded that global temperatures rose by 1.0°C over the past 100 years, and it is projected that the temperature will rise by 1.5°C in next 30 years if it continues to increase at the current rate.

Earlier, UDSM Vice Chancellor Prof William Anangisye said the university takes the going on climate change intellectual festival as a unique opportunity to share experiences and best practices and generate powerful messages that will shape policies and jointly explore how our governments can effectively address climate change and its impacts on the physical and human environment.

He said: "Through this event that has brought together international scholars, our development partners, the private sector and the public at large, we are duty bound to provide vision and guidance on the much-needed appropriate climate change actions that will cover all the key areas of our immediate and long-term interests and concerns."


Chairman of Mwalimu Nyerere Professional Chair Prof Pius Yanda said the need for the conference is derived from the fact that climate change poses a major threat to all of the advances made by humanity.

However, during the conference, the book titled "climate change and coastal resources in Tanzania studies on socio ecological system" was launched.

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JOB TITLE:

Finance Manager, Tuungane Program



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THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA



IN THE FAIR COMPETITION TRIBUNAL OF TANZANIA
AT DAR ES SALAAM

APPEAL NO. 11 OF 2019

BETWEEN

TANZANIA ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY LTD (TANESCO).....APPELLANT
AND
MRISHO MOHAMED SAID.....1ST RESPONDENT

ENERGY AND WATER UTILITIES REGULATORY
AUTHORITY (EWURA).....2ND RESPONDENT

(Notice Pursuant to Rule 16 of the Fair Competition Tribunal Rules, 2012).

TAKE NOTICE THAT an appeal has been lodged in the Tribunal against the whole decision of the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA), the 2nd Respondent herein, dated 22nd June, 2019 in Complaint Number EWURA/331/239 in respect of an alleged outstanding debt of Tshs. 3,412,249.14 in which EWURA held that the Appellant's reasons to deny electricity services to the 1st Respondent's disputed premises for the alleged outstanding debt has no legal basis to stand on and accordingly ordered the Appellant to connect electricity services to the 1st Respondent's premises and further ordered the Appellant to change the name on the billing address of the premises and the account to bear the name of the 1st Respondent and the same should not have any outstanding debt.

The Appellant contends, among other things, that the 2nd Respondent award was based on improper assessment of evidence adduced during the hearing and therefore the entire of the 2nd Respondent be quashed and set aside with costs.

BY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE any person who considers that he has sufficient interest in the outcome of the appeal may apply to intervene in the proceedings within seven days of the first publication of this notice to the Fair Competition Tribunal, 9th Floor, Ubungo Plaza, Morogoro Road, P.O. Box 79650, Dar es Salaam.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of the Tribunal this 9th day of October, 2019.

REGISTRAR

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**TANGAZO LA NAFASI YA KAZI ZA UALIMU
WA SHULE YA AWALI NA MSINGI TUSIIME**

Mkurugezani wa Kampuni ya Tusiime Holdings (T) Limited inayomiliki Shule za Awali, Msingi na Sekondari Tusiime, zilizopo Tabata-Ilala, Dar es Dar-Salaam anatangaza nafasi za ajira ya ualimu ili kufundisha shule ya Awali na Msingi (English Medium School) katika masomo ya Kiingereza, Sayansi na Hisabati. Waombaji wawe na sifa zifuatazo:

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2. Awe amemaliza kidato cha nne na/au kidato cha sita na kupata ufaulu wa daraja la I na la II na katika masomo ya sayansi awe amepata daraja la A, B na C
3. Awe amemaliza mafunzo ya ualimu ngazi ya Astashahada (cheti), Stashahada (Diploma), na Shahada (Digrii) ya Ualimu katika chuo kinachotambuliwa na serikali na kupata GPA kuanzia 3.5
4. Awe na uzoefu wa kutosha wa kufundisha katika shule za awali na msingi zinazotumia Lugha ya Kiingereza (English Medium Schools) sio chini ya miaka mitano(5).
5. Awe na uwezo wa Kuandika, Kusoma, Kusikia, na Kuongea kwa ufasaha Lugha ya Kiingereza na Kiswahili
6. Awe muadilifu na mwenye kujua majukumu yake kama mzazi, mlezi na mwalimu wa shule ya Awali na Msingi
7. Kwa wale watakao kuwa wanafundisha International Schools watapewa kipaumbele (Added advantage)

**Maombi yatumwe kwa Lugha ya Kiingereza kwenda kwa
Mkurugenzi, Shule ya Awali na Msingi Tusiime,
S.L.P 71262, Dar es Salaam.**

**Mwisho wa Maombi ni 30/10/2019 na
Usaili utanza Tarehe 15/11/2019.**



Finance and Planning ministry permanent secretary Doto James (2nd-R) and the World Bank's Resident Director in Tanzania, Bella Bird, sign documents in Dar es Salaam on Monday on a loan agreement under which the bank will disburse USD450 million to the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Call for development partners supporting health sector to make use of the country's existing financial systems

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has requested development partners supporting the health sector to make use of the existing government financial systems in effort to improve efficiency in the sector.

The call was made by the Permanent Secretary in the ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Dr Zainab Chaula, saying there is need to contribute and align resources towards a common goal reaching all households with essential quality services and ultimately improving health of Tanzanians.

Speaking while officiating at the opening of the 20th annual health sector technical review meeting here yesterday, she noted that using the government financial services will also reduce transaction costs and increase funding predictability.

She reminded the meeting that despite having twenty years of joint partnership through Health Sector Wide

Approach (Health SWAp), there is need to rethink of how Health SWAp partnership can catalyse efforts towards developing and addressing health transitions that the country is facing such as dual burden on non communicable diseases.

Others include slow progress in ending communicable diseases, reducing preventable maternal and neonatal deaths.

"The sector is also challenged with insufficient coordination of stakeholders which leads to insufficiencies due to resources duplication, fragmentation and ultimately inequitable health resources," she said.

The PS noted that for more than a decade, Tanzania has made little progress in reducing maternal and neonatal deaths despite government efforts in allocating more resources and also having a number of partners in the interventions.

According to Chaula, records show that preventable maternal deaths have remained high despite increase in cov-

erage of maternal and children health services from 32 percent in 2015 to 50 percent in 2018 and increase of facility deliveries from 65 percent in 2015 to 77 percent in 2018.

She cited another big challenge facing the health sector as high out of pocket payment that often lead to catastrophic or impoverished health expenditure when accessing health services.

The PS said this is due to the fact that about 70 percent of the people are not covered by any form of Health Insurance. "Inability to pay forces many people to self-treat and visit health facilities when they are in advanced stages of diseases and sometimes leading to death" she added.

On the same note, she told the meeting that another challenge is the increasing burden and mortality from non communicable disease, saying data indicates that NCD accounts for more than one third of all deaths and trend is on the rise.

Premier urges manufacturers on certification requirements

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has urged manufacturers to cooperate with local and foreign certification agencies in attesting their goods in order to access markets in Tanzania and beyond borders.

He issued the statement on Monday at the opening of the second SIDO national exhibition which is being held in Singida region.

The exhibition started on October 4th under the theme: "Best technology small and medium industrial innovation for sustainable economy."

"It is important for producers to certify your goods the move would help to access opportunities in local and foreign markets so as to sustain competition," he said.

For his part, the chairman of Singida Association of Processors Juma Mene insisted on quality training for sunflower processors since they are facing a lot of challenges in obtaining a mark of quality from TBS.

Speaking at the TBS pavilion, he said more efforts were needed to support producers in central corridor of Tanzania.

He thanked officials from the Standard watchdog for visiting more than 160 manufacturers at their pavilions and address the challenges.

Manufacturers included food, skin care products where they were told on various initiatives taken by the government, including free certification services offered by TBS.

An Inspector from TBS Domisiano Rutahala, said they have participated in this year's exhibition in order to educate stakeholders on various roles played by the organisation.

He said recently the government has given the organization's two roles which were conducted by the former Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority (TFDA)

"TBS has been providing training to entrepreneurs and importers free of charge and sensitizing them to make sure that their goods meet required standards", said Rutahala.

For her part, TBS senior marketing officer Gladness Kaseka, said the exhibition is an opportunity for them to meet entrepreneurs across the country and market their services online as well.

She said the exhibition also helped them to receive and address challenges facing customers in all zones namely Dodoma, Arusha, Mbeya, Mwanza and Mtwara.

More than 400 entrepreneurs from Tanzania and neighbouring countries took part in the exhibition which ends today.

The deputy minister for Industry and Trade, Stella Manyanya, and Singida regional Commissioner Rehema Nchimba also attended the event.

Minister Jafo orders two-week suspension of TARURA official

By Guardian Correspondent, Sumbawanga

THE Minister of State in the President's Office (Local Government and Regional Administration -TAMISEMI) Suleimani Jafo has ordered a two-week suspension of Rukwa Regional Coordinator of Tanzania Rural and Urban roads Agency (TARURA) Boniface William to give room for investigations over allegations stemming from tenders issued for roads maintenance in the region.

Jafo issued the directive yesterday when speaking to workers and staff of Sumbawanga District Council on the implementation of President John Magufuli's directives that gave one month for the Council to have moved its offices from the Sumbawanga Municipal Council complex to Laela. He said for a long time there have been complaints that TARURA in the region has been issuing tenders for roads maintenance, hence he directed the Permanent secretary in the Ministry Communications and Transport Josephat Nyamnuhanga to suspend the official to give way for investigations.

In addition Jafo directed all councils in the country whose councilors resolved to shift their head offices from their present locations to do so in order to be nearer to the wananchi.

In another development the Rukwa Regional Commander of Police (RPC) Mathias Nyange said the police are holding the Director of Fally Enterprises Ltd, Felix Lyowa whose arrest was ordered by President Magufuli for abandoning a water project in Laela costing 1.7b/-

He said contractor is alleged to have abandoned the project, including unsatisfactory work on other water projects in the region valued at over 5b/- thereby denying the wananchi getting water.

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THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA MINISTRY OF WORKS, TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION



WORLD POST DAY 9TH OCTOBER 2019

STATEMENT BY HON. ENG. ISACK ALOYCE KAMWELWE (MP), MINISTER OF WORKS, TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION, OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA ON THE OCCASION OF CELEBRATIONS OF THE WORLD POSTAL DAY ON 9TH OCTOBER, 2019

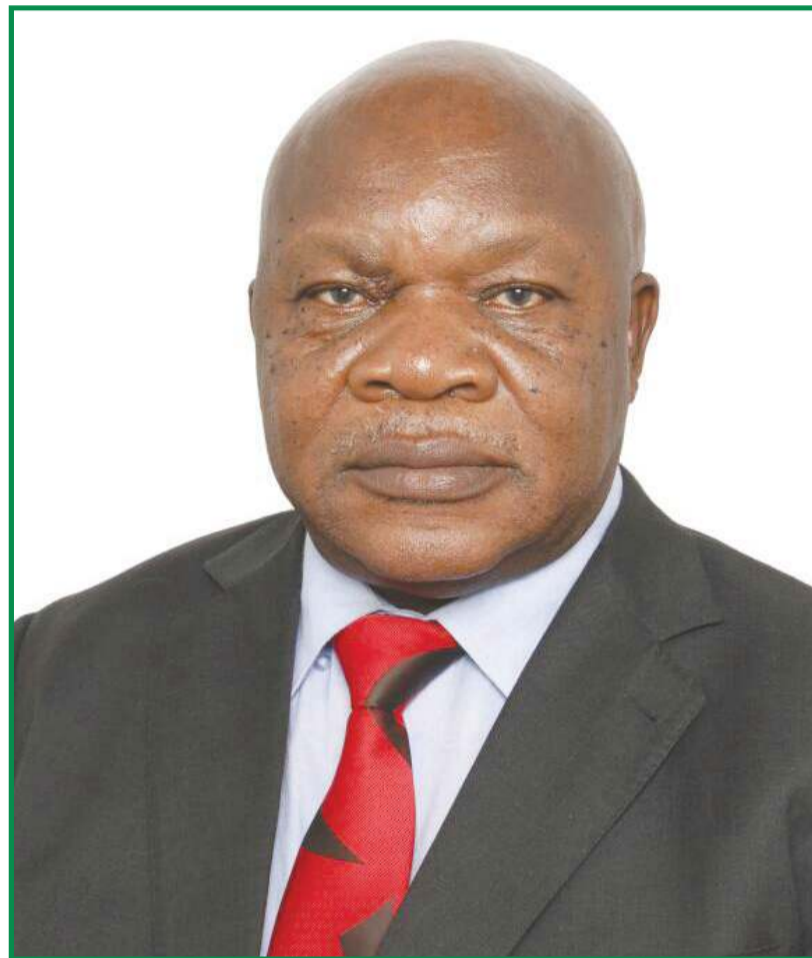
It gives me great pleasure to deliver this statement to the Postal Sector stakeholders and the public on the anniversary of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) Day, 2019. The theme of this year's celebration is **"145 Years Delivering Development"**.

I am grateful that the UPU continues to be an important partner to governments to meet development objectives in our countries. Postal services facilitate trade, commerce and communications, both at home and abroad. These services link business and consumers through advertising, managing the value chain, relationship management, distribution and delivery. The Post is also an important actor in terms of generating revenue and employment and has always been a key lever in economic and social development.

As we celebrate this occasion, the Government focuses to set the scene for the future of our postal sector. The rapidly changing technologies have created new market realities, which in turn are driving alternative services and increased customer expectations. The Post and the Universal Postal Union has a critical role to play in promoting social and economic development through provision of a universal service as a guarantee to the right to communication.

The legal and commercial environment prevailing in the 1990's and 2000's has called for a review of the postal sector Policy of Tanzania. I must admit that as a result of UPU Nairobi Postal Strategy, Doha Postal Strategy and the recently Istanbul World Postal Strategy, Postal Administrations took reform of their policies, regulatory and operational set-ups so as to improve the performance of the post and meet the challenges of competition.

The Government of Tanzania National Postal Policy 2003 has



**HON. ENG. ISACK ALOYCE KAMWELWE
(MP)**

enabled the Postal Sector to play a rightful role in catalyzing national development. This policy led to a more efficient and effective postal sector and services. It highlights the role of the postal sector, spells out the vision and objectives together with strategies that are employed in order to achieve the set objectives.

It is in that view, that the Government of Tanzania has been implementing the National Address and Postcode System countrywide since 2009. The Postcode system enables Postal sector customers to receive mails, parcels and other deliveries at their home with quality and efficient services. In order to quickly achieve this goal, we have decided to make sweeping changes in the Postal Policy, Regulations and operations that will see embracing of new services with link to Information Communications Technologies (ICTs) such as e-commerce, hybrid mail services and products with added-value features such as tracking and tracing. Everybody now understands the powers of the E-Commerce and ability to bring about business growth.

I am confident that the current Government policy of industrialization will open more opportunities for more business to send packets and parcels and hence contributing to economic development.

The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania is committed to ensure the Postal Sector maintains its noble duty to deliver for development of our Nation.

Thank you.



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2019 Message from the Director General Delivering development is delivering progress



**Bishar A. Hussein
Secretary General, Universal Postal Union**

For 145 years, the Universal Postal Union (UPU) has been promoting solutions for the international postal sector. During this time, the postal network has

transformed the entire supply chain: from acceptance, through sorting and finally to delivery, the Post has kept pace with change to provide solutions that work.

From manual to mechanized operation, the Post continues to innovate, using modern technology to optimize sorting and delivery and improve the supply chain from beginning to end. By embracing modern developments such as virtual reality, the Internet of Things, blockchain and robotic technologies, among others, the Post is today creating greater flexibility in customer service through the most advanced interfaces. We are now closer to our customers than ever before.

But above all this, the UPU's original philosophy - to serve humanity, and facilitate communication among the citizens of the world - remains the driving force of the global postal network. Every other advancement and innovation in the Post is geared towards supporting the very reason for our existence: changing people's lives for the better. Developing, developed and advanced networks continue to find synergy of purpose to power our single network to deliver efficiently and cost-effectively around the world. We continue to deliver as one.

At every stage of these unique developments, the UPU has offered its steadfast support. Our role is to coordinate, to build partnerships, and to offer solutions. There is, however, another way of viewing our invaluable work. By helping to deliver change, by always striving for innovation

and creativity, we have been delivering development to successive generations. Today, the Post is a key component in helping to achieve the goals of the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in all countries and for the world's citizens.

In so many ways, delivering development is delivering progress. Some 1.5 billion people worldwide use financial services provided by Posts. This makes us the second largest contributor to financial inclusion in the world, and we continue to help lift people out of poverty. And the UPU delivers development in many other areas: in the fields of health, decent work, education, environment, and peace and justice, to name but a few. Every single day, Posts are working in partnership to improve our world.

On World Post Day, I extend my warmest thanks to all the world's citizens, and to governments, designated operators, the United Nations, civil society and many others who have made their contributions to ensure "One world. One postal network."

As we mark the 145 years of the UPU's existence today, it is worth reflecting on how much our organization has helped humanity. The best way to celebrate the past is to strive for a better future. We have been guided in this work by the need to help humanity overcome its challenges, so that we can secure the future that we all want for our planet. This is the best way to deliver development and progress to the world.

World Post Day.

TANZANIA COMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY AUTHORITY (TCRA)

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WORLD POST DAY MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL TANZANIA COMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY AUTHORITY (TCRA) ON ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION (WORLD POST DAY 9TH OCTOBER 2019) THEME: "DELIVERING DEVELOPMENT IS DELIVERING PROGRESS"

Today 145 years of delivering development, Tanzania is joining the postal world in celebrating the anniversary of the Universal Postal Union (UPU). Postal services form a key part of the global communications infrastructure, with high economic and social importance.

It's important to remember that, the way we manage mail, and the role mail plays in our lives and our businesses, has been continuously evolving for many years. The way mail was paid for changed significantly in the 1840s with the introduction of postage stamps to improve efficiency, standardize (and lower) rates, and make it easier for senders to prepay for mail. The Post Office also took great advantage and development of every new advancement in transportation.

Development of new technologies has facilitated the introduction of postcodes, postal bar codes, postage meters and other technologies that made mail service and sortation even more efficient. New mail tracking software systems used both within the postal service and by private companies had greatly improved accountability, traceability, and accuracy. Fast forward to present-day and the postal system has now evolved to be one of the most secure and reliable in the world.

In recent years, technological developments have challenged postal operators with new forms of competition from development of communication services such as e-mails, WhatsApp, twitter, Instagram and the alike. Moreover, technology presented new opportunities which necessitated the Post to be innovative by embracing and using new technology, which improved the delivering process; just-in-time shipment of goods by express delivery companies, ensure continued delivering of the post services to customers and removing the communication gap which plays a key role in supply chain management and logistics.

The postal service is the communication lifeline of any nation, which plays a crucial role in business communications and commercial transactions. The role of the postal service is vital not only as means of exchanging information but also as a way of maintaining and promoting e-commerce business last mile delivery.

The Government through the Regulator (TCRA) continues to be



Eng. James M. Kilaba

responsible for winning support from all sections of society in relation to setting delivery and security standards, identifying development priorities and safeguarding the public interest.

The TCRA's role is to promote the provision of quality universal postal services, while creating a level playing field to all operators offering postal services to the people of the United Republic of Tanzania. The growing postal market and convergence of communications in the country has tremendously increased wide-ranging needs to communicate within society. This development has required TCRA to establish an appropriate licensing regime that allows a postal licensee to choose a preferred segment of postal market.

To date TCRA has licensed a sizeable number of private postal operators that are grouped into six different categories. The postal sector is currently having eighty two (82) operators of which, one is Public operator and 81 private courier operators. Below is the number of the courier operators in different categories currently licensed in the industry:-

Licensing Category	Number
Designated Post Operator	1
International Courier operators	7
Domestic Courier operators	22
East African Courier operators	3
Intra-city Courier operator	7
Intercity Transporters	42
Total	82

The Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority continues to increase its capacity to regulate the sector so as to ensure effective regulation for a level playing field

I am excited about the future of the postal services and the new possibilities of getting the right message, to the right person, at the right time for them to act. It is my wish that the physical communication network will remain a viable alternative and a reliable means of exchanging information, services and business for many years to come. I wish you success in the use of the postal communications.



TANZANIA POSTS CORPORATION WORLD POST DAY

MESSAGE FROM THE POSTMASTER GENERAL

MR. HASSAN MWANG'OMBE ON THE WORLD POST DAY COMMEMORATION 9TH OCTOBER, 2019:



Mr. Hassan Mwang'ombe

adaptability, public trust and loyalty, extensive geographical network, national and international connectivity, capacity to integrate physical, financial and virtual solutions as well as the current development of physical address and postcode system in the United Republic of Tanzania to Deliver development so that progress is made through what we offer to the public.

TPC has transformed its operations from acceptance, sorting and delivery of item since its inception in 1994. We appreciate that, due to the changing nature and character of communication markets, customer's behavior and technology evolution, a comprehensive geographical address and postcode system is indispensable in the provision of multifunctional logistical solutions for physical, financial and virtual services so as to cope up with the ever changing postal environment worldwide.

TPC has continued innovating using the opportunities created by the new technologies. We have been initiating and implementing a number of programmes and projects with the view to becoming active innovative and attentive player in the envisaged digital society. We have rolled out an application which is used to offer all postal services online called Postal Global Net smart. On top of that the Corporation has interfaced with the Government electronic payment gateway (GePG) which has enabled electronic payments of postal services (payment through all mobile money and banks) in the entire Post Office network country-wide.

Parallel to this, we have introduced two online shops, e-philately where philatelists can make orders of stamps online, pay online, ordered philately materials delivered through extensive postal network all over the world. TPC is also moving in the direction of smart Post, soon we are going to launch virtual boxes which will be available in smart phones and laptops owners. Furthermore, we have introduced Posta e-shop platform where customers orders products online, pay online as well, products delivered through postal physical infrastructures domestically and all around the world in a platform of around 700,000 postal outlets in 192 member countries.

Apart from ordinary mail, delivery is being made at customer's outlets through our new service known as "Posta Mlangoni" the post at your doorstep. Collection

(pick up) of letters, documents, parcels and small packets at our client's convenience using our yet another innovated service "pCUM" serves time and resources of the customer, this service also make direct delivery to the client without any bureaucracy of coming to the post office. The use of mobile phone to contact customer has managed time and other resource of our customers.

Tanzania Posts Corporation offers financial services like Interstate Money order (money transfer international), Posta cash (transmission and receiving of money at affordable charges within the country), Postgiro (collection and payment to customers on behalf of companies), Posta Bureau de change, agency services, internet café and Posta Duka (shop) just to mention a few. In this way at TPC we proudly say we **deliver development** and so we **deliver Progress** to the society and our population at large taking cognizance of the wide coverage in the country and the world.

In a dire move to grow and serve the citizens more and add value we are extending services and business range, develop new products, increase customer base for achievement of economies of scale in order to maintain the current status as market leader in the provision of postal communication and logistic services in the country we have forge more collaborations with banks and transporters in order to fulfill the desire to "**delivering development is delivering progress.**" In that way we have introduced fastest time saving and unifying one stop centre called "**JAMII CENTRE**" with the purpose of providing and delivering unified services to our customers and public such as banking services, financial transfers, collection of revenue, various payments such as licenses, Government taxes, sending and receiving funds through various communications networks, payment of dividend and all secretarial services.

For our services to be accepted we have taken quality of service as our top agenda. The use of technology has made easy for our customers to follow up the movement of their items online through their mobile or laptop wherever they are, they can simply log in www.posta.co.tz then track and trace of either domestic or international item.

To a large extent the Corporation has been able to attain a high degree of quality of service which is attested by the current visible expansion of businesses,

growth of revenue and increased customer satisfaction. Systems have been installed to address complaints, problems and even receiving customer feedback on our services through systems in goodtime. National security and security of customer's items through the post is an important agenda, we have installed modern security cameras in the postal premises and have been assisted with four Security Scanners by the Government, thanks to the leadership of The President of the United Republic of Tanzania His Excellency Hon. Dr. John Joseph Pombe Magufuli and the able guidance of Hon. Minister for Works, Transport and Communication Eng. Isaac Aloyce Kamwelwe (MP). We have these scanners installed for safety and security purpose in our major offices Dar es salaam , Zanzibar, Arusha and Dodoma.

The purposes of installing scanners is that non admissible good through the postal network worldwide can be detected and dealt accordingly and second all products which are illegal (such as explosive and all kind of drugs) can be detected in good time. Because of this the post has been and will continue to maintain **TRUST** as major progress key to the society. Last but not least, at Tanzania Posts Corporation we believe that change is a permanent phenomenon whereby the need for innovation, integration and inclusion of our services and products is a going concern. In this respect we will always focus on creation and delivery of solutions, products and services that defy distances and bring closer every one, everywhere for mutual development.

As we are commemorating the 145th year of UPU today, we would like to sincerely thank our esteemed customers, the Government for the commitment and support, all stakeholders which include Government Institutions, business entities, Diplomats and International Organizations, Social and Civil Organization as well, individuals and the general public for the valuable support accorded to us and thus enabling us remain the market leader in Postal communication business in the country. We deliver development we deliver progress

We thank you all for the support

Hassan A. Mwang'ombe
Postmaster General & CEO

Today the 9th October, 2019, Tanzania Posts Corporation joins the World Postal Community in commemorating the World Post Day with the theme "**DELIVERING DEVELOPMENT IS DELIVERING PROGRESS**". On behalf of the Board of Directors, Management and staff of Tanzania Posts Corporation and on my own behalf I salute the Director General of the UPU Mr. Bishar Hussein on the occasion of commemorating 145 years of the Universal Postal Union.

In today's volatile world business service organizations have to be agile and adaptive to changing circumstances. For the Post this has been a historical feature from time immemorial up to the present digital age.

Tanzania Posts Corporation, the designated postal operator in the United Republic of Tanzania (URT) needs to be much adaptive for sustainable change and growth. At TPC we bank on our historical evolution and

IDA uplift for TASAF III will touch many, fostering skills

WELLWISHERS have for years been assisting targeted action in the poverty alleviation drive, since the responsible agency, the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) was formed in 2000. The IDA assistance which amounts to a \$450m soft loan will cushion the second phase of TASAF III programme, which organizers say it will focus on providing poor households with prerequisite entrepreneurship skills for generating incomes. Setting up small projects for household income aids poverty alleviation.

While the government and the public appreciate the gestures of support from the World Bank and other sources, it is still relevant to pose questions as to why poverty alleviation efforts in Africa are slow to the extreme, compared to other continents. Europe made rapid progress after World War II with a total credit sum of 50 billion US dollars shared out among a number of countries, and rapidly recovered from the ravages of war. In comparison to funds that have poured into Africa since independence, the Marshall Plan total of 50bn dollars is dwarfed completely.

When African analysts and commentators talk about a Marshall Plan for Africa, what they actually seek to impute is the results of the plan, much less the said amounts. This particular IDA soft loan is for instance nearly a tenth of the Marshall Plan (at nearly 0.5bn dollars though the purchasing power is diminished substantially compared to the past). However it is only directed at a small portion of public welfare financing, on a few thousand households, which matters to a portion of the population but not a game changer in social welfare as a whole.

Incidentally, if the methods of the Marshall Plan were used, even Africa could make progress from all the aid amounts poured into the continent since independence. It means focusing on lending to central banks, then they lend to commercial banks and then to clients. All the money is repaid to the banks and helps to build the financing capacity through a revolving credit lasting say 20 years before it is repaid.

While the financing of public agencies is vital to speed up income generating opportunities by improved infrastructure, rising individual incomes is only slowly affected by that method. Only when private financing takes an upper hand shall poverty be alleviated, when the poor sell assets to those with savings and are liberated from labour-intensive activities like tilling the land, driving cattle for grazing or fishing at sunrise and take up commerce. That might be in the next two decades, perhaps.

Current efforts like the funds provided by the World Bank through IDA to support the implementation of the second phase of the TASAF III Productive Social Safety Net (PSSN) are positive but are often ensnared in the vicious cycle of poverty.

People are not being hired by industries because the purchasing power is low, and when they start their own small businesses they often fail because the purchasing power is low. Only with private financing which buys fixed assets and sends the sellers on starting new projects as well as purchasing luxuries can the 'take off gear' be applied.

This support is expected to benefit over five million individuals, including acquiring entrepreneurship skills and a roadmap to manage business units. It diminishes the pressure momentarily but is hard to translate into a broad dynamic of poverty alleviation.

Global mental health education: Awareness, advocacy are crucial

WORLD Mental Health Day (10 October) is a day for global mental health education, awareness and advocacy against social stigma. It was first celebrated in 1992 at the initiative of the World Federation for Mental Health, a global mental health organization with members and contacts in more than 150 countries. This day, each October, thousands of supporters come to celebrate this annual awareness programme to bring attention to mental illness and its major effects on peoples' life worldwide. In some countries this day is part of an awareness week.

World Mental Health Day was celebrated for the first time on October 10 1992 at the initiative of Deputy Secretary General Richard Hunter. Up until 1994 the day had no specific theme other than general promoting mental health advocacy and educating the public.

In 1994 World Mental Health Day was celebrated with a theme for the first time at the suggestion of then Secretary General Eugene Brody. The theme was "Improving the Quality of Mental Health Services throughout the World."

World Mental Health Day is supported by WHO through raising awareness on mental health issues using its strong relationships with the Ministries of health and civil society organizations across the globe. WHO also supports with developing technical and communication material.

Mental health is the level of psychological well-being or an absence of mental illness. It is the state of someone who is functioning at a satisfactory level of emotional and behavioural adjustment.

From the perspectives of positive psychology or of holism, mental health may include an individual's ability to enjoy life, and to create a

balance between life activities and efforts to achieve psychological resilience. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), mental health includes subjective well-being, perceived self-efficacy, autonomy, competence, inter-generational dependence, and self-actualization of one's intellectual and emotional potential, among others." The WHO further states that the well-being of an individual is encompassed in the realization of their abilities, coping with normal stresses of life, productive work and contribution to their community. Cultural differences, subjective assessments, and competing professional theories all affect how one defines "mental health".

Most common types; clinical depression

A mental health disorder characterised by persistently depressed mood or loss of interest in activities, causing significant impairment in daily life; Anxiety disorder. A mental health disorder characterised by feelings of worry, anxiety or fear that are strong enough to interfere with one's daily activities. Bipolar disorder - is a disorder associated with episodes of mood swings ranging from depressive lows to manic highs.

Dementia is a group of thinking and social symptoms that interferes with daily functioning. Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder - A chronic condition including attention difficulty hyperactivity and impulsiveness. Schizophrenia - a disorder that affects a person's ability to think, feel and behave clearly. Obsessive compulsive disorder - excessive thoughts (obsessions) that lead to repetitive behaviours (compulsions) autism - a serious developmental disorder that impairs the ability to communicate and interact. and post-traumatic stress disorder - a disorder characterised by failure to recover after experiencing or witnessing a terrifying event.

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The spirit of Steve Biko: Save us from the xenophobic attacks

By Tshilidzi Marwala

THIS so-called xenophobia is because of the failure of the modern African state. African countries have spectacularly failed to create secure economic, social and political environments for our people to prosper.

The recent flare-up of hate crimes targeted mainly at foreign migrants raised concerns that South Africa had slid back to the era of xenophobia. The fact that we still have many people who think the Berlin-drawn borders are "Moses and the prophet," means we should pause and reflect.

Personally, when I think of Nigerians, I only think of mentors. When, for instance, I enrolled for a degree at Case Western Reserve University in Ohio, US, in 1991, one of the first people I met was my former schoolmate at Mbilwi High School in Venda, Limpopo. Joseph Makhari was my senior at the renowned school.

The second person I met was Dr Adeyinka Adedeji from Nigeria, who had come to do a PhD in chemical engineering. That was while I was studying for a degree in mechanical engineering, and Adeyinka was my mentor. He introduced me to all the people in his laboratory. If I wanted African food I visited Adeyinka. If I wanted to listen to Yvonne Chaka Chaka, I visited Adeyinka.

I was a PhD student because of Adeyinka. Later, when I went to Cambridge University to do a PhD in artificial intelligence, I met Dr Adekunle Adeyeye, a Nigerian who was a postdoctoral fellow in engineering. He too became my mentor. When I think of excellent mentors of the calibre of Adeyinka and Adekunle, I cannot help but think of just how 'too soon' Bantu Steve Biko left us. In an era like this, when we tend to hate people just because they were not born in our country, when xenophobia occasionally rears its head, we need Biko's thoughts and leadership.

Xenophobia is perhaps the wrong word to characterise what is going on in our country. Xenophobia, strictly speaking, means fear of foreigners. You cannot be violent towards those whom you fear. Despite the manifestation of this phenomenon through violence, one of the enduring narratives is that foreign nationals are taking away our jobs.



However, it is not all foreign nationals that are targets, but those from sub-Saharan Africa. So this phenomenon in South Africa is more self-hate than xenophobia.

It is important, in dealing with hate crimes against foreign nationals, to look at the underlying factors that, though real, may not be obvious. This violence against African migrants is about the failure of our economy to transform. South Africa's official unemployment rate, currently at 29%, is among the highest in the world.

This number excludes millions of people who are unemployed, but have given up looking for work. When people are in an economic wilderness, they look for scapegoats, and the people who are different to them usually become victims. This difference may manifest itself through nationality, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion or race.

In the wake of the Great Depression of the 1930s, in Germany the victims were Jews, and the consequence of that was a particular type of genocide named the Holocaust. In today's South Africa, the scapegoats are the African migrants, and at the top of the pyramid are the Nigerians. Just as it was not the Jews who were the source of the economic problems of the 1930s, it is not the African foreigners that are the source of South Africa's economic problems.

As South Africa, we need to be more organised and build a capable state that can manage migration and grow the economy. To economically prosper, South Africa needs to move away from ideological postures and choose policies that work, based on data as evidence. When Deng Xiaoping was modernising China and he encountered criticism, he said: "It does

not matter if the cat is black or white if it catches mice, it is a good cat."

When Minister of Finance Tito Mboweni produces an economic document to move us from the economic quagmire, instead of us criticising him for actually putting up a plan, we have to study the proposals, scientifically evaluate them and correct them if necessary, to save South Africa.

This so-called xenophobia is also about the unfinished formation of our national identity. Mzala Nxumalo, one of the foremost thinkers of the 1976 generation, wrote quite extensively about the centrality of the national question in the formation of a democratic society.

When Madiba led us to liberation and united us as one nation, we intended to build a South Africa rich and united in its diversity. We reversed that Balkanisation of South Africans along the racial and ethnic lines, which was the core soul of apartheid.

We dismantled the bantustans which were intended to divide our people along ethnic lines. Apartheid was meant to divide, and Madiba tried to unite us. However, did Madiba succeed in uniting our nation? Do we as South Africans at the very least understand ourselves, who we are, and where we are going? "Madiba, sold us to white monopoly capital," says a Themba on my Facebook account.

No, Madiba did not sell out, but he initiated the unity project, which is fundamental in building a capable and caring state. The principal responsibility of our generation is to make this united South Africa work. However, united South Africa will succeed when we base it on economic inclusion and prosperity.

This united South Africa will succeed if we base it on social

cohesion, inclusion and the safety of our communities, including the total elimination of gender-based violence. This so-called xenophobia is because of the failure of the modern African state.

The failure of African governments has meant there is a push on Africans towards the nodes of economic success in Europe and South Africa.

According to the International Organisation for Migration, in 2019, 10,308 Africans entered Europe as refugees by the dangerous sea in makeshift boats as compared to 12,318 people in 2018. During this same period, 234 people died in 2019 compared with 466 in 2018, while crossing the Mediterranean.

Why are Africans risking their lives to cross to Europe? Because African countries have spectacularly failed to create secure economic, social and political environments for our people to prosper. Postcolonial Africa has collectively failed to industrialise, and consequently, economic development has stagnated.

It is, nevertheless, not all gloom and doom. The African continent today has a total purchasing power parity gross domestic product (GDP) of \$6.7-trillion, and a population, largely young, of 1.2-billion people.

As African countries, we should capitalise on this economic progress to resolve the rural versus urban economic divide, execute sound economic policies and eliminate poverty from our society. Xenophobia is about the failure of our education system.

If there is one area where we can do significantly better, it is education. According to the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, sub-Saharan Africa has a literacy rate of 64% compared with 70% in the west and south Asia, 71% in Oceania and 99% in developed nations. We are trailing behind the rest of the world.

According to Elizabeth Weybright and her co-researchers, 60% of children who begin school in South Africa never complete high school.

Of those students lucky enough to complete high school and go to university in South Africa, 40% drop out before graduating. The failure in our school system means a considerable percentage of our population is excluded from the formal economy.

When well-educated Africans immigrate to South Africa, and appear more successful than the locals, this results in jealousy. Uncontrolled jealousy is dangerous! Given that xenophobic attacks have happened, what do we do? President Cyril Ramaphosa has sent envoys, which included former minister Jeff Radebe, Dr Khulu Mbata and ambassador Kingsley Mamabolo, to the rest of the African continent to apologise on our behalf about the xenophobic attacks.

Leader of the Economic Freedom Fighters Julius Malema also apologised to the rest of Africa on this matter. It is essential that in these difficult times, South Africa repairs its relationships with the rest of the African continent.

The decision to send envoys to the rest of the African continent, even though it is not universally accepted in South Africa, was the correct one.

In this regard, it is essential to note what Kwame Nkrumah said in 1963 at the founding of the Organisation of African Unity, the forerunner of the African Union, when he advised that as Africans "we must unite now or perish".

For the sake of African unity and in recognition of our common humanity, we must stop these pogroms at their source.

It is true that as a nation we have economically, politically and socially underperformed and in many ways we are victims of our failures, but we cannot be victims of economic underperformance and perpetrators of violence at the same time.

We ought to galvanise our society to reconstruct its fundamentals with due care. As we reconstruct our society, let us remember what Kwame Nkrumah advised us when he said "as never before we want thinkers, thinkers of great thoughts. As never before we want doers, doers of great deeds".

Integrating climate change into national energy strategies crucial

By Gerald Kitabu

DEVELOPMENT efforts might be hampered by the risks of climate change if not tackled properly. Reduced economic growth due to climate change damages, threatened or under-performing investments, and lower food production are examples of the influence of climate on development.

In more than 40 years, Tanzania has experienced severe and recurring droughts and floods with devastating effects to energy, agriculture, livestock, wildlife and water sectors as well as human property and infrastructure. Climate change projection indicates that the frequency and severity of those extreme climate events will increase and is expected to have long-term consequences for the environment and production systems of Tanzania, Civil Society Organizations have said.

As a global initiative to address climate change, in 2015 countries adopted the Paris Agreement. Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) are the main instruments put forward by countries to deliver on the promise of the Paris Agreement. They constitute an articulation of governments' commitment to tackle climate change, including emissions mitigation pledges and adaptation related targets, that countries consider achievable through various actions and investments that align with development priorities.

The updated Tanzania Power System Master Plan of 2016 estimates that by 2040 the shares of the total electricity generation is expected to be: 40 percent from gas-fired plants, 35 percent from coal-fired plants, 20 percent from hydropower plants, and the remaining 5 percent includes imports from neighboring countries in addition to renewables (including solar, wind, and geothermal). Such generation shares will correspond to 46 million



TaTEDO executive director Estomih Sawe addresses the meeting. Photo by Gerald Kitabu

tonnes of annual greenhouse gas emissions in 2040. Reducing the carbon intensity of energy is a key objective in achieving the long-term climate goals.

According to TaTEDO Executive Director Estomih Sawe, the government must mainstream climate change into national energy policy, plans and strategies in order to enhance energy security and achieve sustainable development.

He was speaking at Civil Society coalition meeting held in Dar es Salaam recently under the East Africa Civil Society for Sustainable Energy and Climate Action (EASE-CA) Project.

Energy consumption is the largest source of emissions in a number of other sectors. As a result, many opportunities to reduce emissions from energy involve actions within other

sectors to either switch to lower-emissions fuel sources or adopt more energy efficient technologies and practices. The cost of renewable energy technologies including battery storage and charging infrastructure has declined dramatically, opening up possibilities in the power and transportation sectors based on the latest cost and auction price data from projects around the world.

Achievements of mitigation measures to reduce emissions are subject to governments' commitment and international support in the form of investments, finance, technology transfer and capacity building.

The dialogue meeting aimed to influence sustainable energy and climate change policies, strategies and actions; including NDCs update and Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL) implementation efforts.

He said that there is a need to enhance access to sustainable energy and related climate change solutions for poverty reduction, income generation, reduced emissions and enhanced climate resilience.

"We need to increasingly, strengthen our collaborations as civil societies, SMEs and NGOs for stronger voice. I hope, and indeed it is my wish that, we will work to-

gether towards enhanced actions towards improving access to modern energy services for climate mitigation and adaptation," he said.

We all believe that improved energy access and climate change actions can be major contributor to poverty reduction and sustainable development Goals achievements, he added. Goal 7 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) focuses to ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.

Commenting on sustainable energy for all (SE4ALL), Senior Manager at TaTEDO, Jensen Shuma said that Tanzania opted-in and became one of the fourteen early movers for Africa in 2012 for the global platform, Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL). Tanzania has already completed the first three steps of the SE4ALL country process (Gap Analysis, Action Agenda, prospectus and programme). The government has set target to reach more than 75 percent of the access to electricity and clean cooking solutions, 41 percent reduction of energy intensity, more than 50 percent increase in renewable energy share in final power consumption and more than 10 percent increase in share of renewable energy for heat applications.

According to Shuma, presence of NDCs implementation plan and SE4ALL regionalization implementation plan (2017-2025) open room for CSOs and other stakeholders to participate in their implementation through awareness raising and capacity building.

There is good number of NGOs, networks, forums and associations involved with climate actions in the country much of their activities focusing on awareness and information sharing, policy analysis and advocacy. There are some CSOs and SMEs with interest and they are active on promotion and development of renewable energy and energy efficiency.

Commenting on the barriers, Shuma said that there are some barriers such as poor coordination among CSOs, low capacity to mobilize financial resources, weak sharing of best field experiences and in some cases technical capacity. Other barriers are limited knowledge and poor advocacy approaches. Poor timing, most of the CSOs are engaged in the process during the last time as the results most of their views are not reflected in the final policy documents.

He said there is a need to strengthen existing coalitions and ensure strong coordination for CSOs working in energy and climate change sector to be able to design and undertake timely and appropriate advocacy. He insisted on capacity building of CSOs to be able to tap the existing climate financing opportunities.

Introducing the EASE-CA Project, Project Coordinator Mary Swai said it seeks to increase access to sustainable energy and other climate solutions to local communities in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania.

Increased use of sustainable energy for consumptive and productive purposes will contribute to the global efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change at the same time brings about socioeconomic development in the region and also SDG7.

Citing an example, she said globally about 840 million people are still without access to electricity. Sub-Saharan Africa remains the region with the largest energy access deficit, with 573 million lacking access to electricity. A projected 650 million people are likely to remain without access to electricity in 2030, and 9 out of 10 such people will be in Sub-Saharan Africa. Over 70 percent of East Africa's population lives without access to sustainable energy.

Contributing to the project, Executive Director for Catalyst for Social Actions and Development Organization (CSADO) Msololo Onditi said NDCs in Tanzania is likely to face challenges during its implementation based on the nature of planning at the first place (Preparation of NDCs).

"I commend the government efforts but my doubt is that majority from the grassroots level did not participate in the process and they are not aware of the NDCs," he said.

Executive Secretary for Tanzania Youth Vision Association (TYVA) Justine Mponda said experience show that there is low public awareness even for the public servants about climate change and its multiplier effects on different sectors.

"On appropriate ways to disseminate knowledge and awareness, there is a need to make good use of social media to reach out to many youth in the country. On policy aspect, I advice to integrate climate change as cross cutting policy issue to be addressed through multi-sectoral approach," he said.

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TUDARCo GRADUATION CEREMONY

The Provost of the Tumaini University Dar es Salaam College (A Constituent College of Tumaini University Makumira) wishes to invite all graduands and stakeholders to her 13th Graduation Ceremony which will be held on Saturday, 9th November, 2019 at 8:30am at TUDARCo grounds located at Mwenge along Coca Cola Road in Dar es Salaam.

All graduands wishing to participate in the aforesaid ceremony are hereby requested to observe the following:

- Inform the Admissions Office from Thursday 17th October, 2019 to 31st October, 2019 of their intention to participate in the ceremony; only those who confirm their participation will be considered for hiring graduation gowns. Confirmation through calls (0786929760, 0786929770, and 0736929770) should be done between 8.00 am and 4.00 pm, during working days. Please collect the Agreement Form for hiring a gown at the Admissions Office and make sure that it is signed and stamped by the advocate
- Graduands who wish to hire graduation gowns will sign an Agreement Form and pay a non refundable fee of Tshs. 50,000/= . Payment should be made to Tumaini University Dar es Salaam College through Maendeleo bank Account number 013828266011, CRDB bank account No. 01J1021002200 or NBC bank account No. 011103030931
- Gowns will be collected from Tuesday 5th November, 2019 in the former College Library room adjacent to the Computer lab in Block C. Gowns should be returned just after the graduation (for those who will be ready), otherwise from Monday 11th to Wednesday 13th November, 2019. Those who wish to return the gowns on the same day after the event, the gowns will be received in the same room used on collection. A daily penalty of Tshs. 20,000/= will be charged against those who will fail to return the gowns by the set deadline date.
- There will be a Thanksgiving Mass on Friday 8th November, 2019 at 8.30 am at TUDARCo followed by the Convocation and prize giving ceremony thereafter. All graduands, alumni, as well as best performer students are expected to attend.
- The Graduation Rehearsal will be held at the College (TUDARCo) grounds on Friday 8th November, 2019 at 3.00 pm. Those who will not participate in the Rehearsal will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony the following day.
- All graduands are expected to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.
- Strictly note that graduands who will arrive after the commencement of the graduation ceremony or who will not comply to the TUDARCo dress code will not be allowed to participate in the event.

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Conference on role of nuclear power in war on climate change under way

Vienna

CLIMATE change is one of the greatest challenges of our time and the goal of reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions will be difficult to achieve without a significant increase in the use of nuclear power.

Cornel Feruta, acting Director General of the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), said this here yesterday when opening the International Conference on Climate Change and the Role of Nuclear Power.

Some 550 participants representing 79 countries and 18 international organisations are taking part in the seven-day conference, the first on this topic to be organised by IAEA.

Held in cooperation with the Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the event serves as a unique forum for exchanging science-based information and conducting objective discussions on the role of nuclear power in mitigating climate change.

Nuclear power plants emit practically no GHG emissions or air pollutants during their operation and are, over their life cycle, the second-lowest emitting source of electricity after hydro.

Currently, 30 countries operate 449 nuclear power reactors worldwide, generating 10 per cent of the world's electricity and one-third of all low carbon electricity. In terms of emissions avoidance, that's the equivalent of taking 400 million cars off the road every year.

Around 70 per cent of the world's electricity currently

comes from burning fossil fuels, according to the International Energy Agency. By 2050, some 80 per cent of all electricity will need to be low carbon to meet the Paris Agreement goal of limiting the increase in global temperatures above pre-industrial levels to well below 2°C Celsius.

"Making that transition will be a major challenge," Feruta said, adding: "It is difficult to see how the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions can be achieved without a significant increase in the use of nuclear



power in the coming decades."

He was upbeat that advances being made in several countries concerning the final disposal of high-level radioactive waste would help to alleviate public concerns about the long-term sustainability of nuclear power.

Addressing the conference, NEA Director General William D. Magwood, IV said finding the right approach to long-term, economic and reliable electricity supply was the central challenge to the decarbonisation of the future global economy.

"A vision of the future that incorporates variable renewable energy sources and cost-effective, advanced nuclear energy in a balance based on economic reality is one path to success," he noted.

Hoesung Lee, Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, was meanwhile one of the dignitaries lined up to address the first day of the conference. IPCC is the United Nations body responsible for assessing climate

change science and advising governments on climate action.

In a report last October, IPCC featured four model pathways for limiting global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, the threshold at which most experts believe the worst impacts from climate change can still be avoided.

All four model pathways included increases in nuclear power generation by 2050, ranging between 59 per cent and 501 per cent.

Also lined up as prominent speakers are Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs at the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA); LI Yong, Director General of the UN Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO); Agneta Rising, Director General of the World Nuclear Association; and senior government officials from Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Egypt, France, Hungary, India, Mongolia, Mo-

rocco, the Russian Federation, the UK and the US.

Heads of relevant international organisations such as Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and IEA Fatih Birol, Executive Director of the International Energy Agency (IEA) of the OECD, have sent messages to contribute to the event.

The conference is expected to discuss key issues such as advancing energy policies that achieve the climate change goals; and the long-term operation of existing nuclear power plants and their contribution to avoiding GHG emissions.

Also on the agenda are the factors necessary to support high rates of deployment, including for advanced nuclear power technologies; public perceptions of the role of nuclear power in climate change mitigation; and the prospects for synergies between nuclear power and other low-carbon energy sources.

"The world urgently needs solutions to climate change. Nuclear power is already making an important contribution and can play an increasing role in the future," said Conference President Mikhail Chudakov, who is IAEA Deputy Director General and Head of the Department of Nuclear Energy.

IAEA serves as the world's foremost intergovernmental forum for scientific and technical co-operation in the peaceful use of nuclear technology.

Established as an autonomous organisation under the UN in 1957, it carries out programmes to maximise the useful contribution of nuclear technology to society while verifying its peaceful use.

The agency is the world's centre for cooperation in the nuclear field and seeks to promote the safe, secure and peaceful use of nuclear technologies.

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Position: Lecturers

• ICT (1), Accounting & Finance (1)

Reports to the Head of Department

Duties

- Teaching in formal courses and seminars, undertaking individual research and participating in bigger multidisciplinary research projects; preparing manuals, simulations and case studies for training; provide close supervision and guidance to students; working on consultancy projects; coaching junior teaching/research staff and any other duties as may be assigned to him/her by his/her reporting officer.

Requirements:

- Lecturer must have PhD in his/her area of specialization. Master's and Bachelor's degree in the relevant field with minimum GPA of 4.0 and 3.8 respectively

Position: Assistant Lecturers

• Law (1), Accounting & Finance (1), French Language (1)

NOTE: French language teacher, candidates with Bachelors are also invited to apply as tutorial Assistants.

Reports to the Head of Department

Duties

- With guidance of senior staff members conduct lectures, research and consultancy projects, tutorials, seminars, marking tests, assignments, examinations and submitting results of the same timely. Preparing case studies and any other duties as may be assigned to him/her by his/her supervisor

Requirements:

- Assistant Lecturers must have Master's and Bachelor's degree in the relevant field with minimum GPA of 4.0 and 3.8 respectively

Position: Bursar of the College (1)

Reports to the Deputy Principal for Finance & Administration (DPFA)

Duties:

- Advises the University College Management on financial management and fiscal control
- Develops and maintains an up to date transparent MIS on account at all levels
- Directs and supervises the preparation of periodical financial report and ensures that they are submitted to the appropriate authorities on time
- Prepares the University Budget estimates in both recurrent and development expenditure
- Ensures sound internal controls are in place
- Participates in preparing financial circulars, revenues and expenditure policies of the university
- Ensures that external and internal financial queries are resolved as per the laid down procedures
- Supervises, appraises and identifies staff development and training needs
- Coordinates timely audit of the university financial transactions
- Performs any other duties as may be assigned by supervisor.

Requirements:

- Holder of CPA (T) or equivalent qualifications PLUS Master's degree in either Accounting OR Finance from a recognized institution with at least 9 years relevant working experience of which at least five years must be at a senior managerial position in a reputable organization. The candidate must be a person of high integrity with ability to plan, organize and supervise. Self-motivated and ability to work efficiently even under pressure. He/she must have excellent communication skills in both English and Kiswahili. Ability to deliver accurate and high quality output timely.

Position: Assistant Accountant II (2)

Reports to the Bursar of the College

- Preparing and balancing various subsidiary ledgers;
- Completing bank reconciliations
- Summarizing monthly accounting transactions for posting into the general ledger
- Processing payment and receipts transactions
- Verifying balances in account books and rectifying discrepancies.
- Carrying out regular investigations of accounts
- Verifying JUCo's income from sources to bank and satisfies self that expenditure is properly incurred according to approved policy and efficiently charged to relevant heads;
- Checking that inventory of furniture, equipment, and other moveable assets is maintained accordingly.
- Assisting in audit assignments

Requirements:

- Holder of Bachelor Degree in accounting or Accounting and Finance; CPA (T) OR its equivalent qualifications is a PLUS. Candidates with auditing knowledge are more preferred.

Position: Administrative Officer

Responsible to the Deputy Principal for Finance & Administration (DPFA)

Duties and Responsibilities

- Responsible for the overall status of the DPFA's office
- In charge of general order and cleanliness of the DPFA's office
- Working closely with HR and Bursar's Office in matters of

Position: Procurement Officer

Reports to the Principal

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Securing reliable supplies.
- Taking charge of purchasing and related activities including market research and supplies appraisal;
- Receiving and processing all requisitions for purchases
- Scrutinizing all purchases orders prior to forwarding them to the DPFA
- Providing advice on all matters related to purchasing function
- Follow up overdue orders
- Preparing monthly, quarterly, min year and annual stock report
- Preparing draft proposals for policies and procedures pertaining to procurement
- In consultation with the bursar organizing and administering purchasing and supplies unit ensuring that systems of purchases and stock control including movement of stocks between departments are operationally sound;
- Overseeing arrangements for the purchase of equipment and materials (other than furniture) required by the College including their effective use;
- Coordinating purchase and effective management of stores;
- Perform any other duties assigned by one's reporting officer.

Requirements:

- Holder of master's degree in Procurement and Supply Chain Management PLUS Procurement Supply Chain Professional (PSCP) Certificate with at least six years working experience of which at least three years in a managerial position.

Position: HR Assistant

Report to HRD

Duties and Responsibilities

Requirements:

- To assist the HR in achieving Office Objectives including;
- Organizing & Scheduling meetings related to HR Office
- Working as first person in handling employees' service requests and queries related to HR Office
- Providing Orientation to New Staff members
- Opening new files and indexes cards
- Maintaining an up-to-date register of office files (documents) sent out or received
- In charge of Open Registry and Confidential Registry
- In charge of attendance Register
- In charge of sport and games and other welfare matters required for members of staff
- Providing clerical and administrative support services to the HR Office
- Performing any other duties may be assigned by supervisor

Requirements:

- BA in HRM, Public Administration or Records from a recognized institution. Working experience of at least three years in HR or Administration department is required. The candidate should have good communication skills, Self-motivated and computer literate in both MS Word & Excel.

Application Instructions:

- Send your application consisting of cover letter indicating the position you are applying for in the SUBJECT email, CV in English and Copies of Academic Certificates and transcripts through the following address not later than **15th October 2019**. You are encouraged to send your application electronically through the given email.

Deputy Principal for Finance and Administration,
Jordan University College,
P. O. BOX 1878,
Morogoro-Tanzania
E-mail: dpfa@juco.ac.tz.

- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. This advertisement is also available on JUCo website: www.juco.ac.tz. Commencement of Employment for Successful Candidates is immediately.

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TANZANIA REVENUE AUTHORITY

PRESS RELEASE

On 14th June, 2018, the Minister for Finance and Planning announced a tax amnesty order under The Tax Administration (Remission of Interest and Penalty) Order, 2018 for taxpayers with outstanding tax liabilities and those who voluntarily disclosed or affirmed their tax liabilities and were ready to settle their outstanding principal taxes due within the period and conditions prescribed by the Order.

The tax amnesty order was designed to operate within a limited period of time commencing from 1st July, 2018 and ending on 30th June, 2019 and would apply to outstanding tax liabilities.

However, the Government through The Tax Administration (Remission of Interest and Penalties) (Extension of Period of Payment) Order, 2019 extended the period for payment of principal taxes to 31st December, 2019 for taxpayers who had

- a) applied to the Commissioner General for remission of interest and penalty;
- b) been granted remission;
- c) executed a settlement agreement with the Commissioner General for remission of interest and penalty under the Tax Administration (Remission of Interest and Penalty) Order, 2018;
- d) agreed to pay the principal tax assessed in lump sum or installment; and
- e) up to 30th June, 2019 failed to liquidate the agreed amount of principal tax assessed.

Eligible persons granted with the remission of interest and penalty are required to liquidate their principal tax as specified in the settlement agreement on or before 31st December, 2019 and no further extension will be granted.

It should be noted that, where an eligible person who has been granted with a remission under the Tax Administration (Remission of Interest and Penalty) Order, 2018 fails to implement any of the terms of the settlement agreement, the Commissioner General shall rescind the settlement agreement and proceed to demand the eligible tax as if no remission was granted.

From 2nd January 2020, recovery measures shall be applied to collect any tax outstanding without further notice.

"Together We Build Our Nation"

Dr. Edwin P. Mhede Ph.D
COMMISSIONER GENERAL

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ADVERTISEMENTS

TUMAINI UNIVERSITY DAR ES SALAAM COLLEGE

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Website: www.tudarco.ac.tz; Email: provost@tudarco.ac.tz,
P.O. Box 77588, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

**VACANCIES**

Tumaini University Dar es Salaam College (TUDARCO) is a centre for quality education, offering a diverse range of academic qualifications. The College offers wide range of undergraduate and Postgraduates programs in Social Sciences, Education, Business/Finance/Administration/Human Resources and Laws. As a strategy to continue providing excellent higher education, the College wishes to recruit additional Academic Staff in the following Faculties:

1.0 FACULTY OF LAW:**1.1 Lecturer, Senior Lecturer or Professor (3 posts)****Qualifications:**

Holders of a PhD in Law from higher learning institutions recognised by TCU. The applicant must be specialized in Commercial law, Criminal law or Conveyance/Land Law. In addition to the above qualifications, the candidate must show exceptional Teaching, Research and Consultancy abilities. Having a published at least three vetted papers will be added advantage.

2.0 FACULTY OF EDUCATION:**2.1 Lecturer, Senior Lecturer or Professor (2 posts)****Qualifications:**

Holders of a PhD in History with three years teaching experience as a or Senior Lecturer. In addition to the above qualifications, the candidate must show exceptional Teaching, Research and Consultancy abilities. Having a published at least three vetted papers will be added advantage.

2.2 Lecturer (1 post)**Qualifications:**

Holders of a PhD in English Literature from higher learning institutions recognised by TCU. In addition to the above qualifications, candidates must be exceptional in Teaching and Research abilities. Having published vetted papers will be added advantage.

2.3 Lecturer, Senior Lecturer or Professor (1 post)**Qualifications:**

Holders of a PhD in Education Management from higher learning institutions recognised by TCU. In addition to the above qualifications, candidates must be exceptional in Teaching and Research abilities. Having published vetted papers will be added advantage.

3.0 FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES: Library and Information Studies Department.**3.1 Assistant Lecturer or Lecturer (1 post)****Qualifications:**

Holders of a M.Sc. in Information Technology Management, Information Systems Management from higher learning institution recognised by TCU. In addition to the above qualification, the candidate must be exceptional in Teaching and Research and Service abilities.

4.0 REMUNERATION:

- Successful candidates will be offered attractive packages commensurate with their qualifications and experience.

5.0. MODE OF APPLICATION

- Interested and suitably qualified individuals should submit application letter with attached detailed curriculum vitae, relevant copies of transcripts, certificates, telephone contacts and three referee's details.
- Only candidates with a minimum GPA of 3.5 or Upper Second Class for the First degree and GPA of 4.0 for a Master degree will be contacted.
- Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.
- All applications should be sent to the address below not later than one week from the date of the advertisement.

The Provost,
Tumaini University Dar es Salaam College - TUDARCO.
P. O. Box 77588, Dar es Salaam.
Coca-Cola Road, Plot no. 10 Mikochei Light Industrial Area.
Website: www.tudarco.ac.tz

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**ZANZIBAR FISHERIES COMPANY**

KILIMO HOUSE
P.O. BOX 1680
DARAJANI, ZANZIBAR

TEL NO: 024-2231101
FAX NO: 024-2281103

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**Assignment Title:**

Consultancy Services for preparation of the Architectural and engineering design, Environmental and Social Impact Assessment and Mitigation plans; for construction of ZAFICO Anchovy Processing Unit

Reference No. MANRLF/ZAFICO/ CI/2019/220

Zanzibar Fishing Company LTD has set aside funds for the operation during the financial year 2019/2020. It is intended that, part of the proceeds of the fund to cover eligible payments under the contract for Consultancy Services for preparation of the Architectural and engineering design, Environmental and Social Impact Assessment and Mitigation plans; for construction of ZAFICO Anchovy processing unit at Fungu Refu – Mkokotoni Zanzibar.

The main objective of this consultancy is the provision of the planning inputs for the physical and organization set up of a commercial anchovy processing unit with at least 10 ton per day processing capacity with an adjacent solar drier unit for accommodating typical drying racks and a landing site designed for typical anchovy fishing boats currently operating at the site.

The assignment will include main specific activities as follows:

- Document review and Inception Report
- Preparation of engineering designs
- Environmental and Social Impact Assessment and associated ESMP
- Social assessment
- Preparation of tender documents

The successful Consultant could be invited to take on the duties of "Construction supervision and Factory operation trainings" following the successful completion of the design stage to the client's satisfaction.

The Zanzibar Fisheries Company Ltd (ZAFICO) now invites eligible Firms ("consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection Method (QCBS) set out in the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act, 2016.

Further information can be obtained at the ZAFICO office, Kilimo House, Darajani Zanzibar, email address: arafakhamis037@gmail.com, tel. No. +255 242231101 and during office hours i.e. 07:30 to 15:30 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form by 23rd October 2019 before 14:00 to the address;

Secretary – Ministerial Tender Board,
Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources, Livestock and Fisheries, Ground Floor,
PMU Office, Nyangumi House, Maruhubi Area, P. O. Box 159, Zanziba, Tanzania.

Telephone No. +255 242230985, Facsimile No. +255 242234650, email: zahor1m@hotmail.com. (in person, by mail, by fax or email) and should be clearly marked the Consultancy services for preparation of the Architectural and Engineering Design, Environmental and Social Impact Assessment and Mitigation plans; for construction of ZAFICO Anchovy Processing Unit.

Zahor Kassim Mohamed
El Kharousy
Managing Director
Zanzibar Fisheries Company Ltd
P. O. Box 1680
Zanzibar

Tel: +255 242231101 Fax +255 242231103

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INTERNAL/ EXTERNAL VACANCY NOTICE

LSG Sky Chefs group is the global leader in airline catering and the management of all in-flight service related processes. The group consists of more than 150 Companies with more than 200 customer service centres in 54 countries. With more than 70 years of experience in the industry, LSG Sky Chefs has, through its catering expertise, developed special skills in planning, implementation and management of all processes related to in-flight services.

In a bid to improve services to our esteemed customers, interested and suitable applicants are invited to apply for the position of Sales & Customer Service Officer at our Dar es Salaam Unit.

Requirements:

The incumbent for the job should meet the following minimum requirements to be considered for the position:

1. Good command of spoken and written English and Kiswahili, with above average skills in verbal and written communication.
2. A minimum of a Diploma level training in marketing, Business Management, or equivalent. Prior experience in hospitality industry preferably in commercial catering will be added advantage.
3. Good Command in computer application, especially mastery of Ms. Word, excel, e-mail and Presentation (power point).
4. Ability to interpret instructions and documents according to the requirements of internal and external Customers.
5. Ability to interact, adapt, with good analytical skills in sales and customers service matters in accordance to changing times and circumstances.
6. At least one year of practical work experience in sales customer service or equivalent position at middle management level preferably in hospitality, air travel, telecommunication or other customer focussed sectors.
7. Demonstrated keenness to details pertaining to his/her job as a Sales and Customer Service Officer and a good team player.

Duties:

Reporting to Sales & Customer Service Manager, the incumbent will be responsible to:

- Build, promote and maintain strong and long lasting relationship by partnering with Customers
- Update customer schedules for distribution to relevant operational departments in a timely manner while ensuring that inhouse specifications are updated.
- Analyse, update and maintain customer feedback, handling and following up of customer's complaints and queries and ensure the corrective measures are taken.
- Organize and arrange Customers' menu presentation.
- Promote team work between stake holders in order to meet customers' expectations.
- Attend customers' meetings, airline group meal tasting and follow up on any action required, periodic flight and Customer station visits for forstering good relationship.
- Maintain effective flow of communication internally and externally.
- Promote new sales lines or new ways of handling internal and external customers proactively.
- Perform any other duties aimed to promoting and nurturing superior customer relationship as assigned by the Supervisor.

Interested and suitable applicants can forward their application letters along with detailed Curriculum Vitae, copies of relevant certificates and testimonials to:

General Manager, LSG Sky Chefs, Julius Nyerere International Airport, Cargo Terminal, P. O. Box 76070, Dar es salaam.

Note:

1. Internal Applicants should channel their application through their respective Heads of Departments.
2. Closing date for applications is 14th of October 2019, at the closing of the working day (05.00 PM).

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ANNOUNCEMENT



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ON PROVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCE AND PAYROLL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Ifakara Health Institute (IHI) is a leading research organization in Africa with a strong track record in developing, testing and validating innovations for health. Driven by a core strategic mandate for research, training and services, the Institute's work now spans a wide spectrum, covering biomedical and ecological sciences, intervention studies, health-systems research and policy translation.

IHI invites applications from eligible, competent and qualified companies and organizations to provide their expression of interest for provision of human resource and payroll management system.

Instructions:

- 1.0 The tender is open to all bidders. The whole bidding process will be conducted through competitive procurement procedures specified in IHI's Administration Manual.
- 2.0 Interested eligible bidders may obtain any needed additional information at the secretary's office of IHI's Tender committee through procurement@ihi.or.tz from 09:00hrs to 16:00hrs local, Monday to Friday, from the date of this announcement.
- 3.0 Other additional application requirements:
 - 3.1 Interested bidders must get the **Terms of Reference (TOR)** which can be obtained from IHI offices:
 - Dar es Salaam – Mikocheni (Kiko Avenue)
 - Bagamoyo – District Hospital and
 - Ifakara – Off Mlabani street
 - 3.2 Hand deliveries should be submitted at IHI front desks (receptions) not later than Wednesday 23rd, 2019 at 10:00am local (EAT) time.
 - 3.3 The deadline for tender submission is October 23rd, 2019 at 10:00am sharp.
 - 3.4 Late applications won't be entertained irrespective of the circumstances.
 - 3.5 All applications must be enclosed in an envelope with a seal and addressed to:

Chief Executive Director,
Ifakara Health Institute,
P.O. Box 78373,
Dar es Salaam

info@ihi.or.tz | www.ihi.or.tz

Ifakara Branch
Off Mlabani Passage
P.O. Box 53 Ifakara
Phone: +255232931572

Dar es Salaam Office
Plot 463, Kiko Avenue, Mikocheni
P.O. Box 78,373 Dar es Salaam
Phone: +255222774756

Bagamoyo Branch
Inside District Hospital
P.O. Box 74 Bagamoyo
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Telephone: (255) 22 219-6600 | Facsimile: (255) 22 260-1355 | daressalaam@unicef.org | www.unicef.org

Request for Proposal for Technical facilitation of the process for development of national multisectoral ECD program (Guideline, Implementation plan, costing and financing, M & EL) LRPS 2019-9151666

UNICEF Tanzania is looking for engaging a reputable Institution to support facilitation process for development of multisectoral Early Childhood Development (ECD) Program (Guideline, Implementation Plan, Costing and financing, M & EL).

The Institution will liaise closely and receive guidance from the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MOHCDGEC), National Multisectoral ECD Task Force and Secretariat throughout the process of developing the National Multisectoral ECD Program and is expected to utilize gender responsive approaches and ensure disability inclusiveness. The key experience and qualification should include but not limited to the following:

- Demonstrable experience of developing national-level, government-oriented, multisectoral plans/programmes through participatory process.
- Demonstrable understanding of government organization, and hierarchy of technical structures for providing effective coordination and delivery of multisectoral agenda.
- Strong technical understanding of the Tanzania early childhood development sector and policy and implementation context, including integrating gender equality perspectives in strategic documents
- Strong understanding of the global early childhood development policy and implementation context, including the Nurturing Care Framework.
- Facilitation skills across multi-stakeholder setting, and especially with regards government systems and practice for progressing technical dialogue.
- Fluency in Swahili and English, with excellent communication, interpersonal and writing skills

For more information on this assignment including detailed terms of reference, objectives, timelines, milestones, deliverables and how to apply log onto <https://www.ungm.org/Public/Notice/96055>.

Deadline for applications 28th October 2019.

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ZANZIBAR REVENUE BOARD



INVITATION FOR QUOTATIONS (IFQ) NO: SMZ/F0111/NC/CQ/2019~20/44

FOR

THE PROVISION OF SECURITY SERVICES AT ZRB HEAD OFFICE, MAZIZINI-ZANZIBAR

1. This Invitation for Quotations follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) for Zanzibar Revenue Board that appeared in the Zanzibar Leo of 16th September, 2019 and through ZRB **e-procurement Web Portal: zanrevenue.org/eproc/**.
2. Zanzibar Revenue Board (ZRB) has set aside funds from its Budget for the Financial Year 2019/2020. It is intended that part of the proceeds of the funds will be applied to cover eligible payment under the contract for provision of Security Services at ZRB head office, Mazizini-Zanzibar.
3. Zanzibar Revenue Board (ZRB) -Zanzibar now invites sealed quotations from eligible and qualified service Provider for provision of security services at ZRB head office, Mazizini-Zanzibar, the service include the guarding and alarm system services.
4. You are hereby invited to submit your priced quotation for the provision of the services as described under paragraph 3 above.
5. Complete set of Quotation in English and additional sets may be purchased by interested Service Provider on the submission of a written application to the address given below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tanzania Shilling Fifty Thousands (50,000/-). Payment should be by bank payable to Zanzibar Revenue Board through the following bank details; Bank name -People Bank of Zanzibar (PBZ) ,A/C Name; Commissioner –Zanzibar Revenue Board and A/C No.0404003000.
6. All quotations must be accompanied by a Bid Securing Declaration in the format provided in the solicitation documents.
7. All quotations in one original plus three (3) copies, properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes must be delivered to the address below at or before **10:00hrs Tuesday 22nd October, 2019**. Quotations will be opened promptly thereafter in public and in the presence of Service Providers' representatives who choose to attend in the opening at the Conference room, 4th Floor of the Zanzibar Revenue Board Building-Mazizini Zanzibar.
8. Late Quotations, Portion of Quotations, Electronic Quotations, Quotations not received, Quotations not opened and not read out in public at the bid opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

Secretary
Tender Board
Zanzibar Revenue Board
P. O, BOX 2072, Mazizini- Zanzibar

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EXPANSION

PAET plotting East African market ambush by power of increased gas production

By Guardian Reporter

NATURAL gas production from Songo Songo Islands has increased by over 60 percent since last year which has provided a surplus that PanAfrican Energy Tanzania wants to find new markets including to the strategic East African Community market.

In a statement, PAET said since August this year, its daily sales of additional gas increased to 64 million standard cubic feet per day (MMscf/d), which saw average daily sales for the year to-date increase to 60 MMscf/d.

In the same period last year, the company's average daily sales were just 37 MMscf/d, meaning current sales volumes have increased by 62 percent. In addition, the company

expects further increases in sales following an agreement with Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation signed on 25th September 2019, to increase the maximum daily quantity of additional gas that can be supplied.

"PAET is also actively pursuing new sales opportunities in Tanzania while at the same time assisting the Tanzanian Government in evaluating the potential to supply large volumes of natural gas to strategic partners in the East African region," said PAET's Managing Director, Andy Hanna.

Hanna however said the production increases to meet such demand would require PAET to develop the northern section of the Songo Songo field where there was a natural gas



PAET's Managing Director, Andy Hanna.

discovery in 1974. He further noted that the company is in discussions with commercial fuel distributors and other potential consumers to expand its existing compressed natural gas business.

"These are exciting times for Tanzania which is seeing a marked

increase in its power generation capacity, alongside industrial growth. PAET is poised to meet early increases in demand for gas to feed new generation facilities and is ready to work with our partners towards meeting long term demand in the future," Hanna added.

"PAET remains well placed to deliver additional volumes to the national network of gas infrastructure to supply the new 185MW gas fired generation at Kinyerezi 1, although this may now be on-line later than we had anticipated, possibly not before mid-2020," the PAET chief executive noted.

executive noted.

To ensure it is able to sustain supply of gas, PAET has continued to optimize the refrigeration system at the Songo Songo facility it installed in July 2019 with final performance testing of the system expected to commence this month.

Concurrently, PAET is nearing completion of the front-end engineering and design (FEED) for gas compression at the Songo processing facility on Songo Songo. Refrigeration and compression will work in harmony to address declining reservoir pressure to ensure maximum production levels can be sustained, subject to demand, through to the end of the PSA licence in 2026.

Alongside this, PAET is developing plans to workover three onshore wells to address corrosion, sand and water issues. Successful workovers are expected to return around 21 MMscf/d of additional production potential from the field, at an estimated cost of US\$15 million.

"PAET is always examining ways to ensure we are in a position to support the rapidly expanding and varied markets for natural gas in Tanzania. At the same time the government is actively looking at ways to utilise its significant indigenous natural gas resources to fuel industrial and economic growth for the benefit of the country and the wider East African region," Hanna stated while stressing that 1 partnership with TPDC, his company is evaluating the options to increase production from the Songo Songo field.



DIVERSIFICATION

Ramaphosa to strengthen trade agreements with rest of Africa

PRETORIA

President Cyril Ramaphosa (pictured) has talked of strengthening trade agreements with other African countries following a visit by Nigeria President Muhammadu Buhari last week.

In his open letter, "From the desk of the president," Ramaphosa said prosperity on the continent required a strong relationship between South Africa and Nigeria at an economic, trade, social, political, diplomatic and people-to-people level. "It is expected that over the next few decades there will be a massive increase in investment in infrastructure across Africa, which should benefit South African construction companies, manufacturers and banks.

"The economies of the African continent are together growing at a rate far greater than our own, and we need to see the opportunity that such growth presents for our economy and for our people. It is for

this reason that we have embraced the African Continental Free Trade Area."

This, he said, would be a game changer, with South Africa well-placed to make use of the opportunities a free trade area could provide. South Africa was plagued by a series of violent protest that led to xenophobic attacks on foreign-owned businesses last month. African leaders spoke out against the attacks with Nigerians taking to the streets in that country threatening to boycott South African companies. Ramaphosa met with his Nigerian counterpart shortly after the attacks saying that this challenged their efforts to build stronger ties with other African countries. More than 100 South African companies have investments in Nigeria and about 1 700 have active trade relations in the country, with trade equating to around R50bn last year between the two countries.

"Nigeria and South Africa are important for each other's economies.

More than 100 South African companies have investments in Nigeria and over 1 700 have active trade relations in the country. Trade between the two countries was worth around R50bn last year, with South Africa importing a significant amount of its fuel from Nigeria. For its part, South Africa exports a wide range of products to Nigeria, including machinery and appliances, minerals and chemical products."

Ramaphosa said the two countries have formed a joint ministerial advisory council on industry, trade and investment that will meet regularly to facilitate bilateral business and, where necessary, sort out problems.

"While we are undertaking a massive investment drive in South Africa, we are also encouraging investment in other parts of the continent. We do so in pursuit of the shared African vision of Agenda 2063, but also because we know that South Africa cannot prosper unless Africa as a whole prospers."

COMPETITION

Bank customers shun agents for digital apps

NAIROBI

Kenyan bank customers have shunned agency banking in favour of other digital channels including mobile banking apps, according to a survey by research firm Infotrak.

Of the banked Kenyans polled, only 12 percent use agency banking and most of them are low-income males from Nairobi, Central and Rift Valley. Digital channels, such as mobile banking, are the most popular at 47 percent and are used primarily by men aged 18 to 34 years described as mid to high-income, college graduates, and generally, customers from Western, Nyanza and Nairobi regions.

Branch

Branch outlets are the second most popular channel used by 41 percent of customers, most of who are low-income females aged 50 years and above, with low education attainment of up to secondary school besides earning low incomes. These customers are concentrated in Coast and Eastern region.

This trend highlights lifestyle trends if viewed through regional lenses and also indicate the increasing importance of digital access to banking services in the lives of customers. "A key finding of the research is that digital channels outperform other channels of access, with a preference rate of 47 percent; six percent and 35 percent points higher than alternative channels of account access such as physical branch outlets (41 percent) and agency banking (12 percent)," the report says.

While agency banking has continued to grow, the uptake of other digital platforms has accelerated even faster. The number of bank and microfinance bank agents rose to 61,290 in 2017 compared to 53,833 the previous year, according to statistics from the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK).

More than 89 percent of the agents are contracted by the three biggest retail banks: Equity (28,663 agents), KCB (14,466) and Co-op Bank (11,207). The number of banking transactions undertaken through bank agents over the period increased by 34.1 percent to 139.7 million from 104.1 million.

Banks have in the past decade launched mobile banking services to reach more customers, enhance the



Mobile banking remains popular among Kenyans.

quality of their services and reduce costs associated with brick-and-mortar branches. The trend has accelerated in recent years as the control of lending rates provided further motivation for banks to lower their overheads.

"Commercial banks continued to leverage on digital platforms to drive business strategies and models aimed at providing banking services more efficiently," CBK says in its latest banking supervision report.

"Banks are reviewing their business and digitizing some processes that were traditionally manual such as personal loan application and disbursements and Know your Customer (KYC) documentation. These digital innovations have enabled banks to reach out to more customers and offer them services more efficiently."

Increased digitisation

The Infotrak report forecasts that up to two-thirds of bank customers in Kenya will take up mobile banking in the future as part of the increased digitisation of financial services. "Our forecast for future likelihood of using mobile banking is 67 percent for Apps and 71 percent for USSD (text codes)," Infotrak says in the report.

"Digital platforms are expected to attract increased buy-in from the market," the report says, noting that other traditional banking channels will continue to play an important role in serving customers. Usage of ATMs is pro-

jected to be 78 percent in the future, according to responses from Kenyans who already have bank accounts.

About two-thirds of banked Kenyans are more likely to use physical bank outlets in future with a skew to 35 years and above, with older customers and those with low levels of education preferring to visit the brick-and-mortar branches. Online/internet banking has the lowest likelihood of future usage, the report says.

Those that will use this channel will mostly comprise university educated banked Kenyans and the youth (18-34 years old). "The fact that two in every five banked Kenyans prefer using physical branch outlets and 66 percent, regardless of the age, are likely to use them in future is an indicator that branches are here to stay," the report says.

Customer interactions

Infotrak argues that customer interactions at the branch outlets play a huge role in the ultimate customer experience and loyalty, adding that this "offers banks that have been previously regarded as not offering competitive customer experience an opportunity to reposition themselves."

Increased uptake of digital banking services, however, has resulted in closure of more physical branches over the years. Data from CBK shows that banks have closed more branches than new outlets opened in recent years.

DELAYED

Exxon will not take final decision on Mozambique LNG project this week

MAPUTO

Exxon Mobil will stop short of taking a final investment decision (FID) on its massive \$30 billion liquefied natural gas (LNG) project in Mozambique when it attends an event there on Tuesday, a source familiar with the

matter told Reuters.

Mozambique's government said on Sunday Exxon would finalize the project at a signing ceremony in the capital Maputo. Instead, the company and its partners, Italy's Eni, Korea Gas Corp and state-owned China National Petroleum

Corp, will announce a consortium of contractors for the project, enabling it to begin some building, the source said.

Local media reported Exxon has delayed the FID while other media reported that the FID will take place on Tuesday. "It's

contractor selection and the issue of Limited Notice To Proceed to them," said the source when asked what will take place at the event.

"The FID will be later, but it's a step forward before the elections," the source said referring to a

presidential election to be held next week. "I expect they will give a target (on FID timing) on Tuesday." Exxon did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Exxon said in May it would take the FID, a term used by the oil industry to

mean that the commercial and regulatory aspects of a project are finalised, paving the way for investment in the construction phase, "later this year."

Industry sources previously said Exxon had done well to progress the project this far so quickly giv-

en it had taken it over in December 2017 after a \$2.8 billion deal with Eni. Exxon's project is located next to another huge LNG facility that is being built by oil major Total after its previous owner, Anadarko, took the FID in June. Anadarko has since been taken over

by Occidental Petroleum.

Mozambique, one of the poorest countries in the world, is holding a presidential election on Oct. 15. Sources previously said the government of President Filipe Nyusi hoped both projects would get a FID before the vote.

DIGITIZATION

Airtel Africa, MasterCard digital payments deal expected to connect 100m consumers

By Guardian Reporter

OVER 100 million consumers in Africa will be able to transact digitally thanks to an agreement between Airtel Africa and MasterCard.

In a statement yesterday, Airtel Africa said the partnership will connect millions of Airtel Money customers to a global online market place, across multiple digital payments through access to Mastercard's global network of merchants.

"Airtel and MasterCard have a shared passion for digital transformation and making mobile financial services accessible to everyone across the continent. Through our partnership we will enable over 100 million Airtel Africa customers make safe mobile money purchases online and in person," said Airtel Africa's CEO, Raghunath Mandava.

Mandava said Airtel Money customers, even those without a bank account, can now make online payments globally with their Airtel Money Mastercard virtual card. Mandava further noted that Mastercard's enabling infrastructure and proposition will enable a superior digital experience which ultimately will drive greater adoption and usage of the mobile money platform.

"The partnership will also significantly bolster Airtel's position as one of the largest offline-to-online digital payment network in Africa. We are really excited to embark on this partnership with a globally trusted brand like Mastercard," the Airtel Africa CEO added.

Mastercard Middle East and Africa's Executive Vice President for Market Development, Amnah Ajmal said across the MEA region, the company's digital partnerships strategy remains focused on enabling digital transformation for partners so that consumers can enjoy seamless access to payments.

"We are very excited to partner with Airtel to lead the transition to digital by enabling access to their millions of consumers for online and in-person payments across the globe. Mastercard is uniquely positioned as a single technology provider to enable our digital partners like Airtel to transition seamlessly into digital," Ajmal said.

Under the deal, Airtel Money customers will also be able to make in-person payments at outlets via Quick Response (QR) codes. To date, there are over one million merchant locations across Africa that accept Mastercard QR payments.



Airtel Africa's CEO, Raghunath Mandava.

BREAKTHROUGH

Kagame: Mara Phone is a milestone for Rwanda

KIGALI

The launch of a smartphone manufacturing plant in Rwanda by Mara Phones is a significant milestone in Rwanda's journey in the production of technology gadgets.

This, according to President Paul Kagame, is part of the broader Made in Rwanda initiative, on which the country has embarked on. Kagame was speaking on Monday at the launch of the Mara Phones production plant at the Kigali Special Economic Zone in Gasabo District. It is the only facility on the African continent where smartphones are manufactured.

The Head of State welcomed the development noting that the phone joins a growing list of high-quality products made in the country. "The Mara Phone joins a growing list of high-quality products that are made in our country. Producing smartphones is not a simple matter. Around one thousand individual components are involved as we have been taken through the whole process.

The plant is therefore a complex manufacturing operation requiring significant technical skill and expertise, said the Head of State, adding that, "it is another milestone on our journey to high-tech, 'Made-in-Rwanda' industry," the President said.

The development is expected to boost ownership and use of smartphones in Rwanda which among other things improves access and delivery of public services as well as financial inclusion. To increase uptake and use of public services, the firm is integrating services such as Irembo into the phone as a feature. "The smartphone is no longer a luxury item. It is rapidly becoming a requirement of everyday life. That trend is bound to increase in the years to come, as more and more services migrate to digital platforms.

In Rwanda, we have Irembo which is already the citizen's primary gateway for many public services. Integration of Irembo into Mara Phones is an innovative feature. The percentage is still really low of Rwandans who are already using smartphones, but we want to enable many more who would like to, and this is why dealing with cost and quality is very important," he said.

To ease ownership and access, the manufacturer will work with local banks to allow buyers pay in instalments. "The product is backed by a warranty and the price can be paid in instalments over two years. They have



President Kagame together with other officials (L-R); Ashish Thakkar, the CEO of the Mara Group, Clare Akamanzi, the chief executive of Rwanda Development Board and the Minister for ICT and Innovation Paula Ingabire inspect one of the production units of Mara Phones.

tried to make it as simple and possible for Rwandans as they could," he said.

The firm's investment in the plant, said to be over USD 50M is also in line with the country's path for constant innovation and development. "Our world is changing fast. Keeping pace requires constant innovation. This is the path Rwanda has chosen for our development. The investment by Mara Phones Group is therefore in perfect harmony with our focus on science and technology, as the key drivers of our economic transformation," Kagame said.

The Head of State called on private sector players to continuously seek to be competitive globally. "The private sector is the engine of the progress we desire for our continent. We must aim to compete regionally and globally, at the high-end of the technology spectrum," Kagame said. The firm is planning on exporting phones to the region and beyond.

Eddie Sebera the Country Manager of the firm told The New Times that they were already in talks with partners from countries such as Angola, DR Congo and Kenya among others for exports. The firm is a manufacturer as it produces its own chips and other phone components. So far, about 200 people are employed at the firm with 90 per cent of them being Rwandans. At full capacity, the firm will employ up to 650. Ashish Thakkar, the Chief Executive Officer of the firm said that they seek to be a dominant player in the continent hence investing in high-quality production.

The Minister of ICT and Innovation Paula Ingabire said that beyond tax incentives, the Rwandan government works with investors such as Mara to establish ideal conditions for market entry including linking them to markets, matching labour demand and supply among others.



The 2019 TIRA Awards logo.

RECOGNITION

Marketing firm Blueink basking in Britam's TIRA award success

By Guardian Reporter

BRITAM Insurance's winning of a Tanzania Insurance Regulatory Authority has attracted the attention of the company's public relations firm, Blueink Marketing and Communications.

In a statement yesterday, the Dar es Salaam based company said Britam's success which came through its campaign dubbed, 'Tupo na Wewe,' is the best thing to happen this year so far.

"This year, the company marked an important step after it achieved to make its client conquer an award in the insurance industry. With its quest to provide world-class services, Blueink has achieved the best in developing a campaign that made its client a winner of the Tira award," the company said.

Commenting on the success, Blueink's General Man-

ager, Amin Swai said the company received news of Britam's triumph with excitement following the work done by its marketing and communication team.

"As an agency, we are happy that we are gaining visibility and positively changing the business environment for the beneficiaries while increasing penetration of insurance products in Tanzania hence contributing to the growth of financial inclusion in the country," Swai said.

He noted that his company's long term plan is to build strong partnerships with clients and spearhead the value addition to their businesses when it comes to marketing and communication services.

If our client wins, we also count it as victory for both of us. We believe this achievement gives us more courage and confidence to deliver

more creative and innovative solutions to our esteemed clients," the Blueink GM added.

Talking about the campaign, Swai said it was aimed at creating awareness among the people about the benefits of insurance coverage as well as reaffirming Britam's commitment to its customers about its promise to be with them in every single step of life. "The campaign was designed to fit clients' needs and enable financial inclusion of the public," Swai noted.

Britam's Managing Director, Raymond Komanga backed Swai's observations saying the Blueink had done a great job which led to Tira's award. "We are satisfied by each single work that we assign Blueink to do, we hope that this award will simply encourage them to do the best in the near future," Komanga said.

are not keeping pace with inflation and living costs are rising faster than salaries.

The first quarter of 2019 is also the third successive quarter of shrinking nominal remuneration growth. After reaching 5.1% in the second quarter of 2018 it has all been downhill.

The Reserve Bank said bonus and overtime payments were "significantly" lower in the financial sector, which contributed to shrinking re-

muneration per worker at SA's banks and insurers. In addition, wages in the gold sector also shrank due, in part, to a protracted strike at Sibanye-Stillwater.

Wage hikes for those who are part of collective bargaining agreements decreased to their lowest levels since the second quarter of 2007 in "an environment of weak output and employment growth," the central bank said. The economy



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also entered its 70th month of a weakening cycle in September, its longest downward cycle since 1945, the bank reported.

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Nominal remuneration in

the public sector, meanwhile, grew by 10% in the first quarter of 2019, up from 7.0% in the fourth quarter. "However, when excluding election-related outliers, public sector wage growth per worker remained broadly unchanged, accelerating marginally from 7.0% to 7.1% over the same period," the Reserve Bank said.

The Reserve Bank noted that the number of working days lost due to strikes doubled to

1.1 million in the first half of 2019, from 550 000 in the first half of 2018. In total, 1.95 million working days were lost to strikes in 2018.

Ongoing wage negotiations in vehicle manufacturing and platinum mining could impact the number of working days lost in coming quarters, given the history of strike action accompanying past negotiations in these industries, the bank said.

RETROGRESSIVE

South African salary growth hits record low

JOHANNESBURG

South African workers are seeing meagre pay increases that do not keep up with inflation, according to the SA Reserve Bank's quarterly bulletin, released on Wednesday.

Private sector workers saw their pay grow by only 1.0% - an all-time low - in the first quarter of 2019, compared to the year before. This is far below inflation, which measured 4.3% in August. This means wages

OPTIMISM

Boeing in 'advanced' talks for new 737 Max purchases

WASHINGTON
Boeing is in "advanced" talks with airlines for new 737 Max purchases following the vote of confidence by British Airways owner IAG that intends to buy 200 of the single-aisle jets, the company sales chief said.

The plane manufacturer's agreement with IAG, led by chief executive and former 737 pilot Willie Walsh, has "absolutely" given other airlines confidence and signalled that they should take the plane seriously, Ihsane Mounir, Boeing's senior vice president of commercial sales and marketing said on Monday. Boeing is now looking to regain market share after two fatal crashes involving the 737 plunged the company into its biggest crisis and put the future of the jet, an industry workhorse, into question. "I can't get into commercial discussions but I can tell you we have a number of discussions with airlines right now," Mr Mounir said. The discussions "are pretty advanced for procurement of this aircraft," he said. The IAG deal "definitely got people's attention, no question about it", he said.

Talks for potential sales of the 737 come at a crucial time for Boeing, who is working on a software update of the grounded jet's flight control system with the aim of returning it to service in the fourth quarter. In June, Mr Mounir and other Boeing executives scored a major coup when they reeled in the initial deal with IAG - an all-Airbus narrow-body customer - while the Max remains grounded globally following the crashes in Indonesia and Ethiopia.

"Every single airline that we've spoken to feels comfortable with what we've done by way of software and technical changes to the airplane from a safety perspective," Mr Mounir said. The next order of business is the "difficult" task of restoring public confidence in the embattled aircraft.

"Where we have to do a lot of work is regain public confidence and make sure they're comfortable with that," he said. "Anybody that we sat down with and had to fly the airplane and see the pre-change and post-change has got comfortable that we did what needs to be done for this aircraft."

American airlines have their work cut out for them as they try to convince hesitant passengers to fly on the 737 once the worldwide ban is lifted. At least 20 per cent of US travellers said they would definitely avoid the plane in the first

six months after flights resume, according to an April survey led by consultant Henry Hartevelt. More than 40 per cent said they would take pricier or less convenient flights to avoid the Max.

The two crashes of the jet within five months killed 346 people and led to a global grounding of the Max since March. In both crashes, a flight control feature known as the Maneuvering Characteristics Augmentation System (MCAS) was implicated for pushing the jet's nose down until pilots lost control.

The Chicago plane maker is addressing hundreds of queries from aviation regulators and airlines worldwide as it prepares an updated software to improve the MCAS. "We've got a robust software re-design that we've done for the MCAS," Mr Mounir said. "The software is ready. We're testing it and working with regulators to make sure that it's implemented properly."

Captain Jennifer Henderson, Boeing's 737 chief pilot, outlined the plane's return to service plan and highlighted the



An aerial photo shows grounded Boeing 737 MAX aircraft at Boeing facilities in Moses Lake, Washington.

software changes. The updated MCAS will use input from two angle-of-attack sensors rather than only one currently. If the readings differ by more than five degrees, the MCAS will not be activated. The MCAS will activate only once, if there is a high reading from the sensors with pilots being able to retain full control by cutting power to the electric trim and using the manual trim wheel.

Boeing is proposing a mandatory pilot training. It will provide all Max operators with computer-based training modules, enhanced technical description of MCAS, and supplemental reference documents and additional optional training materials, Captain Henderson said at a presentation in Renton, Washington. All 737 pilots will need to complete new training before returning to flight.

"The software updates will ensure that the sequence of events of Lion Air and Ethiopian Airlines will never happen again," Capt Henderson said. Boeing is taking into account feedback from independent reviews of its processes by entities such as the US National Transportation Safety Board and is incorporating some of their recommendations, she said.

FALLOUT

Hong Kong bourse ditches \$39bn bid for London Stock Exchange

HONG KONG
Hong Kong's bourse on Tuesday dropped its unsolicited \$39 billion bid for London Stock Exchange Group, conceding it hadn't won over LSE management for a move that could have transformed both global financial services businesses.

The surprise approach, made last month, had threatened to upend the LSE's own \$27bn plan to buy data and analytics company Refinitiv. The Hong Kong exchange had said the LSE would have to ditch the Refinitiv purchase for its offer to go ahead.

In a statement on Tuesday, Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing, said it still believed the combination of the two exchanges would be "strategically compelling." "HKEX is disappointed that it has been unable to engage with the management (of the London Stock Exchange) in realising this vision," HKEX said.

The approach's chance of success had been viewed by analysts as slim after it was emphatically rejected by the LSE just two days after HKEX went public with its interest. Subsequent efforts by the Hong Kong exchange to engage with LSE shareholders had also met with resistance, with some investors telling Reuters the HKEX would have to raise its offer by at least 20 per cent - mostly in cash - to tempt LSE shareholders. HKEX shares rose 2.7 per cent in early trading in Hong Kong following the news, compared with a 0.9 per cent gain for the blue-chip Hang Seng In-

dex. "The price tag from the Hong Kong exchange perspective was getting a bit too high, so it's good for the shareholders that they decided to walk away," said Hao Hong, head of research at broker BOCOM International.

"HKEX will continue to try other things. Charles Li has done a lot of deals, most notably the London Metal Exchange. It may not be a stock exchange, but other related areas."

HKEX's approach for the LSE also struggled to win support as investors viewed the political turmoil engulfing Hong Kong and the perceptions of Beijing's growing influence over the city as another key obstacle to any deal.

Under British takeover rules, the HKEX cannot bid again for the LSE for at least six months unless the LSE's management agreed to an offer, another group made a bid for the London exchange operator, or other events were deemed to be a material change in the LSE's circumstances. "If the Refinitiv deal surprisingly fails to get approval, I think we could see HKEX come again," said China Galaxy Securities analyst Chi Man Wong.

"The (LSE) shareholder meeting (to approve the Refinitiv purchase) has been tentatively set for November but there is no firm date. If that deal fails then HKEX will be there." Refinitiv is 45 per cent owned by Thomson Reuters which owns Reuters News. The LSE was not immediately available to comment on HKEX's announcement on Tuesday.



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HKEX's CEO, Charles Li.

WORLD

Israel's Gideon Saar challenges lengthy Netanyahu Likud rule

JERUSALEM

WITH a simple tweet, Gideon Saar did what no Israeli politician has done in more than a decade – openly challenge its chief, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The brazen move against the long-serving Israeli leader has solidly positioned the 52-year-old Saar as the Likud party's leading candidate to replace Netanyahu, who is fighting for his survival amid a pending corruption indictment and post-election political paralysis.

A former aide and senior Cabinet minister under Netanyahu, Saar has long been considered a rising star in Likud and one of the lone independent voices in a party that has, in general, blindly followed its leader.

But that has begun to change. Netanyahu failed in two elections this year to capture a parliamentary majority, and the possibility of a criminal indictment in the coming weeks has hindered his efforts to head a coalition government.

Seeking to solidify his status, the premier last week floated the prospect of a snap internal leadership primary in which he expected Likud to endorse him. But he quickly backed down af-

ter a two-word Twitter response from Saar: "I'm ready."

It was a risky maneuver in a party that fiercely values loyalty and has had only had four leaders in its 70-plus-year history. Saar followed it up with a more detailed tweet clarifying that he was not out to topple the prime minister, as Netanyahu has long claimed. Still, Saar left no doubt about his ultimate objective.

"No one is denying the prime minister's role as chairman of the Likud," Saar wrote on Twitter. "When there is a race for leadership of the party – as the prime minister himself initiated a few days ago – I will run."

For Saar, it was a move long in the making. A former lawyer and journalist, he was first brought into politics 20 years ago by Netanyahu, who made him his Cabinet secretary during his first term in office.

Saar then established himself as a staunch nationalist who opposed Israel's 2005 withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and resisted the prospect of a Palestinian state. He quickly rose in the Likud ranks, twice finishing first in internal elections for its parliamentary list and enjoying successful stints as education minister and interior minister



Gideon Saar

after Netanyahu returned to power in 2009.

But as with others in Likud who saw their popularity rise, he too began to be perceived by Netanyahu as a threat. Their falling out was capped by Saar's active role in getting Netanyahu's nemesis Reuven Rivlin elected president, over the prime minister's objections.

With his advancement stunted, Saar abruptly quit politics in 2014 to spend more time with his new wife, Israeli TV anchor Geula Even, and their young children.

Saar enjoys good relations across the political spectrum and is perceived as a potentially more comfortable partner for a unity government with the rival Blue and White party.

He made his comeback this year, chosen by Likud members for a senior position on the party's list of candidates in parliamentary elections. While campaigning hard for Likud, Saar has been its only top official to occasionally flout Netanyahu – resisting calls to legislate immunity for the prime minister and attending a media conference Netanyahu had called to boycott.

"Gideon has no fear and he's straight as an arrow," said Shmishon Shoshani, Saar's former director general in the Education Ministry.

Though he didn't share Saar's right-wing ideology, Shoshani said they worked in tandem on bold

education initiatives and he saw a public servant fit to lead the country.

"He's a man who has a vision, and he knows how to translate that vision into concrete plans," said Shoshani, an 82-year-old veteran of the Israeli bureaucracy.

Despite his hard-line positions, Saar enjoys good relations across the political spectrum and is perceived as a potentially more comfortable partner for a unity government with the rival Blue and White party, which emerged as the largest party in last month's election.

But neither it nor the Likud control a parliamentary majority. A coalition government between the two parties appears to be the best way out of the deadlock, but Blue and White's leader, former military chief Benny Gantz, refuses to sit with Netanyahu because of his expected indictment on corruption charges.

Saar's independent streak has drawn frequent fire from Netanyahu's lackeys, and Netanyahu himself last year accused Saar of orchestrating a "putsch" with Rivlin to unseat him.

Under Israeli law, if neither Netanyahu nor Gantz can form a coalition, a majority of lawmakers could theoretically choose an alternative as prime minister. Saar is widely seen as the politician most capable of winning such support.

With a primary election seemingly off the table for now, Netanyahu is talking about convening a Likud functionality body to stipulate he's the party's sole candidate for prime minister.

Netanyahu's office has refused to comment about his plans. However, Limor Livnat, a former Likud Cabinet minister and Netanyahu ally, decried the conduct against Saar as a show of weakness.

"Instead of cultivating potential successors, Netanyahu has neutralized every Likud member who has shown any independence and has surrounded himself with yes-men," she wrote in the Yediot Ahronot daily. "Since when is announcing one's candidacy in a party primary construed as a plot against the incumbent party chairman?"

Eran Davidi, a long-time confidante of Saar's, said Saar and Netanyahu have not met in five years and the enmity was likely to cost Saar a Cabinet post if Netanyahu succeeds in forming another government. But if he fails again, and the country heads to an unprecedented third election within a year, Davidi said he expected the long-hidden cracks to finally emerge within Likud.

US ambassador says not to accept South Sudan unity gov't without Machar

JUBA

THE United States warned on Monday it will not accept any transitional unity government in Juba which excludes Riek Machar, leader of the main rebel group, the Sudan People's Liberation Movement Army-in opposition (SPLM/A-IO).

Thomas Hushek, U.S. ambassador to South Sudan, said the warring parties must get their act together and implement some of the significant outstanding issues before the Nov.12 deadline for forming the unity government.

"When we talk about the unity government in terms of the peace agreement, this peace agreement is where the mandate for the government will come from and if you don't have that unity government coming together, where will the mandate of

the unity government come from?" Hushek (pictured) told journalists in Juba. President of South Sudan Salva Kiir late September threatened to form the transitional unity government without Machar citing intransigence on part of the rebel leader as both leaders are left with only a few days before November.

The two leaders recently met in Juba for face-to-face talks where they agreed to speed up screening and registration of their forces as they enter the over 30 cantonment sites across the country.

The Inter-governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) which mediated the revitalized peace deal signed in September 2018, recently invited the warring parties for further talks in Ethiopia to help speed up implementation of outstanding issues that include transitional security arrangements, determination of number of states and boundaries but it flopped as they never turned up.

"They need to be talking about settling this outstanding political issue of determining the number of states. Despite the promises and announcements by President Kiir and Machar, that they had asked their members to be negotiating this matter those negotiations are still-born," said Hushek.

Xinhua

Ethiopia to launch first-ever satellite in December with China's help - president

ADDIS ABABA

THE Ethiopian President Sahle-Work Zewde on Monday disclosed that Ethiopia's first-ever satellite will be launched into space in December this year with support from the Chinese government.

"The first Ethiopian satellite will be launched in December this year from a center in China," said Zewde, while addressing the new parliamentary session of the Ethiopian House of People's Representatives (HoPR) and the House of Federation (HoF), which was opened in a joint meeting on Monday.

Ethiopia is presently developing the country's first-ever satellite, a 70kg Multi-Spectral Remote Sensing Satellite, known as ETRSS-1, through support from the Chinese government. According to Zewde, the Ethiopian government envisages that the country's maiden satellite, once it commences its operations, would help the East African country's efforts to modernize its agricultural sector.

"The satellite will provide all the necessary data on changes in climate and weather-related phenomena that would be utilized for the country's key targets in agriculture, forestry as well as natural resources protection initiatives," Zewde told members of the two houses.

The satellite, which is set to be launched from China, will have its command and control center in Ethiopia at the Entoto space observatory facility – East Africa's only space observatory facility located on the 3,200-metre hills of Entoto on the outskirts of the capital Addis Ababa, it was noted. In April this year, the Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed had also visited the China Academy of Space Technology to inspect Ethiopia's 70kg Multi-Spectral Remote Sensing Satellite ETRSS-1, during his stay in China when he attended the second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation that was held from April 25 to 27 in Beijing, capital of China.

The Ethiopian Space Science and Technology Institute has been co-developing the East African country's Multi-Spectral Remote Sensing Satellite ETRSS-1, according to the Ethiopian government.

ETRSS-1, which already recognized as the East African country's first-ever satellite, once launched into space, is expected to monitor weather patterns for better agricultural planning, drought early warning and forestry management, it was noted.

Xinhua

Japan protests to DPRK over sea collision, vows firm steps

TOKYO

JAPANESE Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said yesterday that Tokyo has lodged a protest with Pyongyang over a collision between a fishing boat from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) that illegally entered Japan's exclusive economic zone and a Japanese patrol boat, pledging to step up measures against foreign poachers.

Japanese authorities on Monday rescued about 60 DPRK fishermen who were thrown to the sea after their ship collided with a Japanese Fisheries Agency inspection vessel and sank in Japan's exclusive

economic zone off the country's northern coast.

Abe (pictured) told parliament yesterday that the authorities helped the fishermen onto another DPRK ship and let them go rather than arrest them for criminal investigation due to lack of evidence showing illegal fishing.

But Abe said that doesn't mean Japan is looking the other way.

"The government of Japan will continue to respond resolutely to prevent illegal operations by foreign fishing boats inside of our exclusive economic zone," he said, adding that Tokyo protested to Pyongyang via a diplomatic channel in Beijing.



Japan and the DPRK have no diplomatic ties. The two countries have disputes over Japan's 1910-1945 colonial rule of the Korean Peninsula, as well as the DPRK's

nuclear and missile development and its abduction of Japanese citizens in the 1970s and 1980s. Abe has been pushing for his first summit with DPRK leader Kim Jong-un to resolve the abduction issue.

Japan's exclusive economic zone, or EEZ, is a 322-kilometer zone where it has the right to all resources, from fish to natural gas.

The site of Monday's collision, near an area known as a rich ground for squid fishing, has been crowded with DPRK poachers in recent years. Experts say the increase is due to Pyongyang's campaign to boost fish harvests.

"It makes me angry when I imagine the Japanese fishermen's

concerns," said Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Taku Eto, referring to the DPRK ship's entry into the EEZ on Monday.

The Japanese Fisheries Agency's patrol ship returned to a nearby port Tuesday for inspection. Television footage showed no major external damage to the ship except for some scratches on its bow, though it was not immediately known if they were caused by the collision.

Coast guard officials were expected to ask the patrol ship's captain and crew members to provide details of how the collision occurred.

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HK legislator launches campaign to clean city's streets; residents join in

IN a day-long "Clean Hong Kong" campaign launched by Hong Kong pro-establishment legislator Junius Ho Kwan-yiu and his supporters, the streets of all of the city's 18 districts underwent a coordinated cleaning on Saturday, September 21.

Around 9 am, Ho was seen in the town square of Tuen Mun holding a broom and cleaning streets and he was joined by dozens of other people with brooms and dust-pans.

Speaking to the Global Times around 11 am in Shau Kei Wan, Ho said he launched the campaign to cheer up the Hongkongers and rekindle their

spirit as the city has been dealing with utter chaos stemming out from three months-long violent protests. He hoped this campaign will unite the Hong Kong people.

Ho, who has been vocal against violent protests that prevailed in Hong Kong, had called for the cleaning up of the Lennon walls across the city that have cropped up in footbridges, shopping centers, and pedestrian walkways. Democratic and anti-government slogans, as well as demeaning and insulting words, and images targeting certain people are stuck to these walls.

Global Times reporters witnessed Ho's profile photos pasted all over on the floor of a footbridge in Causeway Bay, which were difficult to get rid of.

Lennon walls have been a center of conflicts between protesters and those opposing them, and in the past few months these Lennon walls have been the site of several attacks and assaults.

On August 20, a knife attack near one such Lennon wall message board in Tseung Kwan O left three wounded.

On Friday night, Ho an-

nounced on his Facebook page that his team would only clean up rubbish from the streets and due to "safety concerns" and they would do it with a peaceful and rational attitude.

In his conversation with the Global Times, Ho said he did not worry about potential conflicts with opposition groups as he and his followers were engaged in a peaceful activity rather than cleaning Lennon walls where opposition groups put up their anti-government slogans.

"Some young people have tak-

en the wrong path and resorted to wrong strength, and I hope today's campaign can set a good example for them," Ho added.

Despite Ho's call for not cleaning the Lennon walls, some Hong Kong residents still took to the streets this morning to get rid of the slogans and posters of opposition groups stuck to the walls and the ground, as seen by the Global Times reporters in the vicinity of Yuen Long subway station and the Amoy Plaza in Kowloon Bay.

Global Times

Climate activists block roads, protest in Australian cities

PERTH, Australia

ACTIVISTS blocked major roads and demonstrated in Australian cities yesterday in a second day of global protests by the Extinction Rebellion movement demanding more urgent actions to counter climate change.

In Brisbane, protesters chained themselves to intersections in the city center and three people locked themselves onto barrels filled with concrete. A protester hanging from a harness beneath Brisbane's Story Bridge and brandishing "climate emergency" flags was taken into police custody.

At least 10 people were arrested in the city, and three others were arrested in Sydney after lying in a downtown street intersection. More than 100 protesters dressed as bees at Sydney's Hyde Park to highlight their claim that insects are un-

der threat due to the human impact on the environment. Some activists camped at Melbourne's Carlton Gardens overnight before marching to a street corner locked down by more than 100 protesters in inclement weather.

"I don't know that shutting the city down necessarily wins you many friends," Victoria premier Daniel Andrews said. In Perth, protesters converged outside the offices of The West Australian, the city's daily newspaper. The front page of Tuesday's paper was left intentionally blank for protesters to use as a placard.

The activists are running a "Spring Rebellion" series of demonstrations to pressure the Australian government into declaring a climate emergency.

Founded in Britain last year, Extinction Rebellion has chapters in some 50 countries and wants to achieve net zero



Climate change protesters from the Extinction Rebellion movement gather to demonstrate at Town Hall in Sydney, yesterday. (AP)

carbon emissions by 2025.

On Monday, activists with the movement stopped traffic in European cities and smeared themselves and emblems of Wall Street in fake blood and lay in New York streets. In Berlin, 300 people blocked Potsdamer Platz, placing couches, tables, chairs and flowerpots on the road. They earlier set up a tent camp outside German Chancellor Angela Merkel's office out of dissatisfaction with her government's climate policy.

Merkel's chief of staff, Helge Braun, criticized the group's tactics.

"We all share an interest in climate protection, and the Paris climate targets are our standard in this," he told ZDF television. "If you demonstrate against or for that, that is OK. But if you announce dangerous interventions in road traffic or things like this, of course that is just not on."

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Egypt's Suez Canal Economic Zone (SCZone) Chairman Yehia Zaki speaks during an interview with Xinhua in Suez, Egypt, on Monday

Chinese companies pioneer development of Suez Canal region, new Chinese projects underway

SUEZ

CHINESE companies have been pioneering the development of the Egypt's Suez Canal Economic Zone (SCZone), while further contracts with giant Chinese companies of heavy industries are expected to be announced soon, the newly-appointed chairman of the SCZone told Xinhua in an interview on Monday.

"China's TEDA and other Chinese companies in the southern part of the SCZone played a pioneering role in the development of this region, which we greatly appreciate," SCZone Chairman Yehia Zaki said, referring to Chinese industrial developer Tianjin Economic-Technological Development Area (TEDA).

TEDA is currently developing a total area of more than 7 square km in the SCZone in Ain Sokhna district of Suez province, east of the Egyptian capital Cairo.

Zaki preferred not to mention the new agreements with Chinese companies until negotiations are over and contracts are signed.

"There're current negotiations with the Chinese side on the development of another area in Ain Sokhna and negotiations with some giant Chinese companies working in steel and other heavy industries to operate in the SCZone," the Egyptian official told Xinhua at the SCZone headquarters in Ain Sokhna.

The SCZone statistics say that TEDA's first development phase of an area of 1.34 square km attracted about 68 enterprises with investments of one billion U.S. dollars, providing more than 3,700 job opportunities for Egyptian

youth.

Meanwhile, the ongoing second phase that targets the development of 6 square km is expected to attract 150 companies to the SCZone and provide about 40,000 job opportunities.

Zaki noted that the first thing he did when recently appointed as the new SCZone chief was that he signed an agreement with the Chinese side to open a training center to improve and qualify Egyptian labors here in the zone.

Egypt's deep-rooted ties with China have been elevated to the level of comprehensive strategic partnership, and the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative, which targets common development via win-win partnerships, has been contributing to Egypt's development through massive infrastructure projects in various fields including construction, energy, transport, trade and industry.

The SCZone chief described the relations between Egypt and China as "distinguished," expressing his belief that they will result in further large and significant joint projects to contribute to the development of the SCZone.

"There are promising investment opportunities in the SCZone and a growing desire of Chinese companies to invest here and be present at the Egyptian market," the Egyptian official told Xinhua.

With regards to regional and international developments, whether politically or economically, Zaki said that "regional changes and international factors did not negatively affect the SCZone that has even become more investment-magnet."

Morocco to host 4th edition of Africa Security Forum

RABAT

THE fourth edition of the Africa Security Forum will be held in the Moroccan capital Rabat on Dec. 1-3, under the theme "The impact of climate change on security in Africa."

The forum will tackle three major aspects, namely "Food Security and Water Management," "Demographic Growth and Agricultural Development" and "Anticipating Tomorrow's Solutions," a statement of the organizing body Atlantis think-tank said.

More than 400 high-level participants from 66 countries will attend this event including ministerial authorities, administrative officials, researchers and civil society specialists concerned by the impact of climate change on security in Africa, the statement added.

This edition will take stock of the

alarming impacts of climate change on ecosystems, biodiversity and human societies and will try to find solutions to overcome these certain threats to the African continent, the organizers announced on Monday.

The event is an annual conference that provides a platform for reflection and debate on issues related to security challenges for Africa.



Former S. African President Zuma's son refutes allegations against him

JOHANNESBURG

FORMER South African President Jacob Zuma's son on Monday concluded his first appearance at the Zondo Commission where he refuted allegations against him.

Duduzane Zuma, 35, told the state capture inquiry that the Gupta brothers were not part of a meeting in which former Deputy Finance Minister Mcebisi Jonas was allegedly offered a bribe of 600 million rands (about 39.7 million U.S. dollars) to become the finance minister.

"From my side, I have stated that there was a meeting," said Duduzane. "Were they (Gupta brothers) part of the meeting? I said that none of them were part of the meeting."

In August last year, Jonas revealed to the commission that he met with Duduzane at the Hyatt Hotel in Rosebank on Oct. 23, 2015, and their meeting was later moved to the Gupta home in Saxonworld, a suburb of Johannesburg, where the bribe and a cabinet post were offered.

While a statement issued on behalf of the Gupta family said the meeting never took place at all, Duduzane said it did occur, but disputed the bribery allegations.

"For statement, the statement was issued on behalf of the Gupta family, I was not part of that (bribery)," said Duduzane, adding that the meeting was to resolve some rumors.

The Gupta family is a wealthy Indian-born family with business interests in South Africa. They have long been implicated in a series of political corruption scandals and illegal dealings.

The state capture inquiry is investigating allegations of corruption and fraud in the public sector. Duduzane was expected to wrap up his evidence at the commission on yesterday.

EU tells British PM Johnson to stop playing 'stupid' Brexit blame game

LONDON/BRUSSELS

THE European Union accused Britain of playing a "stupid blame game" over Brexit yesterday after a Downing Street source said a deal was essentially impossible because German Chancellor Angela Merkel had made unacceptable demands.

With just 23 days before the United Kingdom is due to leave the bloc, the future of Brexit remains deeply uncertain and both London and Brussels are positioning themselves to avoid blame for a delay or a disorderly no-deal Brexit.

In a sign that Johnson's last-ditch proposals to bridge the impasse have failed, a Downing Street source said Merkel and Johnson spoke yesterday morning and she made clear that a deal was "overwhelmingly unlikely".

The Downing Street source said that if Merkel's position on Northern Ireland remaining in the EU's customs union was the bloc's position, then a deal was impossible.

"If this represents a new established position then it means a deal is essentially impossible not just now but ever," the Downing Street source said. A spokesman for the German chancellor confirmed the call had taken place but declined to comment further.

The EU was scathing. "Boris Johnson, what's at stake is not winning some stupid blame game," European Council President Tusk said on Twitter. "At stake is the future of Europe and the UK as well as the security and interests of our people. You don't want a deal, you don't want an extension, you don't want to revoke, quo vadis?"

Such abrupt remarks indicate the Brexit blame game has begun in earnest, and that now both London and European capitals are preparing for an acrimonious and potentially chaotic Brexit for which neither side wants to be held responsible.

A disorderly Brexit could rip apart the United Kingdom, hurt global growth and shape the future of the European Union which was built on the World War Two ruins of Europe.

The pound fell 0.5% to a one-week low of \$1.2226, and weakened more than 0.7% against the euro, touching a low of 89.93 pence - its weakest level



Prime Minister Boris Johnson

since Sept. 9 GBP=D3, EURGBP=D3.

BREXIT BLAME GAME

Merkel said that for a deal, Northern Ireland would have to stay in the EU's customs union and full alignment with the EU forever, the Downing Street source said.

The leader of the small Northern Irish party that supports Johnson's government accused the EU and Ireland of trying to trap the British territory in a permanent customs union.

The opposition said Johnson was trying to apportion blame for the failure of the negotiating process.

"This is yet another cynical attempt by Number 10 to sabotage the negotiations," said Keir Starmer, Brexit spokesman for the Labour Party, adding that the British parliament needed to unite to stop him.

"Boris Johnson will never take responsibility for his own failure to put forward a credible deal. His strategy from day one has been for a no-deal Brexit."

A separate Downing Street source told Reuters that unless the European Union compromises and does a Brexit deal shortly, then the United Kingdom will leave without a deal.

"If the EU doesn't do a deal shortly, then we leave without a deal," the

source said. "We are leaving the European Union."

Johnson has consistently said the United Kingdom will leave the EU on Oct. 31 with or without a deal, though a law passed by parliament demands he write a letter to the EU asking for a delay if he cannot strike an exit deal by Oct. 19.

He has said he would abide by the law but Britain would leave the EU by the end of the month, without explaining that contradiction. He has also repeatedly demanded an election but parliament has refused to grant one.

The Spectator magazine quoted an unidentified source in Downing Street as saying that Britain would take an aggressive stance towards the EU if Brexit talks break down, possibly even by withholding security cooperation.

"This government will not negotiate further so any delay would be totally pointless," the source was quoted as saying. "We'll either leave with no deal on 31 October or there will be an election and then we will leave with no deal."

However, Britain's Northern Ireland Secretary Julian Smith said any threat on withdrawing security cooperation were not in the interests of Northern Ireland or the union of the United Kingdom.

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Kremlin says Russia closely watching new weapon systems' development in US

MOSCOW

THE Russian authorities are keeping a close eye on US R&D work on developing new weapon systems, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said yesterday. "We are actually keeping a close watch on Washington's actions with regard to the development of new weapon systems," he said.

It was the R&D work on developing intermediate-and shorter-range missiles in violation of the former Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty "that was the cause of the dismantling of this very important document from the viewpoint of international security," the Russian presidential spokesman said. Russia has no intention of being drawn into a new arms race, although the Kremlin fears its new round, the Kremlin spokesman said.

"The Kremlin fears a new spiral in the arms race," Peskov said. "At the same time, I would like to remind you of President Putin's words that Russia will not be drawn in that potential arms race, because it laid the groundwork for years to come in terms of technological superiority to ensure our country's security and to ensure parity."

US President Donald Trump stated on Monday, replying to reporters' questions that the United States had armaments, which no one could even imagine. The US leader also said that the United States was developing and renewing nuclear armaments. At the same time, Trump said he hoped that the United States would never have to use its latest submarines.

On August 2, the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty was officially terminated at the US initiative. The US claimed that its actions were provoked by Russia's refusal to comply with the American ultimatum-like demand to eliminate the new 9M729 cruise missiles, which, as Washington and

to safeguard world peace.

A reception in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China was held at the Great Hall of the People, Beijing on September 30.

Chinese President Xi Jinping, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission attended the reception and delivered an important speech.

Xi's speech was highly praised by international experts and diplomats who remarked that the words of the Chinese President demonstrated the ambition of the Chinese government and people to realize the Chinese Dream, and also the country's confidence and resolution

Robert Kuhn, chairman of the Kuhn Foundation who was present at the Great Hall of the People and listened to Xi's speech, noted that from Xi's speech he felt China's confidence for the future.

He told People's Daily that China's poverty reduction was the most impressive achievement that China has accomplished since its founding, calling China's poverty reduction practices a great legend in the history of human development.

Russian diplomat Evgeny Afanasiev who worked in China for 5 years paid great attention to the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Re-

public of China. He said that China has grown into a strong and rich country, and he felt happy for China's rapid development.

The leadership of the CPC played a vital role in this process, the Russian diplomat noted, adding that it is the CPC that has led the Chinese people to solve the problems in development.

"President Xi's speech at the reception was inspiring. It reviewed the achievements and contributions that China made in the past 70 years, and reiterated China's principles and stand in both domestic affairs and diplomacy," said Milos Balaban, executive secretary of the Czech-Chinese Center of the Charles University.

Balaban said that China is offering cooperation and development platforms for the world, including the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank. "China has become an important force promoting world peace and development, and President Xi's proposal to build a community with a shared future for mankind will exert profound impacts on the globe," he added.

Citing President Xi's remarks that "Absolute poverty, which has haunted the Chinese nation for thousands of years, will soon become a thing of the past" Zamir Awan deputy director of the National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST) Chinese Studies Center

said. "We don't know yet what troops are being withdrawn, from what areas, and whether they are being pulled out at all," he added.

"There have been contradictory statements about plans to withdraw troops from various parts of the world but no confirmation followed," the Kremlin spokesman noted, adding: "This is why we are keeping a close eye on how the situation is

unfolding." On October 1, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan announced that Ankara planned to create a safety zone east of the Euphrates River in Syria on its own as it had failed to achieve the desired result in talks with the US.

On October 7, Erdogan said that Washington had begun the withdrawal of US troops from northeastern Syria where Turkey planned to carry

out an operation to establish a safety zone.

On Monday, US President Donald Trump wrote on Twitter that "it is time for us to get out of these ridiculous endless wars, many of them tribal, and bring our soldiers home." The White House occupant first announced his decision to pull troops out of Syria on December 19, 2018.

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China's development over past 70 years lauded by global experts, diplomats

from Teikyo University told People's Daily that the glorious achievements made by the People's Republic of China during the last 7 decades have lifted hundreds of millions of people out of poverty and largely improved people's livelihood.

Upholding the banner of peace, development, cooperation and mutual benefit, and unswervingly following the path of peaceful development and opening-up, China is receiving increasingly more respect from global countries in the international arena. It is working with global people to build a community with a shared future for mankind.

its good intentions.

Chairman of Pondicherry India China Friendship Association Mrs. Radha Srinivasagopalansaid that the CPC has led the Chinese people to create a development miracle over the past 70 years.

Since the reform and opening-up, the country has lifted over 700 million Chinese out of poverty and set an example for the world.

Anil noted that by firmly pursuing an independent foreign policy of peace and unswervingly following the path of peaceful development, China has made huge contribution to the promotion of human progress and world peace.

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People's Daily



FILE PHOTO: Pope Francis visits his predecessor, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, at the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery in Vatican, December 21, 2018. REUTERS

'Two Popes' filmmakers hope Pope Francis is amused

LONDON

DIRECTOR Fernando Meirelles is a fan of Pope Francis but says his new film, which tries to get into the head of the Argentine pontiff, also shows some of his weaknesses.

"The Two Popes" is based on the story of Pope Benedict's 2013 dramatic retirement from the papacy and the ascendancy of Pope Francis and imagines some of the conversations the two men might have had.

"I did the film because I'm a big fan of Pope Francis. I think he's a very important voice in the world today," Meirelles said at the London film festival on Monday.

"He sees the planet as one thing and he's trying to build bridges while everybody wants to build walls. So I decided to make the film to know him better and even to support what he says," he added.

"It's very honest. We show the mistakes that he's done some 30 years ago in Argentina. But in the end, he comes across like somebody we should support," the Brazilian

filmmaker said.

The film, starring Anthony Hopkins as the traditional Pope Benedict and Jonathan Pryce as his more liberal successor, is set mostly in a movie set replica of the ornately decorated Sistine Chapel in the Vatican.

"It was just such a great character to play, showing his flaws and his weaknesses as well as his very positive strengths and what he can do as a kind of leader which we desperately need in political life these days; someone who can show us the way and show us how to live and go back to the old Christian values," Pryce said.

The Netflix movie launches in U.S. movie theaters in late November and on the streaming service in December. It is not known whether it will be screened at the Vatican.

"If he (Francis) sees it, I hope he is amused. I hope he isn't angry. And I hope he understands that what we've tried to portray is the essence of the man and what he is trying to do," said Pryce.

REUTERS

NBA stirs US hornet's nest, now faces China backlash over Hong Kong tweet

WASHINGTON/SHANGHAI

AN increasing number of U.S. lawmakers voiced anger on Monday over the NBA's response to a Houston Rockets official's tweet backing Hong Kong democracy protests, raising U.S.-China tensions as talks to end a 15-month trade war resumed.

The National Basketball Association, which has built a huge following and burgeoning business in China, said in a statement it regretted the remarks by Houston Rockets General Manager Daryl Morey. A Chinese-language version seemed to go further, with the league saying it was "extremely disappointed" in Morey's "inappropriate" remarks.

That prompted a torrent of criticism in U.S. political circles, with several Republican senators excoriating the league for what they saw as a willingness to allow China to censor free speech and trample other American values for the sake of profit.

"The NBA wants money, and the Communist Party of China is asking them to deny the most basic of human rights," Senator Ben Sasse of Nebraska said in a statement. "In response, the NBA issued a statement saying money is the most important thing."

Senator Ted Cruz of Texas, a self-described lifelong Rockets fan, wrote in a tweet on Sunday that he had been proud to see Morey "call out the Chinese Communist Party's repressive treatment of protesters in Hong Kong."

Other legislators accused the NBA, no stranger to U.S. politics, of a double standard when it comes to China.

NBA stars and some coaches have been outspoken in their criticism of U.S. President Donald Trump, and NBA Commissioner Adam Silver has urged players to speak out on issues of concern, including alleged police brutality and gun violence.

Police in Hong Kong have used rubber bullets, tear gas and water cannons against pro-democracy demonstrators in the former British colony, which has been plunged into its worst political crisis in decades.

The Rockets' Morey, who was named NBA executive of the year in 2018, tweeted his support for the protests over the weekend. His initial tweet, which he swiftly deleted, included an image captioned: "Fight For Freedom.



Russell Westbrook poses with his jersey with Rockets General Manager Daryl Morey during a press conference introducing him at the Toyota Center on Friday, July 26, 2019 in Houston, Texas. (Agencies)

Stand With Hong Kong."

Morey apologised on Monday.

"I did not intend my tweet to cause any offence to Rockets fans and friends of mine in China," he tweeted.

"I was merely voicing one thought, based on one interpretation, of one complicated event," he said, adding that he had since heard and considered other perspectives and noting that his tweets did not represent the Rockets or the NBA.

'LONG TIME TO REPAIR'

Morey's support for the democracy protests, now in a fourth month, angered Beijing, Chinese fans and the team's partners in a key market. Some 300 million people play the game in China, NBA Deputy Commissioner Mark Tatum told Reuters this month.

NBA China, which conducts the league's business in the country, was launched in 2008. It is now worth more than \$4 billion, according to Forbes.

Some Chinese fans called for a boycott of the Rockets, who are widely followed in China, partly because they drafted Chinese player Yao Ming in 2002. Yao became a star and helped build the NBA's following there.

"I watched the Rockets for 21 years, but I'm still a Chinese person first and foremost," one social media user said.

The Chinese Basketball As-

sociation, chaired by Yao, said it was suspending "exchanges and cooperation" with the team.

Sportswear brand Li-Ning and sponsor Shanghai Pudong Development Bank (SPD Bank) Credit Card Center suspended work with the Rockets, while the team's games were dropped by Chinese state broadcaster CCTV's sports channel. Chinese technology company Tencent also said it would temporarily stop streaming Rockets games.

CCTV said Morey's apology did not go far enough. Hu Xijin, the editor of the state-controlled Global Times newspaper, tweeted on Monday: "If the Rockets want to keep its Chinese market, the team need to avoid offending Chinese public."

Joseph Tsai, owner of the NBA's Brooklyn Nets and co-founder of Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba Group Holding Ltd, said the damage from Morey's tweet "will take a long time to repair."

The NBA sought to contain the damage, saying in its statement that it recognised that Morey's views had "deeply offended many of our friends and fans in China, which is regrettable."

"We are extremely disappointed in the inappropriate remarks made by Houston Rockets General Manager Daryl Morey," the league said in the Chinese-language version of its statement.

The NBA added, "we have

great respect for the history and culture of China and hope that sports and the NBA can be used as a unifying force to bridge cultural divides and bring people together".

TRADE TALKS

The controversy over Morey's initial tweet and the NBA's handling of it arrived at a particularly delicate time in U.S.-China relations, which have soured as a result of the tit-for-tat tariffs imposed by the two sides on each other's imports.

U.S. and Chinese deputy trade negotiators launched a new round of talks in Washington on Monday, with neither side showing signs of giving ground. The two days of negotiations are to be followed by the first minister-level trade talks in more than two months.

The NBA is also the latest example of a major brand caught in controversy over the Hong Kong protests.

Many Western fashion brands, including Spain's Zara, have been forced to clarify positions on Chinese sovereignty as the protests fuel nationalist fervour.

Chinese internet users in August blacklisted bubble tea brands from Taiwan after a Hong Kong franchise urged solidarity with protesters.

REUTERS

China TV drops NBA exhibition games, escalating pressure amid tweet uproar

BEIJING/TOKYO

CHINESE state television said yesterday it would not air NBA exhibition games played in the country this week, heaping pressure on the U.S. basketball league after a tweet by a Houston Rockets executive backing protests in Hong Kong.

Rockets general manager Daryl Morey apologised on Monday for any hurt caused by the tweet, which he quickly deleted over the weekend.

But China's government, fans and the team's partners have not been assuaged, resulting in loss of sponsors and broadcasts in the world's second-largest economy and an important National Basketball Association (NBA) market.

"We strongly oppose Silver's support of Morey on the basis of freedom of speech and we think any comments that challenge a country's sovereignty and social stability is not within the scope of freedom of speech," CCTV said Tuesday in a statement in Chinese, adding that it would review its relationship with the NBA.

The NBA issued a statement saying it regretted Morey's remarks, drawing criticism from U.S. lawmakers.

But commissioner Adam Silver said it was not up to the NBA to regulate what players, employees and team owners said.

"It is inevitable that people



A man walks past statues of NBA players Stephen Curry of the Golden State Warriors, left, and LeBron James of the Los Angeles Lakers holding Chinese flags in the entrance of an NBA merchandise store in Beijing, Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019. Chinese state broadcaster CCTV announced Tuesday it will no longer air two NBA preseason games set to be played in the country. (AP Photo/)

around the world - including from America and China - will have different viewpoints over different issues," Silver said in a statement. "It is not the role of the NBA to adjudicate those differences."

Months of anti-government protests in Chinese-ruled Hong Kong have angered Beijing, which has accused Western governments of stirring up anti-China

sentiment. China rejects outside intervention in Hong Kong as interference.

CHINA 'VERY CLEAR'

Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang referred to criticism of Morey's comment by the Chinese Basketball Association, which he said made China's position "very clear". Advertisement

"I suggest they pay attention to the reaction of the ordinary Chinese people," Geng told a regular briefing.

Exchanges and cooperation would not work if people failed to understand public opinion and China would take "firm and powerful measures to resolutely safeguard national sovereignty and security", he said.

The NBA's regular season, to

which CCTV owns exclusive Chinese broadcast rights, begins this month. Tech giant Tencent Holdings (0700.HK) has exclusive internet streaming rights in China, which media reports have said are worth about \$1.58 billion. It has said it would temporarily stop showing Rockets games.

The decision heaps pressure on the league, which faces criticism on multiple fronts about its han-

dling of the controversy. Its apology on Sunday disappointed some who see the league as the most progressive of the U.S. sports organizations, while Silver's support for Morey's right to speak his mind has left the league vulnerable in China.

The league has worked for years to cultivate the Chinese market and regularly plays exhibition games there. Its top stars, including Rockets guard James Harden, frequently visit to meet fans and take part in promotions with sponsors.

Basketball - NBA - Washington Wizards v New York Knicks - The O2 Arena, London, Britain - January 17, 2019 Commissioner of the NBA Adam Silver during a press conference before the match Action Images via Reuters/Andrew Boyers/Files

Tencent said in July that 490 million Chinese fans watched NBA programming on its platforms last season, up threefold since the 2014-2015 season.

RIGHT OF EXPRESSION Silver told Kyodo in an interview the league's stance was firm, that members of the NBA community were free to express themselves and that the league backed their right to do so.

"There are the values that have been part of this league from its earliest days, and that includes free expression," said Silver,

who was in Japan for a pre-season game between the Rockets and the Toronto Raptors.

"I think as a values-based organisation that I want to make it clear ... that Daryl Morey is supported in terms of his ability to exercise his freedom of expression," he told the news agency.

"I accept that it is also Chinese government's and Chinese businesses' right to react to those words and, at least from my long-time experience in the NBA, it will take some time to heal some of these issues."

Silver said the league also supported Brooklyn Nets owner and Alibaba Group co-founder Joseph Tsai, who issued a lengthy statement criticising Morey's tweet.

A pre-season game between the Nets and the Los Angeles Lakers is set for Thursday in Shanghai, with a rematch scheduled for Saturday in Shenzhen. However, organisers abruptly cancelled a Tuesday media event without explanation.

Several Chinese celebrities also announced they would not attend an NBA-organised "fans' night" on Wednesday.

"The motherland always stands above everything," actor and singer Evan Li said in a statement.

REUTERS

Platini plans comeback, legal fight after 4-year FIFA ban

NYON, SWITZERLAND

MICHEL Platini is free to work in soccer again on Tuesday morning after his four-year ban by FIFA expires overnight.

The former UEFA president said Monday he is still unsure where and when he will return, and a comeback will likely force him to first pay FIFA a fine of 60,000 Swiss francs (\$60,300) that is three years overdue.

Platini told The Associated Press in an interview about his future plans: "I have some idea but it's difficult to speak today."

The 64-year-old Platini says he can "come back everywhere" but pointed out that the next elections for top roles at FIFA, UEFA and the French football association are "some years ahead."

"I have time, if I come back to this" world, where he was once seen as the heir apparent to former FIFA President Sepp Blatter.

His current fight is still against the case of financial wrongdoing - and allegations linked to backdated FIFA salary and pension entitlement - that ended his bid to succeed Blatter.

The charges were upheld so far by two FIFA judicial bodies, the Court of Arbitration for Sport and Switzerland's supreme court.

Platini has challenged the Swiss federal ruling at the the European Court of Human Rights.

He says "that means I don't pay this fine" while contesting the human rights case in Strasbourg in his native France.

That ongoing sense of injustice, and unpaid debt, could cause FIFA's ethics committee to impede his return.

Platini suggests: "They will try to use what they want so that I don't come back, I am sure."

Soccer's world body declined to comment Monday on its rules enforcing payment of fines.

FIFA did confirm that Blatter paid his fine of 50,000 Swiss francs (\$50,250) first imposed in 2015.

Blatter is serving a six-year FIFA ban, upheld by CAS, for authorizing an uncontracted \$2-million payment to Platini in 2011. Blatter also extended his former protegee's FIFA pension plan to add more than \$1 million by 2015.

(Agencies)

'Expect to fight for Arsenal place', Wenger warns out-of-form Pepe

LONDON

FORMER Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger has warned Nicolas Pepe that he will have to fight for his place in the team if his form does not improve.

Pepe, who joined from Lille for a reported club-record fee of £72million in the transfer window, has been criticised for a sluggish start to his Gunners career.

The 24-year-old has scored once in 10 appearances in all competitions and has only completed 90 minutes in a Premier League match on four occasions.

With youngsters such as Bukayo Saka and Gabriel Martinelli having impressed in attacking roles this season, Wenger believes Pepe could start to come under pressure for a spot in Unai Emery's starting lineup.

"I like the player and I thought it was a good decision [to sign him]," Wenger told Omnisport. "He's not yet completely adapted and you have to give him some time. He looks a little bit to be playing not with the freedom he did in France at the moment."

"I see some characteristics of his game, especially off the ball, that don't happen at the moment. On the other hand, I must say we have good young players who can play on the flanks, [and] that he will have a fight to keep his position."

Wenger defends Pochettino after Tottenham slump

LONDON

Mauricio Pochettino has found an ally in former Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger as he faces his toughest spell in his five years in charge of Tottenham Hotspur.

The final seasons of Wenger's 22-year reign at Arsenal were overshadowed by crowd disgruntlement at the club's lack of a serious title challenge and frustration is growing at Spurs who have yet to win any silverware under Pochettino.

Despite no trophies, Pochettino has established Tottenham as a top-four side in the Premier League and helped them out of Arsenal's shadow. But his progress appears to have stalled.

A 3-0 loss at Brighton & Hove Albion on Saturday left them off the pace in the Premier League and followed hot on the heels of a 7-2 Champions League drubbing by Bayern Munich and a League Cup exit to fourth-tier Colchester United.

Tottenham are playing in the Champions League group stages for a fourth successive season but there are suggestions Pochettino is under pressure to turn things around.

Wenger, however, leapt to the defence of his old adversary.

"I think he (Pochettino) has done very well, what everybody acknowledges," Wenger said in an interview

Arsenal have won five of their past six games in all competitions, with the 1-0 defeat of Bournemouth on Sunday lifting them to third in the Premier League after eight matches.

Wenger is keen to give successor Emery his backing as he knows all too well the demands for stylish but successful football in north London.

"I'm not here to judge coaches. I am a supporter of Arsenal Football Club, so I just support him," Wenger said. "But he can win games and he plays a type of game that I like."

"A club like Arsenal is a huge responsibility and one of those responsibilities is to play attractive football. After that, I think the most important thing is to support the team and to win games."

Despite a promising start to the season, Wenger does not think Arsenal are in a position to challenge Liverpool or Manchester City for the title.

"At the moment you can't look too much at the position because the points difference is very small," he said. "You draw, you're seventh; you win a game, you're third."

"I don't think [they can challenge for the title] at the moment on what I've seen. Liverpool are too far ahead for everybody else. Manchester City looks to have the best potential to fight against Liverpool, but as long as you are not too far away, you can hope."

(Agencies)

Qatar's World Cup challenge magnified by track worlds issues

DOHA, QATAR

BY day, Juma Marzouq approves Qatar's masterplans for the vast stadium infrastructure for the 2022 World Cup. By night, Marzouq goes into fan mode, tackling the challenge of filling soccer arenas in this tiny nation.

Marzouq has seen encouraging signs since Qatar's breakthrough on the field in February, when it won the Asian Cup for its first major soccer title.

The urban planning expert last week glanced around the near-full stands of Al Sadd's 15,000-seat stadium for the visit of Saudi Arabian side Al Hilal in the semifinals of the Asian Champions League, a small victory for the hosts.

"We have a new generation coming to the stadiums," Marzouq said.

It isn't always like this at soccer - or any other sport in Qatar - despite the ruling family's thirst for bidding for elite events.

Almost 3 miles (4.8 kilometers) from Jassim Bin Hamad Stadium, far less boisterous scenes played out at Khalifa Stadium for most of the 10 days of the world track and field championships that ended Sunday. Organizers were left trying to explain away the thousands of empty seats.

"In every event there are lessons learned," said Dahlan Al Hamad, vice president of the local organizing committee. "You cannot build the fan in one day, you have to engage them in the sport, they have to know the system of the sport, they have to have their athletes and know about their lives."

"We are really increasing the number of fans," he said. "If you could just compare today compared to 10 years ago you know, the fans here in Doha, it would be totally different than here."

Just like FIFA's contentious decision to grant the 2022 World Cup to Qatar, this was the first time the



Empty seats before the the women's 100 meter final at the World Athletics Championships in Doha, Qatar, Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019. (AP Photo)

showpiece event on the track calendar had been awarded to the Middle East. The sparsely attended competition reignited concerns about Qatar's ability to fill the eight stadiums that have been built from scratch or completely renovated to meet FIFA's standards.

"People love (soccer) here," said Al Sadd coach Xavi Hernandez, a World Cup-winning midfielder with Spain in 2010. "They are crazy for (soccer)."

Xavi is helping to promote Qatar's soccer credentials to a world skeptical of the choice of location for sport's premier quadrennial event. He also does damage control - the World Cup bidding process and the conditions for migrant workers building the event's infrastructure are two hot-button topics.

FIFA is counting on rabid fans to travel no matter where the world's most popular sporting event is held because this World Cup faces challenges others haven't.

The oppressive summer heat forced FIFA to move the World Cup from its June-July slot to a November-December schedule that cuts into the club season in Europe and changes the habits of fans who are resistant

to change.

Those who make the trip will need to be open-minded, and patient, especially in the traffic on the Doha roads.

Finding a beer won't be easy. Many hotels are dry and only one shop in the country sells booze to locally-based foreigners with employer approval.

Unlike in Russia or Brazil - the past two hosts - there is not a vast variety of tourist attractions, beyond the national museum that is still being completed, the souk and trips into the desert. With all stadiums within an hour of Doha, the skyscraper and mall-filled capital will be the hub.

Fans will not be able to do easily in hop across on a plane to the sprawling tourist resorts of Dubai, unless the United Arab Emirates and its regional allies restore diplomatic, economic and travel ties with Qatar that were severed in 2017 over allegations denied by Doha that it supports extremism.

The IAAF and its local partners for the track worlds blamed the diplomatic dispute on the sparse crowds.

"You have to understand the political challenges this country faces

right now, which was never envisaged when this meeting was awarded," IAAF chief executive Jon Ridgeon said.

FIFA President Gianni Infantino tried in the last year to play peace-maker, shuttling across the region in an attempt to broker a deal that would spread the tournament beyond Qatar. The Swiss-Italian administrator discovered how the rift runs so deep that it cannot be healed in a flash by dangling the prospect of hosting some games.

But the compact nature of the World Cup should allow fans to attend two or even three games a day depending on the traffic and the new Metro system. Organizers are also planning to make tickets cheaper than the track worlds, where the starting point was almost \$20.

The Metro line is still being completed to reach the stadium at Lusail, where workers are toiling in heat often exceeding 40 degrees Celsius (104 F) to complete the 80,000-seat venue for the opening game and final in a city that didn't exist when Qatar won the FIFA vote in 2010. A small shelter where the center circle will be offers respite from the fierce sun but not the humidity.

Players and fans, though, will have far greater protection during the World Cup. Not only are temperatures unlikely to exceed 30 Celsius, but every stadium features massive cooling technology that will chill players and supporters alike.

Qataris have been emboldened by some success on the field - beating Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates on its run to Asian Cup glory in February.

It didn't matter much to 16-year-old Mohammed Talal Almannai that the Qatari lost 4-1 in the first leg of the Champions League to Al Hilal.

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What does the 'Big Six' need to do to catch Liverpool?

BY MARK OGDEN, SENIOR WRITER, ESPN FC

EIGHT games into the 2019-20 Premier League season, Liverpool have made a record start by winning all eight fixtures so far to sit eight points clear of the chasing pack heading into the international break. For Jurgen Klopp's team, the season could not have gone any better, and Liverpool are now overwhelming favourites to win the English title for the first time since 1990.

But what about the rest of the so-called "Big Six"? Manchester City, Arsenal, Chelsea, Tottenham and Manchester United have all had their problems during the early weeks of this campaign, with Spurs and United seemingly in a downward spiral.

With two weeks until the Premier League resumes, what must those clubs do to solve their own issues and close the gap on Liverpool?

MANCHESTER CITY 2019-20: Second place, 16 points, +18 Goal Difference

The reigning champions and last season's domestic Treble winners have made their worst start to a season since Pep Guardiola took charge at the Etihad in 2016. At times, City have looked unstoppable, hitting five past West Ham on the opening day and then recording their biggest-ever top-flight win with an 8-0 rout of Watford, but defensive frailties have led to two defeats, against Norwich and Wolves, that have left them so far adrift of Liverpool in the early going.

City's defensive shortcomings were identified by Guardiola during the summer when, after the departure of former captain Vincent Kompany to Anderlecht, he tried and failed to sign a replacement. It left the team short of experienced cover for Aymeric Laporte, John Stones and Nicolas Otamendi, and with Laporte and Stones now on the sidelines, City have big problems at the back.

Solving those will be easier said than done, but Guardiola needs to find a way to make City more robust at the back, especially at set pieces, before they return to action at Crystal Palace on Oct. 19.

ARSENAL 2019-20: Third place, 15 points, +2 GD

With Arsenal sitting in third position after eight games, Unai Emery is arguably overperforming with a squad that remains imbalanced and in need of

extra defensive quality. But with Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang scoring seven of the team's 13 league goals so far, the Gunners possess a striker who could prove the difference between success and failure in their primary objective of qualifying for the Champions League.

Emery is gradually making Arsenal more durable and organised, with the continued absence of Mesut Ozil and a pointer towards the coach's determination to make his team more competitive, but so much rests on Aubameyang being fit and in form.

Furthermore, Emery must also not allow Arsenal's current position to distract from the reality of their winless run against "Big Six" opponents so far this season. In games against Liverpool, Spurs and United, Arsenal have taken just two points. They need to find a way to beat their biggest rivals to cement their top-four ambitions.

CHELSEA 2019-20: Fifth place, 14 points, +4 GD

A 4-0 defeat against Manchester United at Old Trafford on the opening weekend was the worst possible start for manager Frank Lampard, but Chelsea have bounced back from that setback to climb to fifth position going into the international break.

It's true that Chelsea have been inconsistent, but with the club unable to add to their squad during the summer due to a two-window worldwide transfer ban, the inability to sign new players has enabled Lampard to give chances to youngsters such as Mason Mount, Tammy Abraham and Fikayo Tomori. All three academy products have now been

called into the senior England squad as a reward for their progress, which has been a highlight of Chelsea's season so far. Abraham, in particular, has stood out by scoring eight league goals to stand alongside Sergio Aguero in the race for the Gold Boot.

Lampard's challenge from this stage is to build on the momentum and ensure that experienced players such as N'Golo Kante, Marcos Alonso and Cesar Azpilicueta are able to influence the youngsters on the pitch to the extent that the team finds some winning consistency.

TOTTENHAM 2019-20: Ninth place, 11 points, +2 GD

Spurs have collected just 22 points from their past 20 Premier League games - their worst run since 2008-09 - so it is not just the start of this season that will worry Mauricio Pochettino and chairman Daniel Levy.

The run to last season's Champions League final papered over cracks that had begun to appear all over the pitch for Spurs - Hugo Lloris and Dele Alli's alarming loss of form, poor performances in defence, inconsistency in results - and the new campaign has merely seen them exacerbated, with the serious arm injury suffered by Lloris in the weekend defeat at Brighton potentially ending the French goalkeeper's season.

Pochettino has done little to quell speculation over his future, and there are too many question marks over the Spurs futures of players such as Christian Eriksen, Jan Vertonghen and Toby Alderweireld. The biggest question hanging over Spurs relates to Pochettino's future, but if he remains in charge,

the Argentine must restore unity to an unhappy dressing room and get Eriksen on the pitch and performing again, otherwise we may be approaching regime change at the club.

MANCHESTER UNITED 2019-20: 12th place, nine points, +1 GD

The biggest challenge at Manchester United is not to pinpoint what is going wrong, but rather to identify what is going right under Ole Gunnar Solskjaer. Sunday's 1-0 defeat against Newcastle at St. James' Park was United's third of the season, and it left them languishing in 12th position, just two points above the relegation zone.

Defensively, United have conceded fewer goals than Manchester City, but the impact of summer signings Harry Maguire and Aaron Wan-Bissaka has been drowned out by the failings ahead of them in midfield and attack, where Solskjaer's team have scored just nine goals in eight games.

Solskjaer has allowed his squad to be cut too deep with the summer exits of Romelu Lukaku, Alexis Sanchez, Ander Herrera, Chris Smalling, Antonio Valencia and Matteo Darmian, choosing to hand opportunities to youngsters such as Mason Greenwood, Tahith Chong, Angel Gomes, Axel Tuanzebe and Brandon Williams. Too many of the kids are not ready for Premier League action, though, and their experienced teammates are underperforming or simply not good enough.

Solskjaer simply has to steady the ship, rely on his senior players and hope United are not in the bottom half by the time the January transfer window opens.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Dar Heavyweight boxer eager for shot at glory

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA'S professional Heavyweight boxer, Alphonse Joseph (pictured), has disclosed he will step up his game with a view to excelling in a high profile bout which will come his way in future, following a loss he experienced in his recent bout.

Joseph, popularly known as 'Mchumiatumbo', succumbed to a second round Technical Knockout loss to a Russian opponent, Arslan Yal'yev, in an international non-title fight, which had been scheduled for eight rounds.

The fight, which took place in Krymsk, Russia on Sunday, was one of five non-title bouts that were slated to take place in the day.

"I have lost the fight, it is part of the game. I will next time prepare well for my fight, my opponent was not that good. He simply had good timing," Mchumiatumbo pointed out.

Boxing official, Anthony Ruta that had accompanied Mchumiatumbo to Russia, pointed out they had no complaints following the results, insisting the Tanzanian boxer lost fairly.

He said losing is part of the game and disclosed there was no any dirty tactic deployed by either the Russian boxer's coaches or the organizers.

He disclosed the Russian boxer's coaches admitted Mchumiatumbo gave a good account of himself although he lost the fight.

Ruta maintained Mchumiatumbo is focusing on going for intensive training

with the aim of excelling in his coming fight.

Patriot Boxing Promotions that is under Russian promoter, Alexander Popov, organized the fights, which were sanctioned by Russian Boxing Federation.

Mchumiatumbo's record currently stands at 14 wins, seven losses, whilst one bout was declared a draw, following the loss to Yal'yev.

Boxrec has rated Mchumiatumbo first in the list of four boxers in the Heavyweight division in Tanzania.

The boxer occupies the 501st spot out of 1312 boxers in the division in the world, as per the network, which holds records of boxers fighting at the professional level from all over the world.

Mchumiatumbo had, in his previous fight, succumbed to a second round Technical Knockout loss to Kenya's Morris Okolla in an international non-title fight which had been scheduled for six rounds.

Yal'yev has improved his record to six victories in as many bouts, with three of the victories coming via knockout, after his victory over Mchumiatumbo.

He recorded two wins before coming up against Mchumiatumbo, taming compatriots, German Skobenko and Gaybullo Kuchkarov, in fights which also took place this year.

Yal'yev posted unanimous decision victory over Skobenko at Floyd Mayweather Boxing Academy hall in Zhukovka on April 20.

He went on to record Technical Knockout victory over Kuchkarov at Central Square in Gelendzhik on July 20.

Steyn signs with Melbourne Stars for six BBL games

SYDNEY

MELBOURNE Stars have signed South Africa fast bowler Dale Steyn for a six-game stint at the start of the upcoming Big Bash League season.

Steyn had long been on the Stars wish list and he joins fellow South Africans AB de Villiers and Chris Morris in the BBL, after de Villiers signed with the Brisbane Heat and Morris with the Sydney Thunder. Steyn joins Nepal legspinner Sandeep Lamichhane as the Stars' second overseas signing.

The paceman, South Africa's most successful in Tests, retired from the longest format in August following a sequence of injuries, bringing the curtain down on a great career. However, he is still contracted with Cricket South Africa and available for ODI and T20I selection although he was left out of South Africa's recent T20I tour to India with the selectors claiming he was not medically ready, even though Steyn believed he was fit.

The Stars got in contact with him shortly after he announced his Test retirement and, following a short period of negotiation, CSA cleared him to play the first six games of the BBL although Steyn suggested the door remained open for an extension if he doesn't get selected for the England limited-overs series, which starts in early February.

"It's something that I've wanted to do for a while, play Big Bash," Steyn said. "Unfortunately representing the Proteas for the bulk of my career over Christmas

time we've always got Test matches on, the Boxing Day and New Year's Test matches. So I haven't been available. But since retiring from Test cricket, it's opened up a little window for me while the Proteas play red-ball cricket."

Steyn hasn't played since he injured his shoulder in the IPL in April and he was ruled out of the World Cup shortly after it began. He is currently preparing to play for Cape Town Blitz in the Mzansi Super League, which begins in November.

He said his body has been in great shape after retiring from Test cricket but that he has found training on his own challenging. "It's been a bit boring," Steyn said. "I'm doing a lot of training by myself and a lot of training with the high school kids. They're the only teams I can kind of practice with right now. So if you ask them, they're pretty scared, but they're surviving."

"The biggest relief off my shoulders was when I retired from Test cricket and I knew I didn't have to bowl 40 overs in a Test anymore. It was amazing. All the training that I'm currently doing right now, it's to bowl only 24 balls. When I put that into comparison to what I've done over the last 15 years of my career it really is pretty easy."

The ten-game home-and-away leg of the Mzansi Super League finishes on December 8. The eliminator is on December 13 and the final on December 16, with Steyn planning on playing every match for the Blitz.

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Taifa Stars keen on better preps for CHAN qualifiers against Sudan



Taifa Stars' players participate in training in Dar es Salaam yesterday to shape up for an international friendly game against Rwanda to be played in Rwanda next week. Taifa Stars are set to come up against Sudan in the return leg of the second round of the Africa Nations Championship (CHAN) qualifiers in Sudan on October 18. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TFF

By Guardian Reporter

SENIOR national soccer side, Taifa Stars, are set to mostly field locally based players in an international friendly encounter with Rwanda, which will be played in Kigali on October 14.

The clash will serve as Taifa Stars' preparations for the return leg of the second round of the Africa Nations Championship (CHAN) qualifiers against Sudan, slated for four days later in Sudan.

Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) Infor-

mation Officer, Clifford Ndimbo, noted the decision has come about as Taifa Stars' interim head coach, Etienne Ndayiragije, focuses on preparing his team well for the crucial qualifiers against Sudan.

Ndimbo pointed out the Taifa Stars gaffer has selected a few foreign-based players for reasons he had recently presented to the country's soccer followers.

He disclosed the foreign-based players' inclusion in the squad also aims at meeting the agreement TFF sealed

with Rwanda's soccer governing body, FERWAF, in which the two bodies agreed to see to it the teams field first choice sides in the friendly.

The TFF official disclosed Taifa Stars have already begun participating in training session to shape up for the next week's international friendly.

The sessions, according to the official, will take place for the rest of this week.

Sudan recorded a shock 1-0 victory over Taifa Stars in the first leg of the qualifiers, which

took place at the National Stadium in Dar es Salaam a week ago.

Taifa Stars, for that matter, must come out with victory over their opponents in the coming clash, which is expected to take place in Mereikh, should the former sail through to the finals which will be hosted by Cameroon early next year.

Players that form Taifa Stars squad for the international friendly against Rwanda are keepers, Juma Kaseja Said Kipao and Metacha Mnata, defenders Salum Kimenya,

Shomari kapombe, Mohamed Hussein, Kelvin Yondani, Erasto Nyoni, Bakari Nondo and Gadiel Michael.

Midfielders include Himid Mao, Jonas Mkude, Frank Domayo, Farid Mussa, Mudathir Yahya, Salum Abubakary, Abdul-Aziz Makame, Feisal Salum and Muzamiru Yasin.

Forwards selected for the squad are Adi Yusuf, Kelvin John, Andrew Simchimba, Ayoub Lyanga, Iddi Selemani, Simon Msuva, Miraj Athuman, Shabani Iddi and Ditram Nchimbi.

Eswatini make final selection for COSAFA U-17 Championship

PRETORIA

ESWATINI'S U-17 football team head coach Gcina Dlamini has finalized his squad for the COSAFA men's Under-17 Championships after naming an 18-man selection for the competition to be played in Blantyre, Malawi from October 11-20.

Eswatini were a late entry into the competition after the withdrawal of Botswana and are looking to build on past solid displays at the regional showpiece event.

Compared to many teams, Dlamini has selected an older group, with most 16 years old, and that may well give them an advantage in their matches.

Other teams have opted to rather build towards the 2021 Africa Under-17 Championship qualifiers and so have players



Unathi Hlatshwako of Eswatini (R) clears from John Hazem Bonomali of Zimbabwe during the 2018 COSAFA U-17 Youth Championships football match between the two teams at the Anjalay Stadium in Mauritius on 20 July. PHOTO: COURTESY OF GAVIN BARKER

as young as 13, but many in the 14- and 15-year-old bracket.

Eswatini will open their Group A campaign against 2017 winners Zambia on October 12, before a meeting with hosts Malawi two days later.

They complete their pool play against South Africa on October 16.

Eswatini featured in the very first COSAFA men's Under-17 Championship in 1994 but did not make it past the group stages despite a handy showing that included a win and two draws in their four matches.

They did make the semifinals in 2001 but lost 2-0 to South Africa and then went down by the same score line in the bronze-medal match to Zambia.

Eswatini were back the next year, gaining draws with Botswana (1-1) and Lesotho (0-0), but ended second in the four-team mini-tournament after an epic 5-4 loss to eventual winners South Africa.

They finished bottom of their pool in 2007, despite a win over Namibia (3-1), and did not take part in the next event in 2016 that came after a long lay-off for the tournament.

They missed 2017 too, but returned for the 2018 edition, claiming a pool stage win over Zimbabwe (3-2), but losses to Angola (0-4) and Malawi (0-1) saw them exit the competition early.

Eswatini squad: Goalkeepers: Junior Tsabedze, Mfanukhona Magagula

Defenders: Phumlani Zwane, Njabuliso Mkhathswa, Siphephelo Philiso, Siphelele Dvuba, Bongani Mhlanga, Lihle Mnisi, Mpendulo Makhanya

Midfielders: Phumlani Shongwe, Siza Mabala, Lungelo Magongo, Thulani Lukhele, Colani Dvuba, Yandiswa Kunene, Kelvin Kunene

Strikers: Khayaletu Zitha, Mukelo Nkambule

Flexibles by David Chikoko

